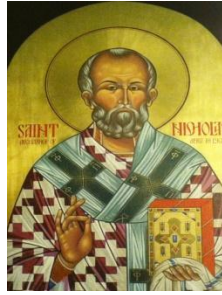


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SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2017

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29 – Zacchaeus / Commemoration of the Chains of the Apostle Peter

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 7 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 99-101

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

Panachida for John Czibik given by Laurence Czibik.

Sunday, February 5 – The Publican and the Pharisee

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tropar / Prokimen – Tone 8 – Blue Pew Book p. 102/104; Kondak of the Publican and the Pharisee– p. 175

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel:

Luke 18:10-14

Panachida for Eleanor Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

Confessions: *Prior to scheduled services. If you cannot make it, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Lent is fast approaching! Let us begin to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Season of the Fast so that we may joyfully celebrate the Feast of Feasts, our Lord's Glorious Resurrection!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Stephanie Bonk. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Eugene Vaskalis.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living: Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Mary Kneiss. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light: In memory of Eleanor Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

Vigil lights: For the health of Michael Coviello given by Laurence Czibik.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and *we need your help* to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

Update: Seven boxes of food were delivered to the Bread Basket this past Wednesday. They are very thankful for our continued support as are our neighbors receiving the much-needed food. Please continue to help those in need!

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **for I was hungry and you gave Me food...**”

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

January 22, 2017

\$634.41	General Collection
\$80.00	7 Day Light
\$15.00	Holy Days
\$279.00	Church Dues
\$105.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$11.00	Taper Candles
\$210.00	Christmas Offering
\$1,334.41	Total Collection

Spring 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday PREP 7:30 AM	Thursday PINCHING 8:00 AM	Friday SALES 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
<i>February 8</i>	<i>February 9</i>	<i>February 10</i>
February 22	February 23	February 24
March 8	March 9	March 10
March 22	March 23	March 24
April 5	April 6	April 7

Parish News

- **Sunday School** resumes **today** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please remember to foster your children and grandchildren’s spiritual growth by bringing them to Church and Sunday School!
- **House Blessings** – Father Daniel has not heard back from a number of people concerning House Blessings. *Please, if you want (or do not want) your home blessed, let Father Daniel know ASAP so we can make arrangements.* THANK YOU!

News Around the Diocese

Support ZOE for Life! While the time to contribute to the 2016 Advent Mission Project has ended, “ZOE for Life!” is still *always* in need of baby items. Many mothers in crisis cannot afford a car seat and babies cannot be released from the hospital without a safe car seat. Pack ‘n Plays can serve as a safe sleeping alternative to a crib. ZOE House is also in constant need of infant layette items: clothing, linens, baby wash, and baby lotion. A “baby registry” has been created on Amazon.com (view the link on www.acrod.org). All items will be shipped directly to “Zoe For Life!”

To encourage the purchase of items on the registry, churches may wish to host a “virtual” baby shower. Please consider gathering together in the spirit of Orthodox Fellowship and shop the National ACRY baby registry. All items will be shipped to ZOE directly. The baby registry will remain available until 2018!

ZOE also has a campaign “Bottles for Babies” underway. Churches may wish to place a baby bottle in a common area to collect loose change. *Ours is in the back of the church! If you ever cannot find it and/or wish to make a contribution, please see Father Daniel!*

Please take time to visit Zoeforlifeonline.org for more information on ZOE for Life and ZOE House. **While the time to participate in the 2016 Advent Mission Project has ended, the Baby registry is available until 2018 and we still have the blue baby bottle for loose change!**

Pre-Lenten Pork Dinner

Father Myron Myronyuk and his parish family of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Scranton, cordially invite you to join us for our annual Pre-Lenten SLOW ROASTED PORK DINNER on Sunday, February 12, 2017, beginning at 12:30pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street.

Menu: Slow roasted pork loin with gravy, Ukrainian sweet and sour cabbage (kapusta), butter and dill potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages.

Adults \$13.00; Students \$8.00; Age 5 and under free.

Advance reservations required: phone Kathleen Izak at 570 346-2414 (please do not call the church). Takeouts available between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon only. Doors open at 11:30am. Door prizes will be awarded along with a 50/50 drawing.

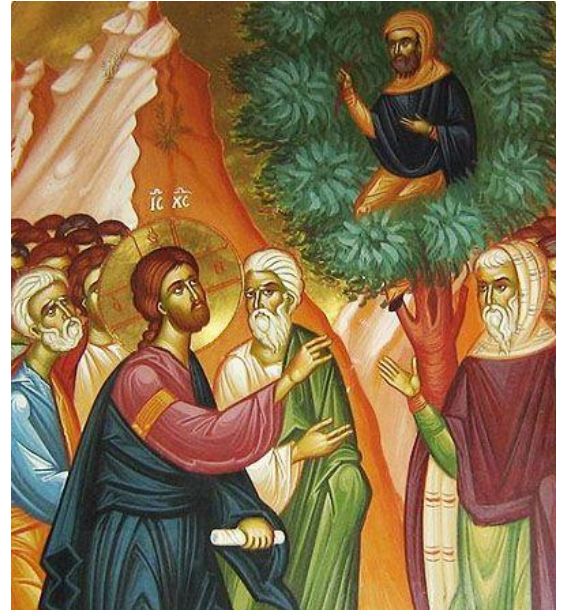
Welcome to our table!

THE APOSTLE ZACCHAEUS, BISHOP OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

Text from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid (VOLUME ONE: January to June)

Images from www.google.com

“At first, Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a sinner. But when our Lord saw him in a tree in Jericho and entered his home, Zacchaeus was brought to repentance (Luke 19:1-10). Later on, Zacchaeus followed the Apostle Peter, who appointed him Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, where he faithfully served the Gospel and reposed peacefully. He is remembered not only at the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, but also on April 20 (May 3, Julian Calendar).”



REMEMBRANCE OF THE CHAINS OF THE APOSTLE PETER

“Saint Peter is commemorated on this day because of the chains with which he was shackled by the lawless Herod and which fell from him during the appearance of an angel in prison (Acts 12:7). The chains were preserved by Christians as much for the memory of this great apostle as for their healing power, for many of the sick were healed by touching them, as was the case with the apron of the Apostle Paul (Acts 19:12). Saint Juvenal, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, gave these chains as a gift to the Empress Eudocia, the exiled wife of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. She divided them into two and sent one half to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople and the other half to Rome, to her daughter, Empress Eudoxia, the wife of Valentian. Eudoxia built the Church of Saint Peter and placed these chains in it, together with those chains with which Peter was shackled before his death under Emperor Nero.”

