***Feb. 14, 2021***

**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND NEW ROME**

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**Attendance at any Liturgy: If you wish to attend a liturgy, you must sign up by 7:00 PM the evening before the liturgy. Currently, registration is limited to 40 participants. NOTE:  If you have signed up but cannot attend the service, please edit your sign up so the slot will be open for someone else.**

[**Sign up here to be on a list of people who will be allowed in our church to attend a liturgy on the specified date**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADAC29A1F85-assumption)

**Tune in to our news, announcements, and online Facebook Livestream Liturgies** [**HERE!**](https://www.facebook.com/Assumption-of-the-Virgin-Mary-Ukrainian-Orthodox-Church-113456096722198)

**Great Vespers: If you wish to attend a Vespers service you must sign up by 7:00 PM Friday. Currently, registration is limited to 40 participants.**

[**Sign up here to be on a list of people who will be allowed in our church to attend a Vespers service on the specified date**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548adac29a1f85-vespers)

**Holy Confession: Our Heirarchs have indicated that all parishioners must receive the sacrament of Holy Confession prior to receiving Holy Communion. Father Oleg has scheduled general confessions immediately after Vespers on the first Saturday of each month. Father will also hear confession by appointment on Saturdays.**

[**Sign up here for a Saturday appointment for Holy Confession**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADAC29A1F85-confession1)

**Sun. 14 Feb. (Feb. 01st) 36th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY. Pre-Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. Tone 3. Martyr TRYPHON of Campsada (250). Martyrs PERPETUA, SATURUS, REVOCATUS, SATURNINUS, SECUNDULUS, FELICITAS (203). Ven. PETER of Galatia (429).**

**1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10**

**Romans 8: 28-39 Luke 10: 19-21**

 ***5:00 PM Great Vespers.***

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Next Week**

**Mon. 15 Feb. THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

**Heb. 7:7-17 Lk. 2:22-40**

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Blessing of candles.***

**Tue. 16 Feb.** Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess.

**1 Pet. 3:10-22 Mk. 12:18-27**

**Wed. 17 Feb.** Ven. Isidore of Pelusium, monk (436-440).

**1 Pet. 4:1-11 Mk. 12:28-37**

**Thu. 18 Feb.** Holy Martyr Agatha (251). St. Theodosius, archbishop of Chernihiv (1696).

**1 Pet. 4:12-5:5 Mk. 12:38-44**

**Fri. 19 Feb.** Ven. Bucolus, bishop of Smyrna (ca. 100).

**2 Pet. 1:1-10 Mk. 13:1-8**

**Sat. 20 Feb.** Ven. Parthenius, bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.).

**2 Tim. 2:11-19 Lk. 18:2-8**

***5:00 PM Great Vespers.***

**Sun. 21 Feb. 2 Tim. 3:10-15 Lk. 18:10-14**

***8:30 AM Third & Sixth Hours***

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (restriction of 40 people; Also available Online)***

Zacchaeus was a short man.

He taxed the people high.

He left them poor and wanting

While he gorged on figs and pie.

One day the Lord came walking

Down the streets of Jericho.

Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see,

Since he was built so low.

"Come down quick!" Jesus said,

"I'd like to come and dine."

So off they went (while people stared)

To have some bread and wine.

"He is just not worthy,"

Cried the people in the town.

"He has been made wealthy

While our money dwindles down."

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Zacchaeus felt so humbled

That the Lord would show him favor

That he vowed to pay the people back,

And now he's loyal to the Savior.

(by Kathy Mansfield)

1. Zacchaeus teaches us that when you make a solid effort to experience Jesus, you are rewarded. It means seeking him with all your heart and doing everything he would have you do!

2. Don’t make a judgment based on reputation. People gain a reputation for better or worse from the lives they have lived and the reports that have been spread about them. When you hear a negative report from someone, ask God to help you withhold judgment.

3. Practice looking into a person’s heart. Can you see someone’s heart? God will help you with that! The closer we follow Jesus, the more we are able to see into someone’s heart

**PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY of JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 3**

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad. For the Lord has shown strength with His Arm. He has trampled death by death. He has become the First-born of the Dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell and has granted the world great mercy.

**Tropar of the Forefeast, Tone 1**

The celestial choir of heavenly angels bends down to the earth and sees the First-born of all creation being carried into the Temple as a babe by a Mother who has not known man an in amazement sings with us a pre-festal hymn.

**Tropar of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, Tone 1**

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, Birth-Giver of God. You were translated to life, Mother of Life and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

**Tropar to Martyr Tryphon, Tone 4**

Your holy martyr Tryphon, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions, save our souls.

**Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 3**

On this day You rose from the tomb, Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. With the prophets and patriarchs, they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Kondak of the Forefeast, Tone 8**

The Word, unseen with the Father, now is seen in the flesh, ineffably born of the Virgin, and is given into the arms of the priest and elder. Let us worship Him, our True God.

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

**Kondak to the Martyr Tryphon, Tone 8**

By the power of the Trinity, you destroyed polytheism to the ends of the earth, and you were honored by Christ, all-glorious Tryphon; having conquered tyrants through Christ the Savior, you received your crown of martyrdom and the gift of divine healing, for you are invincible.

**Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

**Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2**

Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God. She is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies unfailing hope. For as the Mother of Life, she has been translated to life by the One Who dwelt within her ever virginal womb.

**Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 3**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**Verse:** Clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with a joyful voice.

**Prokimen to Martyr Tryphon, Tone 1**

The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

**Readings: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 & Romans 8:28-39**

**Alleluia Verses, Tone 3**

Lord in You have I hoped; let me never be put to shame. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge to save me.

The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and he shall be multiplied like a cedar in Lebanon.

**Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 & Luke 10:19-21**

**Hymn to the Mother of God:** It is right in truth, to glorify you, the Birth-Giver of God, the Ever Blessed wholly immaculate and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim. You, Who without defilement did bare God the Word, true Birth-Giver of God, we magnify you.

**Communion Hymn.** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The Righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. They shall not fear any evil report. Alleluia (3X)

**2021 Spring pierogi schedule:** March 18; April 1, 15; May 6, 13, 20. For orders or volunteers please call Helen: 610-261-4575.

SR UOL – Since we have not held our annual **“Souper Bowl Continental Breakfast”** – you can still make a contribution to St. Andrew’s Society. St. Andrew’s Society has been using our annual donations to do good for the needy in Ukraine and we want to continue supporting this cause. If you are interested in making a donation, checks should be made to the SR UOL of the USA – mailed to Joseph Goodge, 1924 State Route 208, Pulaski, PA 16143. Thank you!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**:  Every Wednesday evening, the Office of Youth Ministry holds 30 minute sessions, with a different theme for each week of the month via Zoom! For details, go to <https://www.uocyouth.org/faithhopeandlovehomeedition>.

**For the food banks**, we were assigned baby foods, but they also needed cans of potatoes, tuna fish, canned meats, pasta, spagetti sauce, mac & cheese.

**ANNIVERSARY:**

**14 Feb…William & Judy Ketterer**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**14 Feb…Michael Smallen Jr., Sabrina Ost**

**15 Feb…Joan Molnar**

**18 Feb…Adrianna Truss**

**19 Feb…Michael Misko, Alexander Pypiuk**

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

**14 Feb…John Czerkas ’74, Tekla Kochenash ’11, Myroslav Molofiy ‘04**

**15 Feb…Peter Gontar ’47, Michael Martnick ’86, Stella Vitushinsky ‘08**

**16 Feb…Yuriy Mones (infant) ’26, Mary Hanzarick ‘75**

**17 Feb…Vladimir Bochnock ‘95**

**18 Feb…John Hnatow ‘14**

**19 Feb…John Volsky ’28, Anna Poticha ’56, Justine Czerkas ‘76**

**20 Feb…Ilko Sawka ’47, Ronald Zarayko ’77, Helen Kulchycki ‘10**

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Leo Anicola, Walter, Mary Ann Dworakivsky, child Oleksandra, Fr. George and Pani Oksana Bazylevsky, Michael Hnatow, Catherine Kochenash, Joan Molnar, Bill Ketterer, Paul, Richard Stetch, Fr. John & Panimatka Anne Haluszczak, Fr. Victor and Panimatka Ivanka Wronskyj, Evan, Brandon and Stacy Snyder, Aaliyah Osmun, Olga Dorosh, Michael Mack, Allan Bach, Ihor Broda, James Osmun, Matthew, Tom, William Savitz, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous, Luba Walker.

**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 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 Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus 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.

The holy Apostle Zacchaeus was a rich publican at Jericho. Since he was short of stature, he climbed a sycamore tree in order to see the Savior passing by. After the Ascension of the Lord, Saint Zacchaeus accompanied Saint Peter on his travels. Tradition says he became the Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, where he died in peace.