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## January 29, 2012

### Zacchaeus

(Greek Ζακχαῖος, "Zakchaios" Hebrew, which means pure and righteous one, was a superintendent of customs; a chief tax-gatherer at Jericho (Luke 19:1-10). Tax collectors were hated by many of their fellow Jews, who saw them as traitors for working for the Roman Empire. Because the lucrative production and export of balsam was centered in Jericho, his position would have carried both importance and wealth. In the account, he arrived before the crowd who were later to meet with Jesus, who was passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. Described as a short man, then Zacchaeus climbed up a sycamore fig tree so that he might be able to see Jesus. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up into the branches, addressed Zacchaeus by name, and told him to come down, for he intended to visit his house. The crowd was shocked that Jesus, a Jew, would sully himself by being a guest of a tax collector. Moved by the audacity of Jesus's undeserved love and acceptance, Zacchaeus publicly repented of acts of corruption.

### This Morning's Entrance Hymns

#### Resurrection Troparion – Tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

#### GNE: Resurrection Kontakion – Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### THIS MORNING'S EPISTLE READING:

#### Self-Discipline in Ministry.

The early Christians had a liturgical worship structure – reading of Scripture – that had its roots in the early synagogue.

### PROKEIMENON VERSES – Tone 8

a) Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God.  
b) In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

### The Reading is from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (4:9-15).

**My Son Timothy:** [9] The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance.

[10] For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those

who believe.

[11] Command and teach these things.

[12] Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

[13] Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching.

[14] Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you.

[15] Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### ALLELUIA VERSES – Tone 8

a) Come, let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior.

b) Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

### THIS MORNING'S GOSPEL READING:

#### Zacchaeus.

The theme behind Zacchaeus Sunday is Zacchaeus' desire to change, but as importantly, to stay changed.

### Reading is from the Gospel According to St Luke (19:1-10).

**Let us Attend:** [1] He entered Jericho and was passing through.

[2] And there was a man named Zacchae'us; he was a chief tax collector, and rich.

[3] And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature.

[4] So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way.

[5] And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchae'us, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

[6] So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully.

[7] And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

[8] And Zacchae'us stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold."

[9] And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

[10] For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

### +WORSHIP+

#### February 5, 2012 / Second Pre-Lenten Bell

9:30am Divine Liturgy.

Sanctoral Commem: Repose of St Theodosius of Chernigov (+1698).

Gospel: St Luke 18:10-14 (Publican & Pharisee).

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### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring will place February 5. Since 2003, Holy Trinity has assembled Health Kits in collaboration with International Orthodox Christian Charities and Church World Service. We have shipped 839 health kits – helped by nearly 500 kits during the Haiti relief effort two years ago – and have forwarded \$2,940 in donations to support the life-saving ministry of IOCC. An updated email will be sent this week detailing what items we have on hand.

## Annual Meeting Review

The Annual Parish Meeting was held last Sunday after Divine Liturgy. It was well attended. Everyone contributed, and all that was offered was accepted in a spirit of brotherly love and unity. Below are some brief highlights. They are offered so that the community and those from outside our parish will have a fuller understanding as to road Holy Trinity will travel in 2012.

1. The Annual Fair Share was discussed; specifically how more parishioners would assume their own payment, so as not to further financially burden the community. In 2010, we took in 65% of the Fair Share, by far the highest percentage ever. In 2011, we took in just \$2,460 of the \$5,265 due (46%) and fell \$2,805 short. Holy Trinity is required to pay this amount whether or not each parishioner pays or not. Our total due for 2012 is \$4,581. That amount was derived at by counting 26 parishioners x \$176.20 per person. It was determined that either post cards of letters will be sent in the next week or two, with payment options listed. The card / letter will also include the various Orthodox Church in America Departments which are funded by the Fair Share.

2. **Tim Fetzko** gave a detailed presentation of **Vision 2012**, a road map which will show how our community will proceed through the remainder of this year. The basic pillars of **Vision 2012** are **Mission, Mercy, Ministry**. What is unique to us is that **Vision 2012** will allow us to determine objectives, and at the end of the year, allow us to look back and see if we have been successful or not in achieving them. The community unanimously adopted Vision 2012. Tim is in the process of fine tuning **Vision 2012**, and when it is completed, copies will be shared with the entire church community.

3. **Denise & Jason Geeza** presented the idea of holding a fall bazaar. It was enthusiastically embraced, even by Jason. Limitations were discussed and acknowledged, yet those in attendance were whole heartedly on board in pledging their support to the Geeza Family. Denise will fine tune a timeline in terms of what needs to be completed at various times of the year. A date must first be established, but at least for now we have time on our side. Although Denise and Jason have agreed to accept a large part of the responsibility, they will need assistance along the way. If nothing else, the bazaar will be an excellent way for the community to bond even closer together than we are now.

A special thanks to **Rachel Geeza** who cared for all the children last Sunday during the Annual Meeting, so that their parents could attend and participate. This was such a nice gesture on Rachel's part, and our community is indebted to her. It was good to have everyone's input last Sunday. Thank you, Rachel.

His Grace, Bishop NIKON has granted us approval to hold the

Interfaith Service prior to the 'Walk for Warmth' in support of WAIM's Energy Assistance Program the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. This is a large hurdle cleared; Orthodox Churches do not often host interfaith gatherings. We are still waiting to hear if our grant application to the Diocese of New England has been approved, and if WAIM has deemed our church physically large enough to host the interfaith service. But for now, one step down, two to go.

**Barbara E. Lacey**, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of History at Saint Joseph College, Hartford, CT, will discuss the lives of Saint Genevieve of Paris (France) and Saint Xenia of Petersburg (Russia), this morning after Divine Liturgy. **Victoria Villano** will be presenting the life of St Theodore (*'the General'*) Stratelates, on Sunday, February 12. St Theodore is the patron saint of Victoria's home Greek Orthodox parish in Maryland.

Holy Trinity will celebrate Scouts of America Sunday in two weeks, on February 12, prior to Victoria's presentation. All Scouts are asked to come in uniform. Several Scouts will be asked to speak in front of the community on what impact Scouting has had in their life.

Please remember the proceeds from Coffee Hour on the final Sunday of each month (today) continue to be earmarked for the scholarship fund. Holy Trinity will be extending scholarships in June to its graduating high school seniors, **Rachel Geeza, Michael Dolan, and Nikolas Hutnik**. The offering which goes into the small basket, placed near the Antidiron ('blessed Bread') after the veneration of the Cross at the end of Liturgy each week, goes to the scholarship fund as well. We continue to receive outstanding support.

The Holy Trinity home page now has a PayPal account should anyone who visits our web site want to make a donation to our church.

The UCONN OCF will provide whatever items are needed to complete Health Kits. They will make a quick trip to either Stop & Shop, CVS, or Walgreens after Divine Liturgy in two weeks, to purchase any last minute items.

### **Memory Eternal:**

#### **From the Parish Metrics**

**(Week of January 29 – February 4):**

**+Philip Laptik** (?), 1/29/1993; **+George Marco** (?), 2/1/1984; Brother of *Helen Sadow*; **+Tamara Charzewska** (?), 2/3; Mother of *Alexander Schvartsman*, **+William Marco** (66), 2/3/1953; Father of *Helen Sadow*; **+Mary Chwanec** (71), 2/3/1964; Mother-in-Law of *Sonja Chwanec*.

### **Happy Birthday & Many Years:**

**(HTOC Friend & UConn grad) William Kopcha** (26), 1/29/1986.  
**Catherine Rose 'Catie' Zak** (8), 1/23/2004.

2012	YTD	OCA & DNE 'Fair Share'	Weekly Offering	Candle Sales	Fr Adamov Scholarship Fund	Coffee Hour	Prosp.	Rent	Other (Misc. donations)
Budget –	\$39,431.00	\$4,581.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$7,200.00	
YTD	\$2,718.20	\$176.20	\$1,688.00	\$125.00	\$81.00	\$22.00	\$26.00	\$600.00	
% of Budget	6.9%	3.8%	8.4%	8.3%	8.1%	7.3%	8.7%	8.3%	
4/52 weeks	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%		
01 - January	\$ 477.00	x	\$420.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$ 3.00	\$9.00		
08 - January	\$ 574.00	x	\$498.00	\$49.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$6.00		
15 - January	\$1022.00	x	\$363.00	\$26.00	\$18.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$600.00	
22 - January	\$ 645.20	\$176.20	\$407.00	\$29.00	\$29.00	X	\$4.00		

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH PRAYER LIST

January 2012

## Newest Addition to Prayer List:

**Alyssa** (5 years old, and a classmate of Juliana Carmon. Alyssa was diagnosed with leukemia on December 16. Depending on the results from her spinal tap and other tests, she may receive treatment in Boston).

**Peter** Chowanec (Sonja's husband who is scheduled for left knee surgery January 12, and is experiencing other health related concerns as well).

## Prayers Offered to Those Outside our Community:

**Jackie** (Daughter-in-law of one of our parishioners who is battling depression).

**Deb Bauer** (Mother of Dot Sinchuk's son's (John) friend; Deb has breast cancer which has spread. She is not doing well at all, according to Dot. Deb Bauer is the wife of Jay Bauer who is also on our Prayer List / see below).

**Bauer Family (Jared, Jay, Melissa)** – Children of Deb & Jay Bauer whose parents, Deb and Jay, both have cancer).

**Jack D'Aguta** (Brother-in-law of Jay Carmon who continues to recover after a serious boating accident in July).

**'Rose'** (10-yr old girl; a relative to one of our parishioners whose family situation is very unstable. **UPDATE:** Rose is doing much better).

**Luba Baktis** (Relative of Zlotnick & Sadow Families; Luba has Stage IV cancer).

**Jay Bauer** (Father of Dot Sinchuk's son's friend; Jay has aggressive Primary Peritoneal Cancer, a rare form of cancer in men. **UPDATE / NO CHANGE:** Jay's condition continues to deteriorate, and he is not expected to recover).

## Our Home-Bound & Long-Term Cared For Parishioners:

**Marcella "Marci" Tervides.** (Westside Care Center, Manchester).

**George & Zenia Zlotnick.**

## Our Parishioners Who Remain in Need of Our Prayers:

**Karen Pearse** (Preparing for upcoming surgery) . **Evelyn Reynolds (91 years old)** . **Nick Kornilieff** . **Helen Sadow (91 years old)**

## The Following Members Have Requested Prayers for Family & Friends:

### Requested by Stephanie & Jeff Zak:

a. **Deacon Michael Burdikoff** (Stephanie's brother who has Crohn's Disease)

b. (**Mathushka**) **Cecelia Burdikoff** (Stephanie's mother who has been diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer's Disease).

c. **Eugene Zak** (Aging).

### Requested by Denise Geeza:

**Leo & Jeanne Lavigne** (Parents of Denise Geeza; Unwell and aging).

### Requested by Mila Zadrozny:

**Scotty Hammond** (Cousin of Amadeo Ruiu, and nephew of David & Mila, from northern Virginia. Scott has cancer).

### Requested by Angie Bull:

**Ben & Coy Bull** (Angie's Father and Mother who are aging).

### Requested by Mary Ellen Junda:

**Peter & Florence Junda** (Mary Ellen's Father and Mother who are aging and have relocated to North Carolina).

## For Those Serving in the Armed Forces & For All Who Serve and All Victims of War:

**Sgt. Adam Carmon – Wife: Nicole;** (Sgt Carmon, Jay's brother, is currently stationed in Afghanistan).

Pray for victims of natural and man-made disasters.

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