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Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgy Schedule
January 17, 2021

Saturday, January 16

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

†Andrew Zagarski- Anna Kutsup

Sunday, January 17

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Wednesday, January 20

9:00 AM

†Ashley Babbitt- Tom, MaryAnn, Diane, & Rita

Thursday, January 21

9:00 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for Janice Lee
-Barbara, Diane & Rita

Friday, January 22

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, January 23

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

God's Blessings & Good Health for Mike Sawczuk - A Parishioner

Sunday, January 24

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick At Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mark Jennings; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky.

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS
VENERABLE GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT
January 17, 2021

TROPAR: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

TROPAR: By your life you imitated the zealous Elias and by following straight paths you emulated the Baptist, John. O Father Anthony, you peopled the desert and strengthened the world by your prayers; intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONDAK: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK: You rejected earthly worries and finished your life in silence imitating the Baptist in every way and so with him we honor you, O Anthony, most venerable, first of the Fathers.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

PROKEIMENON: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones. (No repeat).

A Reading of the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 4:9-15:



Brethren, this is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Have

confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may He works in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom we give glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Please note that 2 Epistles and Gospels are being read- for the feast. The first Epistle and Gospel are noted and the second is simply read.)

ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia(3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia(3).



Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the LORD, "Look, LORD! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 6:17-23

At that time Jesus took his stand on a level stretch, with a crowd of his disciples, and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd were trying to touch him, for

power went forth from him and healed all. And he lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said, "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed shall you be when men hate you, and when they shut you out, and reproach you, and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and exult, for behold your reward is great in heaven."

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (3).

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.



JANUARY CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given
By Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in
loving memory of Joseph Boback.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of January

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen for
all The deceased members of the **Hvozda & Frankowski Families**.

The Candle before the Theotokos is given by Lisa Placek for
the deceased members of the Slota & Skordy Families.

The Icon Table **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Ellen Alqrainy
For God's Blessings for Mary Oresick.



CHURCH NEWS

A PASCHAL PILGRIMAGE: A Guide for the Great Fast for Ukrainian Catholics by Bishop Basil H. Losten pamphlet has been purchased by a parishioner for the Parish. Please take one for a family- please share. If necessary we can order additional pamphlets. **Great Lent begins February 15 and is just around the corner. You will find this pamphlet useful as a preparation tool.**

PRAYERS: Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this “pandemic” and may once again be able to all worship together.

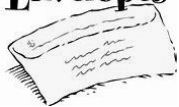
BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please use the envelope in your collection box or leave a note in the collection basket. Also please let Father know if a visit during daytime hours is possible. No donation is required- even though the envelope says requested amount.

CHARITABLE CARE ACT 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS: Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish, parish schools, St. Josphat Seminary and the Archeparchy qualify for this charitable deduction. Please consider making an additional donation to your parish, parish school, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary or the Archeparchy. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020. Your donation must be made by cash, check or credit card. "

PIGGIE / HOLUBTSI DINNER: Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, January 31st, 2021. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 3:00 pm in Our Parish Parking Lot, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinner includes; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children (12 and under). Drive-up customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051.

BLESSING OF WATER: Please remember to **bring your containers in order to bring water home**

Offering Envelopes



CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Church envelopes and calendars are in the church basement for pick-up. If you don't see your envelopes there, please contact the rectory so that we can arrange to have envelopes for you. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY DONATION ENVELOPE AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. THANK YOU!



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, Tonight I was reading 1 Peter 2 and came across 2:13 about submission to rulers and masters. In today's world I was wondering how this fits. Would you have some time to explain this for me? Rulers have the duty to guide you in truth, and to protect you. Further, their duty to God is to rule with peace, truth and justice; hence, they cannot promulgate an unjust law. When you submit to a ruler, you are not acting like a slave to a master who beats you but rather you are like a loving wife being protected and guided by a loving husband who has only your best interests in mind. A dictator is one who does not care for you and in not a ruler; hence, the word dictator is used. A dictator is one who uses his, or her, position to force unjust laws upon people. What helps to put it in perspective is the question, can "government" order you by law to murder someone?" The answer is of course, "No!" "An un-just law is no law at all," this is according to the Church Fathers and Saint Thomas Aquinas. Additional information can be found about this written by Kathy Caridi- A Canon Lawyer (Canonist) at the following link:

<https://canonlawmadeeasy.com/2021/01/14/how-can-you-tell-a-real-law-from-an-illegal-decree/#more-3724>.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I noticed that today's gospel is about the Beatitudes.... Aren't the Beatitudes mentioned in Matthew? The Beatitudes are in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Matthew 5:3-12 and Luke 6:20b-23. The Beatitudes are complete in their fullness in Matthew and there are fewer lines in Luke. The foundation of the teaching of Christ in the Beatitudes is fullness of all four gospels and indeed in all of the Holy Scriptures.

THE ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION IN THE HOMILY: Why did Jesus seemingly abandon John the Baptist to his captors and leave for Galilee? (FYI We had a call to the rectory and it was noted that Father was particularly difficult to hear last week.) God's

ways are not man's ways, God's ways i.e. Jesus's ways, are for the salvation of mankind. He did not abandon John, but rather is heading out to save the lost. Also, Jesus looking forward to salvation knows that what must pass is His judgement of the whole world. What we call Judgement Day. On that day when John the Baptist is judged for heaven, and everyone who refused John's preaching of repent earns for themselves the judgement of hell and they complain to Jesus, Jesus will point to John the Baptist and say, "You refused his teaching-which is My teaching and have earned for yourself hell by not repenting from your sins." As we prepare for the Great Fast this is what we are called to do and it is critical that it is to be done well, to honestly look in the mirror at our actions, emotions, and spirit- Do we truly follow Jesus's teaching or do we reject it?



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I was reading in a friend's Bible the Old Testament and where I expected to see Elijah I saw Elias. Pondering this, I also see many times Elisha. Is this the same person?

Are they different? Can you explain what I am reading?

Elijah is the Great Prophet that you read a lot of in the Book of Kings. Sometimes through the Greek Translation you will see Elias. This is the same person. Elijah's follower is **Elisha**. Some people

will spell his name with an additional "h" at the end or Elishah. Elijah's primary teaching in the ninth century B.C. is repent from your sins. Is this not the same as John the Baptist? Elijah was primarily fighting the people's following of the false god, the demon baal, which the children of Israel were so enraptured with, who primarily leads people into the sexual sin of fornication. You find this primarily in 2Chronicles Chapter 21. We hear about Elijah being taken to heaven on the chariot full of light like the sun, ridden by an angel from the witness of **Elisha** in 2Kings Chapter 2 in verse 11. Jesus tells his disciples that John the Baptist is the second coming of Elijah. Feast Day of Elijah is celebrated on July 20.



Miracles are not a contradiction of nature. They are only in contradiction of what we know of nature. - St. Augustine

Feel shame when you sin, not when you repent.- St. John Chrysostom

Psalm 150



Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

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