

## Liturgy Propers

### Thirty-Third Sunday After Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus

Our Venerable Father Xenophon & His Wife, Mary,  
and Sons, Arcadius and John  
Theodore, Hegumen-Abbot & His Brother Joseph

January 26, 2020

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 8 (p. 161)

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 8 (p. 162)

Prokeimenon – Tone 8 (p. 162)

**EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 4:9–15**

Alleluia – Tone 8 (p. 163)

**GOSPEL: Luke 19:1–10**

Communion Hymns (pp. 78–81)

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In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve  
and have served in this holy church.”  
For now, we still need men and women  
to help with liturgy setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for **February**  
is available on the information table.

*Thank you!*

## Divine Liturgy Schedule

**Feb. 2...**      **Sunday of the Publican &  
Pharisee / Meeting of Our  
Lord with Simeon  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.**

**Feb. 9...**      **Sunday of the Prodigal  
Son  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.**

## Let us pray to the Lord...

For our President, members of Congress, and  
the Supreme Court, and for all political leaders  
throughout the world, that they may recognize  
the sacredness of life, and defend the funda-  
mental right of every man and woman to live,  
from the moment of conception until natural  
death, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all children and adults with disabilities, that  
they will be loved and cared for in healthy and  
nurturing environments; let us pray to the  
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering, that they may  
find strength, courage and healing in the cross  
of Christ and discover the redemptive value of  
their suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been involved in abortion,  
that they may come to true repentance and  
seek God’s merciful and healing love, let us  
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all bishops and priests, that they may teach  
the world to love the Gospel of Life, encourag-  
ing all to embrace each new child, let us pray  
to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the elderly, that they may spend the rest of  
their lives in peace and repentance, cherishing  
each day and experiencing the love and care  
that they need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.



Glory to Jesus  
Christ!  
Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!  
Slava na v'iki!

## Announcements

■ **Today’s Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today’s  
Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the mem-  
bers of our Mission Community. *Christ is among us!*  
*He is and shall be!*

*“How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of Adam take  
refuge in the shadow of your wings.”*

– Psalm 36:8

■ **Today’s Commemorations** – Today in the Byz-  
antine Church is the Thirty-Third Sunday after Pente-  
cost. It is also the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the first of  
five pre-Lenten Sundays on the Byzantine liturgical  
calendar.

The gospel lesson for this first pre-Lenten Sun-  
day is clear: everything begins with the desire to see  
Jesus Christ. Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector, de-  
sired to see Jesus so much that he even climbed a syc-  
amore tree to get a good view, not worrying about  
what others thought of him.

Jesus saw him, called him down, and visited his  
house. Zacchaeus then acknowledged his sinfulness  
and voluntarily offered to give half of what he had to  
the poor and four times what he had taken from any-  
one by false accusation.

The joy of the occasion is evidenced in Christ’s  
words: “Today salvation has come to this house... for  
the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that  
which was lost.” Zacchaeus’ desire to see Jesus led to  
his salvation.

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Epiphany of Our Lord  
Byzantine Catholic Church



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### Our community...

was established in October 1996 to meet the  
spiritual needs of Byzantine Catholics living in  
northern Montgomery County, southern Freder-  
ick County, and adjoining areas.

### We celebrate our faith...

in a diverse community. We welcome all, regard-  
less of ethnic or religious background who are  
committed to develop a deeper understanding of  
the Christian faith expressed in the Byzantine  
tradition and spirituality, and who wish to pray for  
and work towards the full communion of the  
Catholic and Orthodox Churches as sister  
Churches of the One Universal Church of Jesus  
Christ.

### We continually resolve...

to gather in His Name, share the truth of our  
Faith, and proclaim the good news of Jesus  
Christ to everyone.

## Please Remember

*"Is anyone among you sick? ...the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."*

James 5:14-15 NKJV/OSB

### OUR MISSION COMMUNITY

- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Delores Moldowan.
- Yazmine Nickerson.
- Christine Dennis.
- Peggy Winkelmann.
- Laura Hinkle.
- Doran Coady.
- Ann Tracy.
- Travis Waters.
- Bertha Bergan.
- Arlene Kollar.
- Jamee Kruse.
- Joseph and Nancy Dillmann.
- Paul and Mary Ellen Sorensen.
- Tony Tworkoski.
- Linda Oros.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert and Doris Kreger.
- Lucy Fontenot.
- Patricia Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

### SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Sally Pekarik.
- Fr. Lee Gross.
- Deacon Peter Turko.

## Pray for Our Community

*"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which*

*Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."*

Psalm 80:14-15 NKJV/OSB



## Food Pantry

Our community places a food collection basket near the information table as you enter the gymnasium. Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Nonperishable food items, diapers, baby food, and personal care items are always in demand. The Food Pantry Program, administered by St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, supports the working poor of our area.



*"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."*

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NKJV/OSB

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On this date, January 26, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Venerable Father Xenophon; his wife, Mary; and sons, Arcadius and John. Xenophon was a Senator in Constantinople, where he led a holy Christian life with his wife their two sons. On their way to Phoenicia to study law, the young men were shipwrecked and barely managed to escape with their lives. The parents set out to find them, and, on discovering them in a monastery in Jerusalem, they too entered the monastic life, equal to one another in the ardor of their souls.

Also commemorated are Theodore, Hegumen-Abbot of Monks of Studites, and his brother, Joseph, who died A.D. 826.

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, January 31, is a day of simple abstinence. One may abstain from meat or one may perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **All Souls Hramoty** — There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church on which we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful department by name.

The first All Souls Saturday this year is February 15. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as

"diptychs" or "hramoty," please use the appropriate envelop in your offertory envelope box. Place the envelope in the Sunday collection with the list of names you



wish to add along with your offering for their remembrance. New members should list the members of those they wish remembered on the reverse side of the envelop. It is also permissible to simply list "all the departed of the (your family name) family" rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete, or add new names, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Hramoty envelops must be received on or before February 5 to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturdays.

■ **Condolences** — Our prayers of sympathy go out to Doris Fejka and family upon the passing of her father, Robert J. Diethrich, 87, of Gaithersburg, formerly of Hastings, Pa., who fell asleep in the Lord on January 10. Funeral Mass was held at St. Bernard Church, Hastings. Interment followed in the church cemetery. *Vičnaja jemu pamjat.*

*"O God of sprits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant, Robert, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."*

— From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **So Close: Annual Appeal 2019** — Epiphany Mission has pledged \$5,420.08 of our goal of \$6,000 for the Bishop's Appeal. We are \$579.92 short of earning the 40% return. We are so close and it's not too late to return your pledge card with your signed check made payable to the Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also pledge online at [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com)

■ **Church Calendars for 2020** — Ecclesiastical calendars for 2020 are now available, please see Marie Shanks if you have not yet received yours (one calendar per household, please).