

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For eternal memory of:****Mary Kuzemchak, mother of Bill Kuzemchak****Zygmund Jankowski, Father of Paul Jankowski**

Readings:

- **1 Timothy 4:9-15** (Sunday of Zacchaeus)
 - **Luke 19:1-10** (Sunday of Zacchaeus)
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Timothy, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School - 9:30 AM
 (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

Coffee hour after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday February 12, 2012 right after coffee hour.** All members of the parish are invited to attend.
- **Please contact Father Boris about having your home blessed.** Father Boris can visit all the members of the parish in order to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the sanctified water.

Special Announcements:

- **Today, after coffee hour, there will be a meeting of the Parish Council.**
- **Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2012,** Total Parish Membership Fee is now \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted.
- Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help clean the church.

Reminder:

- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be next Sunday, February 5th,** after coffee hour.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

Sunday of Zacchaeus:

The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday, today, 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.

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). 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.

Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev:

In our church, rests the relics of our father among the saints, the holy **New Martyr Metropolitan Vladimir (Bogoyavlensky) of Kiev and Gallich**, the first bishop to be tortured and slain by the Communists at the time of the Russian Revolution.

Martyrdom

In January 1918, cannon fire damaged many churches and monasteries as Bolshevik forces vied for control of Kiev. On January 23, the Bolsheviks seized the Kiev Caves Lavra, and the monks were taken out into the courtyard to be stripped and beaten.

A few nights later, according to one account, five armed soldiers and a sailor came looking for Metropolitan Vladimir. The hierarch was tortured and choked in his bedroom with the chain of his cross. They tortured the metropolitan and demanded money, and then drove him away to be executed. Another account just states that some anonymous persons proceeded to take him to the commandant for interrogation. On the way, they decided to rid themselves of him.

The body of the hieromartyr was found pierced by two bullet wounds and three stab wounds. He was carried into the lavra's Church of St. Michael, where he had spent his last days at prayer.

The All-Russian Church Council was in session when word came to Moscow of Metropolitan Vladimir's death. Patriarch Tikhon performed a memorial service for the New Martyr Vladimir. An investigatory commission was formed to look into the circumstances of Metropolitan Vladimir's murder, but it was unable to carry out its duties because of the revolution. The council decided that the Sunday nearest to January 25, the day of his martyrdom, would be set aside for the annual commemoration of all of the **New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**, killed by the Soviets.

Glorification

In 1992, the Russia Orthodox Church glorified the holy New Martyr Vladimir.

The Synaxis of Russia's New Martyrs and Confessors is also observed on the Sunday closest to January 25.

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Sunday of Zacchaeus

Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Resurrection)

On this day the Church remembers:

• **Sunday of Zacchaeus • New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**

- Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch (107) • St. Lavrentii (Lawrence), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Turov (Near Caves—12th c.)
- Ss. Gerásim (1441-1467), Pitirím (1445) and Jonah (1470), Bishops of Perm • Martyrs Romanus, Jacob (James), Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregonius, at Samosata (297) • Martyrs Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius (Mucius) the Reader (312)

January 29, 2012

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.

33rd Sunday after Pentecost