



## Ss. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### January 17, 2010

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday of Zacchæus**

*Ven. Anthony the Great*

▪ **9:30am – Divine Liturgy**

*Epistles: 1 Tim. 4:9-15*

*Heb. 13:17-21(Saint)*

*Gospels: Luke 19:1-10*

*Luke 6: 17-23(Saint)*

▪ **Panikhida** – in memory of:

○ newly departed **June Bianchini** – offered by Matilda Skripak

○ **Maryann Benda** – Anniversary of Birth – offered by Valentina & Theodor Benda

○ **Borys Włodzimierz** – offered by Halina Harasim

○ **Galina Bogatkina** – offered by Pierce Family

▪ **Fellowship** – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, offered by Robert and Alla Pierce in memory of Alla's mother Galina Bogatkina

### Schedule of Services

**Saturday, January 23**

6:00pm – Great Vespers

**Sunday, January 24**

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

*If you have any information to be added into weekly bulletin, please send your info to*

*Fr.IgorKsn@gmail.com*

### Great Lent is coming...

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 Zacchæus 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 recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchæus 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 Zacchæus 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 Zacchæus, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchæus.

Zacchæus 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.

### Intercessory Prayer

#### THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, Agnes and George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

*God grant you Many Years!*

#### THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, George Makara, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella,

*Memory Eternal!*

#### PREPARING FOR ILLUMINATION:

Matthew Galati

### Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to our Church Council President **Stephen Wasilewski**, who celebrates his Birthday on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. God Bless you with good health and happiness for Many, Many, Many Years! Многая лета!

### Welcome to our Parish

We warmly welcome all families, friends and guests to our parish. We are glad to pray with you here today. Over the past eighty-six years, hundreds of people have called Ss. Peter and Paul their home. If this parish is the kind of a spiritual home you have been searching for, we would love to have you become a part of our family.

### Today's Memorial Offering



• *Sanctuary Lamp* – in memory of Helen Cotrone – by Eva & Benedict Benda

• *St. Nicholas's Cross* – in memory of Maryann Benda on her Birthday – by Valentina & Theodor Benda

• *St. John's Cross* – in memory of John, Pauline and Ludmila Prokopenko – by Irene Lawrence

• *Candles on the Altar* – for the health of Bill Sagosz on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – by Steve & Lillian Sokol



### Announcements

❖ The youth of our parish will be **collecting items** and preparing assistance packages to be sent to **Haiti** in response to an urgent appeal from the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). For the next few weeks, we will be collecting basic items such as hand towels, washcloths, combs, soap, band-aids, toothbrushes, (no toothpaste however). These hygiene kits will be assembled by the kids in plastic bags and shipped to IOCC for distribution in Haiti. The IOCC is also accepting monetary donations. Please see Marge Kovach for details.

❖ **Blessing of homes** – please sign up at the candle desk or call rectory for an appointment. Please indicate your name, preferred date, time, as well as address and phone number.

❖ **Parish Council Meeting** – this Wednesday, **January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. All Council members are urged to attend.

❖ The next **Akathist** will be to the Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon on Wednesday, **January 27**, at 6:00pm, followed by **Adult Catechetical Class**.

❖ Save the date! – **Ice Skating on Sunday, January 31, 2010** sponsored by NJ District of F.O.C.A. Everyone is invited. Gathering at 2:15 p.m. in our church hall. For more info, please contact Marge Kovach, 732-815-9765 [mjkovach@aol.com](mailto:mjkovach@aol.com), see a flyer posted on our bulletin board, or visit our website.

❖ A **Cover Dish Luncheon** will be held on January 24, 2010 at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Jersey City, NJ. Admission is \$10. For tickets, call rectory @ 201-434-1986.

❖ **Annual Maslenitsa** at the Assumption Church in Clifton, NJ will be held on **Sunday, January 31, 2010**, from 3pm – 7pm. For more information & tickets call Donna Betza @ 973-365-1473.

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