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Readings: **I Timothy 4:9-15** (*Zacchaeus Sunday, 5th Sunday before lent*)
Luke 19:1-10 (*Zacchaeus Sunday*)

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 Zacchaios; 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, "Zacchaios, 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 Zacchaios 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:

<p>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 Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month</p>

Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

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.

Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.

Announcements:

- There will be an evening **Liturgy for the Holy Day of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple on Wednesday evening, February 1st, at 6:30 PM.**
- There will be a meeting of the **parish council today**, January 29th after coffee hour.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- The **Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will have a meeting on Sunday, February 5th after Liturgy.
- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners will be held February 19th.** (Please note that the date was changed) 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 email Andrew Romanofsky, 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.
- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2023. Total Parish Membership is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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.

Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

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). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: “Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy.”

Translation of the relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius, the Godbearer and Bishop of Antioch:

*Today you shone forth from the East,
enlightening all of creation with your teachings,
and you were adorned with martyrdom, O godly Ignatius the God-bearer.*

Kontakion - Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/29>

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Sunday of Zacchaeus

**Glory to
Jesus Christ****Glory
forever**

*Like a treasure of rich and abundant gifts
your relics were carried reverently from Rome to your flock.*

*While lovingly celebrating their return,
we receive the grace of healing for our souls and bodies:
and we always sing of your martyric contest, O glorious Hieromartyr Ignatius.*

Troparion (Hieromartyr Ignatius) – Tone 4

January 29, 2023**Today the Church remembers:**

Sunday of Zacchaeus • 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), Pitirim (1445) and Jonah (1470), Bishops of Perm • Martyrs Romanus, Jacob (James), Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregonius, at Samosata (297)

33rd Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.