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SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

February 18, 2024

TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion – Tone 3

Thou wast the Church’s instrument in strengthening the teaching of true doctrine; thou didst shine forth from the West like a sun dispelling the errors of heretics.// Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 3

Seated upon the throne of the priesthood, glorious Leo, thou didst shut the mouths of the spiritual lions. With divinely inspired teachings of the honored Trinity, thou didst shed the light of the knowledge of God upon thy flock.// Therefore, thou art glorified as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

Sunday of Zacchaeus

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he “sought to see who Jesus was” (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions. We are also assured of God’s mercy and compassion by Christ’s words to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation is come to this house” (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: “Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy.”

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth. Saint Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

Dates are when the name was added to the bulletin; names will remain in four bulletins and then removed. To add the name again, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

For the Sick / Caregiver

Father Paul (1/28)

Matushka Mary (1/28)

Alexandra (1/28)

Anna (2/4)

Nick (2/4)

Julie (2/4)

Kelly (2/4)

Liam (2/4)

Dorothy (2/4)

Carmin (2/11)

Marianne (2/11)

Leon (2/18)

Michael (2/18)

Charlotte (2/18)

Subdeacon Serge (2/18)

Melody (2/18)

Nancy (2/18)

For the Deceased

Nina (1/28)

Ivan (1/28)

Igor (2/11)

Haydee (2/11)

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the week of February 18

Sunday February 18 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday February 24 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday February 25 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

February 11 – 63 adults, 16 youth, \$1,383

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

New babies! Born January 21, Ararey Bookman Dorvil, new baby son to Boryana and Cled Dorvil. Born February 9, Annelise Mara, new baby daughter to Christina and Jonathan Christ and new granddaughter to Paula & Ludwig Koerte. Congratulations!

The Parish Council Meeting is rescheduled to this Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

Please clean up holiday decorations at the church cemeteries. The Cemetery By-Laws state that decorations must be removed three weeks after the holiday. There is no trash removal service at the cemetery, so plan on taking your debris with you. Thank you.

There will be a potluck supper in Daria Hall on Fast Free Friday, March 1 starting at 5:30. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church.

The FOCA Club will have a Breakfast Fundraiser on Meatfare Sunday, March 10. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church.** Please support our church clubs as funds raised support various Orthodox charities throughout the year.

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society will hold a bazaar/flea market in Daria Hall in late spring/early summer. Please bring gently used items and clothing to be sold; electric items must work; no rust or damaged items please. The items may be placed in the coat room or on the left side only of the stage in Daria Hall. Large empty boxes, newspaper, bubble wrap, and tissue paper are also needed. See Alla with any questions.

Summer Camp for parish children will be held the last week of June (June 24-28) – **there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.** Ages 4 through 12 may attend, however children ages 4-6 are required to have a parent/guardian attend with them. There is no charge for camp. We will need several children to commit in order to have the camp.

Your donations are needed to sustain Coffee Hour. Very little is being donated every Sunday, so please remember to put some money in the basket on the food table so we can continue to have Coffee Hour. Thank you!

A sign-up sheet for House Blessing is on the table in the back of the church. Please sign up and Father Volodymyr will contact you to set up a time. All house blessings must be done before the beginning of Great Lent on March 18.

Coffee Hour Support Persons are needed. If you would like to volunteer to assist once or twice a month, please see Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Father Volodymyr. We encourage everyone to get involved in this weekly parish event.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! We are interested in your favorite recipes, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Luwam Tsegay – February 18

Mimi Berck – February 20

Aurora Dorvil – February 20

Valeria Srock – February 20

James Pitra – February 23

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

SUGGESTED MENU:

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Frozen desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit
Salads
Tortilla chips & Salsa
Hummus
Sugar-free dessert
Oreos (non-dairy)
Two gallons spring water for coffee/tea

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event. The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

Feb. 18 Nour Ragab, Tyler Burger
Feb. 25 Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Matthew & Kris Bohush
Mar. 3 Karina Kotelnicki, Gabriela Plesa
Mar. 10 FOCA Club Breakfast Fundraiser
Mar. 17 **NO MEAT** Fiyori Habtesilasse, Gebrekvistos Amleset
Mar. 24 **FAST** Christine Waite, Alla & Perry Strauss
Mar. 31 **FAST** Svetlana Sosedov, Guy Radcliffe
Apr. 7 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Vera Pschenyczny
Apr. 14 **FAST** Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Viktoryia Baranava
Apr. 21 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Paul & Patti Denko
Apr. 28 **FAST** Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Anna & Leon Brasowski
May 5 **PASCHA – NO COFFEE HOUR**
May 12 Nina Schmidt, Alla & Perry Strauss
May 19 Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Valeria & Timothy Srock
May 26 Christina DiDonato, John Cassar
June 2 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Edwin Correa Robles
June 9 Manuel & Lourdes Montiel, Cole Johnson
June 16 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun
June 23 Nina Laushell, Lynne Sheedy & Bill Hazelton
June 30 Ludwig & Paula Koerte, Nina Shafran
July 7 Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Ramazi Shubitidze
July 14 Melody Stavisky, Awet Tesfa
July 21 Nicholas & Samantha Torrisi, Herman & Francine Meyer
July 28 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky
Aug. 4 **FAST** Luwam Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa
Aug. 11 **FAST** Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes
Aug. 18 Tony & Chris Villabon, Alan & Mimi Berck
Aug. 25 Alex Godun, Blake & Jessica Kilgore