

## SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

### Resurrectional Dismissal Hymn

By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened Paradise. The Myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy and You sent Your Apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, and granted to all the world Your great mercy.

### Dismissal Hymn for Sts. Constantine and Helen

The form of Your Cross was seen in the sky by Your Apostle among the kings, O Lord. He received his calling, like Paul, not from man, and placed his imperial city in your hands. Ever guard it in peace, O Loving God, through the intercessions of the Theotokos.

### Kontakion

Thou who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation didst even now save us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

## Κυριακή τού Ζακχαίου

### Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἁγίου Κωνσταντίνου

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλῆσιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεῦσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσιν πόλιν τῆ χειρὶ σου παρέθετο ἦν περισώζε διὰ παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβεΐαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

### Κοντάκιον

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

### Epistle Reading

**1 Timothy 4:9-15** – “Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, 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.”

### From the Holy Fathers –

He who wants to see Christ must climb up in spirit high above nature, for Christ is greater than nature. It is easier to see a high mountain from a hill than from a valley. Zacchaeus was a small man and, seized by the desire to see Christ, he climbed up into a tall tree.

He who desires to meet Christ must purify himself, for he will be meeting with the Saint of saints, the Holy of holies. Zacchaeus was defiled by love of money and lack of compassion, and so, when he was to meet Christ, he hurried to cleanse himself by repentance and works of mercy.

~ From St. Nikolai Velimirovich

## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, January 26 – Sunday of Zacchaeus**

**Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15**

(Bible, Page 1411)

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

(Bible, Page 1247)

**Acolytes Group 3 (Seraphim):** G. Koumaras, N. Lountzis, N. Rohm, H. Macarantonis, T. Antonellos, B. Wadsworth, N. Simotas, Z. Simotas, J. Noll, D. Antonellos

**Council Members Welcoming Today:**

Artie Fecera, Shawn Moliatu

**Council Members Ushering Today:**

Chris Dikos, Gus Kotsakis

**40-Day Memorial:** Pauline Heckman

**Fellowship Sponsors:** St. Xenia Philoptochos

**Fellowship Hosts:** Mr. & Mrs. Spiros Katsigiannis, Mrs. Bella Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Kiritsis, Mr. & Mrs. Spiro Kitixis, Mrs. & Mrs. Kenneth Klein

**Monday, January 27 – Removal of the Relics of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople**

Orthros 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:45 AM

**Wednesday, January 29 – Removal of the Relics of Ignatius the God-bearer**

Paraklesis 6 PM

**Thursday, January 30 – Three Hierarchs**

Orthros 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:45 AM

**Next Sunday, February 2 – THE MEETING OF OUR LORD**

**Acolytes Group 4 (Archangels):** T. Hunsicker, J. Wagner, S. Mitchell, C. Hunsicker, C. Kraras, G. Hunsicker, S. Elliker, L. Elliker

## Other Announcements

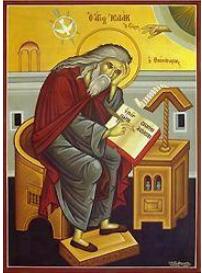
- Anyone who is currently working with children or youth of the church needs to have all Youth Safety training completed by the end of this month, otherwise they will no longer be permitted to work with children. This includes

criminal background checks, youth safety and youth worker regulations. Please see Vasso Tilley if you need help.

- Thank you to everyone who has generously donated resources or time to the new GOYA room! All requested items have been donated. Look for the room to be completed soon.
- GOYA Basketball Tournament 2: Canton, OH 1/31-2/2
- GOYA Basketball Tournament 3: Pittsburgh, PA 2/14-16
- Support Sts. Constantine & Helen by buying gift cards from us for your grocery shopping at Giant, Redner's, and Weis supermarkets. They will be on sale each week at Fellowship.



**In the Hospital** (Remember in Prayer)  
Reading: Christine Georgeadis



## Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Ninevah

Feast Day – January 28<sup>th</sup>

The great luminary of the life of stillness, Saint Isaac, was born in the early seventh century in Eastern Arabia, the present-day Qatar on the Persian Gulf. He became a monk at a young age, and at some time left Arabia to dwell with monks in Persia. He was consecrated Bishop of Nineveh (and is therefore sometimes called "Saint Isaac of Nineveh"), but after five months received permission to return to solitude; he spent many years far south of Nineveh in the mountainous regions of Beit Huzaye, and lastly at the Monastery of Rabban Shabur. He wrote his renowned and God-inspired Ascetical Homilies toward the end of his long life of monastic struggle, about the end of the seventh century. The fame of his Homilies grew quickly, and about one hundred years after their composition they were translated from Syriac into Greek by two monks of the Monastery of Mar Sabbas in Palestine, from which they spread throughout the monasteries of the Roman Empire and became a guide to the hesychasts of all generations thereafter.



*"There is only one way forward!"*

**Our next Vision Committee Meeting will be  
Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**

*There will be a complimentary dinner!*

**Mark your Calendars!**

All parishioners and guests are invited to join St. Xenia Philoptochos Society for this very informative daytime meeting to be held in our social hall...

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

**Please join us at 12 noon**

(A light luncheon will be served following the program and short meeting. Please sign up during Fellowship so we can plan the luncheon.)

**"The Opioid/Overdose Crisis  
in Berks County"**

This program will be presented by our very own... Stanley Papademetriou, Director of the Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA) a private non-profit organization located in Reading.

Stanley will discuss Opioid overdose, local response to the crisis, and emerging substance use trends.

### ***This Past Week***

**Your Stewardship made these possible:**

- **Over 150 homes blessed with the water of the Great Agiasmos (so far)**
- **94 people were served a free, tasty meal at Opportunity House.**
- **12 GOYans participated in the basketball tournament in Columbus, OH.**

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## **Sunday, January 26** **Sunday of Zacchaeus**



*"Today, I must stay at your house."*