

**The Reading from the First Epistle
of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (4:9–15)**

My son Timothy, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(19:1–10)**

At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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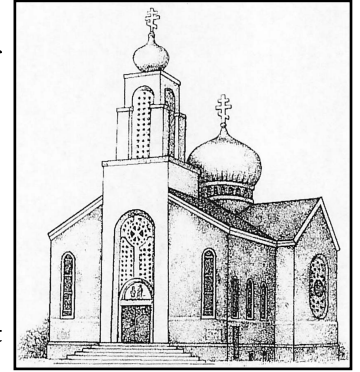
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37th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 4
Sunday of Zacchaeus
February 18, 2024

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461).
St. Agapitos the Confessor and
Wonderworker, Bishop of Synnada in
Phrygia (4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor,
Patriarch of Constantinople (449–450)

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book). The most significant hymns and responses specifically for today are printed inside this bulletin.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called “antidoron,” this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Feb. 17	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 18	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>Sunday of Zacchaeus</i>	Greeter Program Orientation	Noon
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Diocesan Council	6:30 PM
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Saturday, Feb. 24	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 25	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Fast-free week follows	
<i>Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee</i>	This day marks the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, the book of hymnography and directions on how to observe the season of Great Lent and Passion Week. Always, there are Four Sundays to prepare us for the Fast: The Publican and the Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, the Last Judgment, and the Expulsion from Paradise.	
Tuesday, Feb. 27	Online Study of the Gospel of Luke chapters 5–6: sspeterpaul.org/study	7 PM
Thursday, Feb. 29	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity Session 3: “Jesus teaches us how to be human”	6:30 PM
	All are welcome, but especially those who seek to be received into the Orthodox Faith. Participate in these sessions on Zoom: sspeterpaul.org/study	
Saturday, March 2	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, March 3	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM

Please share recommendations of local families in need, for our customary Easter basket gifts on Western Easter. Our previous method for identifying and contacting families no longer works, so we need your help! Share details with Fr. Joshua.

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to our Souper Bowl Sunday—the meal and fellowship were tremendous. We raised \$776 to support the mission of this church!

The cross is lit today in loving memory of James Veronick by the Leonowich Family. May his memory be eternal!

We Ask Your Prayers

For those celebrating birthdays: Ivan Moll (Feb. 18).

For the Sick & Suffering:

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Starr (Sarrazin)—friend of Robin Levesque

Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich) Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter) Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges) Steven (Rygiel)

Michael (Edwards)

Irene Lorraine

Jacob Juliana

Katelyn Crystal

Angela Innocent

Larissa Jeffrey

Stacia

Cyprian and Dana Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene Georgiy and Galina

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik) Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-623-5336.

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Hymns of the Day

Tone 4 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4 Troparion (*Apostles Peter & Paul*)

O first-enthroned of the Apostles,
teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world, //
and to our souls great mercy!

Tone 3 Troparion (*St. Leo*)

You were the Church’s instrument
in strengthening the teaching of true doctrine;
you shone forth from the West like a sun
dispelling the errors of heretics. //
Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Apostles Peter & Paul*)

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, //
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 3 Kontakion (*St. Leo*)

Seated upon the throne of the priesthood, glorious Leo,
you shut the mouths of the spiritual lions.
With divinely inspired teachings of the honored Trinity,
you shed the light of the knowledge of God upon your flock. //
Therefore, you are glorified as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion — *Steadfast Protectress*

Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone (*Resurrection*)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!
(Ps. 103:1)

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness
and truth!

(Ps. 44:3b)

Verse: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Notes on the Week

The Sunday of Zacchaeus marks a turning point in the Church Year. Since Pentecost last year, we have been counting Sundays after Pentecost, which itself is the fiftieth day from Pascha. But today is the final Sunday after Pentecost, and now we look ahead to the approach of the Forty-Day Fast, leading once again to Pascha.

On the Sunday of Zacchaeus, we remember how he took action to turn and meet Jesus. The Lord responded by proclaiming, “Today salvation has come to this house ... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Today is our own opportunity to meet Christ: “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” (a Troparion of the Resurrection at Matins).

