

St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



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Epistle 1 Tim 4:9-15

Tone 8

Gospel: Lk. 19:1-10

February 6th – 33rd Sunday after Pentecost Of Zacchaeus

TODAY'S SERVICES:

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 33rd Sunday after Pentecost – Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5th c.). Martyrs Babylas of Sicily and his two disciples Timothy and Agapius (3rd c.). Ven. Macedonius, hermit of Syria (ca. 420). Translation of the relics (632) of St. Anastasius the Persian (628).

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

Wed. 7:30pm Bible Study Class – Virtual Only

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Altar Servers: Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

Reader: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: John Happy Sr., Bill Stokes, Joan Nardi, Marci Pusillo, George Terebush, Pani Mary Ann, David Deli, Richard Hycuna, Diane Decibus Morgan, John Piropato, John Zelenak, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropato, Nancy Grabie, Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, David, Alexander, Joseph, John, Robert, Kirsten, John, David, Bill and Gloria & children Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the **US Military**,

especially **Vitaly Pacej**, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

Adult Bible Study: Virtual Only. We will be reading Exodus 11-15. All are welcome to join.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: February 27th will be our **Annual Parish Meeting**..

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - February 13th - Senior UOL will take up a special collection for St. Andrew's Society which supports the Soup Kitchens in Ukraine. For those parishioners wishing to send donations by mail, please make checks payable to Senior UOL and mail to the attention of John Lehotsky at St. Demetrius UOC, 641 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, NJ 07008. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Memory Eternal – Our deepest condolences go out to the Joanne Hamersky Stek, and family on the loss of Stephen Stek this past week.

Zacchaeus Sunday

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.

ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.