#### **Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**

### For Health of:

Holly Dawson, on her birthday, offered by her family.

Readings:	• 1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Zacchaeus Sunday)	• 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (St
		<ul><li>Gregory)</li><li>John 10:9-16 (St Gregory)</li></ul>

**BRETHREN,** 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."

<u>Saturday service:</u> Vespers – 6:30 PM			
<u>Sunday service:</u>			
Hours – 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM			
Private Confession – Half hour before any service.			
See Fr Matthew for other times.			
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month			
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month			
Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room			

## Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month) We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour. Announcements:

- There will be a meeting of the parish council today, January 25<sup>th</sup>, after coffee hour.
- **Home Blessings** There is a sign-up sheet at the candle stand to inform Father that you wish to have your home blessed this year.
- Our Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners will be on Sunday February 8, 2015 right after coffee hour. The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business. Please contact Trudy Ellmore, the Council President, if you have an item that you want included on the agenda or if you plan to nominate someone for a Parish Council position.
- The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, after coffee hour. Also in February, the Sisterhood is sponsoring two pot luck luncheons, one on Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 15, and one on Cheesefare Sunday, Feb. 22. The cost of the luncheons will be \$5.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs to let the Sisterhood know what you are bringing to the luncheons.

### **Special Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2015. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- Any Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

#### Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev:

In our church, rest 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.



**Life** Saint Vladimir was born on January 1, 1848, in the Little Morshanka, Morshansk district, and province of Tambov. He was named Basil Nikephorovich Bogoyavlensky. Basil's father was a priest, but he was murdered when Basil was young.

In 1874, he graduated from the Theological Academy in Kiev and began teaching in the Tambov Seminary. He was ordained a priest in 1881.

After the death of his matushka and only child in 1886, Fr. Basil entered the Kozlov Monastery in Tambov and was given the name Vladimir. Two years later he was consecrated **bishop of Staraya Rus** and served as a vicar bishop in the diocese of Novgorod.

St. Vladimir became **archbishop of Kartalin and Kahetin** in 1892. He was selected as **Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomna** in 1898 (after Metropolitan Sergei) and was notable for his concern for widows, orphans, the poor, and alcoholics. In 1912, he became **Metropolitan of Petrograd** (after the death of Metropolitan Anthony). In 1915, Metropolitan Vladimir fell out of favor with the czar because he disapproved of Rasputin, and so he was transferred to Kiev (succeeding Metropolitan Flavian) as **Metropolitan of Kiev and Gallich**.

It was Metropolitan Vladimir who announced in 1917 that St. Tikhon had been elected as Patriarch of Moscow.

<u>Martyrdom</u> 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.

<u>Glorification</u> In 1992, the Russia Orthodox Church glorified the holy New Martyr Vladimir. The Synaxis of Russia's New Martyrs and Confessors is observed on the Sunday closest to January 25<sup>th</sup> which is today.

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Glory Forever

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

The sweet-sounding shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpeting of the orators; for having searched the depths of the Spirit eloquence was also bestowed upon you. Pray to Christ God, Father Gregory, that our souls may be saved.

Troparion - Tone 1

#### **Today the Church remembers:**

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389) ● Sunday of Zacchaeus ● St. Moses, Archbishop of Novgorod (1362) ● Martyrs Felicitas of Rome, and seven sons: Januarius, Felix, Philip, Silvanus, Alexander, Vitalis and Martial (ca. 164) ● Ven. Publius, Ascetic, of Syria (ca. 380) ● St. Mares the Singer, of Syria (ca. 430) ● Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Gallich (1918) ● Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos, "ASSUAGE MY SORROW" (translation to Moscow in 1640), and "THE UNEXPECTED JOY.".

# January 25, 2015

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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