

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, February 10, 2019 - Zaccheus Sunday

Sunday, February 10 -10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the Pork Chop Dinner
Wednesday, February 13 -9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 16 -4:30 PM – Confessions
 -4:45 PM – Ninth Hour
 -5:00 PM – Vespers followed by Family Activity Night
Sunday, February 17 -9:00 AM - Adult Education
 -9:40 AM - 3rd and 6th Hours
 -10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy and Annual Parish Meeting

The St. Alphonsus Church Food Pantry (which distributes our donations to the needy) sends along its thanks to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl Sunday collection for their generosity. While any food item is welcome, personal hygiene and infant care items are urgently needed. God bless you for your continued support of this work following the commandments for Jesus Christ to be charitable at all times!

Memorial Donation

\$75 in memory of George & Michael Pavlyak -- by Michele Pavlyak -- for the General Fund

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

February 22nd and 23rd - Pierogi making.

April 4th and 5th, 11th and 12th - Pascha Bread Baking.

Saturday, November 9th - Bazaar (Event prep all prior week)

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 at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection “Today salvation has come to the world,” which echoes the Lord’s words to Zacchaeus.

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.

St Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

(From OCA Lives of the Saints)