

Due to the impending winter storm, we are canceling Divine Liturgy for Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Bulletin sponsor this week is for:

The health of:

Mat. **Holly** on her birthday, requested by her family.

I Timothy 4:9-15 (32nd Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of Zacchaeus, 5th Sunday before lent)

Readings: [Romans 8:28-39](#) (New Martyrs)

Luke 19:1-10 (15th Sunday of Luke, Zacchaeus Sunday)

Luke 21:8-19 (New Martyrs)

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."

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3 rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.
Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- **Dues and assessments are now being collected for the year 2026.** Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200 per person. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- **On Sunday February 8th, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy.** 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.
- The **Sisterhood** is planning two upcoming **pre-Lenten luncheons**, on **Sunday February 15th (Meatfare)**, and on **Sunday February 22nd (Cheesefare)**. Tickets for each luncheon will **cost \$10** for those 13 years of age and up, payable at the door. Twelve and under are free. **Sign-up sheets for both luncheons** are posted downstairs, for anyone wishing to prepare a food item. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to provide a food dish.

Reminders:

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".
- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to:** bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

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.

Saint Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Gallich:

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.

To read about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/01/25>

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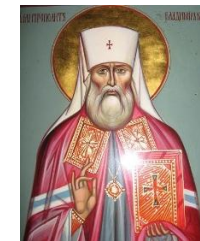
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*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

**Saint Vladimir, New Martyr
Metropolitan of Kiev and Gallich**

*In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you.
Hierarch Father Vladimir,
entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.*

Tone 4—Troparion

January 25, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

Sunday of Zacchaeus • New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia • St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389) • 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) • Icons of the Mother of God, “ASSUAGE MY SORROW” (translation to Moscow in 1640), and “THE UNEXPECTED JOY” • Saint Vetranton of Tomis (4th c.).

33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Zacchaeus Sunday

Tone 8 of the [Octoechos](#)