

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



*Icon of Christ and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)*

***Welcome Christ in Your Hearts and Homes***

The Lord, who already welcomed Zacchaeus in his heart, was now ready to be welcomed by him in his house. He said, “Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down, since I have to stay in your house.” He thought it was a marvelous piece of good luck to see Christ. While imagining it was a marvelous piece of good luck quite beyond words to see him passing by, he was suddenly found worthy to have him in his house. Grace is poured out, and faith starts working through love.

Christ, who was already dwelling in his heart, is welcomed into his house. Zacchaeus says to Christ, “Lord, half my goods I give to the poor, and if I have

cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times over.” It is as if he were saying, “The reason I am keeping back half for myself is not in order to have it, but to have something from which to pay people back.”

There you are. That is really what welcoming Jesus means, welcoming him into your heart. Christ was already there. He was in Zacchaeus and spoke through him. The apostle says that this is what it means, “For Christ to dwell by faith in your hearts” (Eph 3:17).

*St. Augustine*



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**Christ is born! Glorify Him! Христос Рождається! Славимо Його!**

**Reader Great Vespers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 5:00pm**  
**Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am**  
**Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am**

**JANUARY 18, 2026 – 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 7); SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS; ☩ HOLY FATHERS ATHANASIUS & CYRIL, PATRIARCHS OF ALEXANDRIA**

**GIVING REPORT** – The in-pew collection for Sunday, January 11 was \$1,360.26.

Mothers with young nursing children are invited to use the **new mother-baby room** – with comfortable chairs and a changing table – in the back classroom.

Metropolitan Borys has granted permission for Subdeacon Kyle and Subdeacon David to serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in our parish to assist our priests with the distribution of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

**Beware of “phishing” scams!** Recently, a phishing email purporting to be from Fr Mykola was sent to several parishioners. If you receive a suspicious email, please review the actual email address of the sender. If it is fraudulent, mark it as spam in your email client, and please do not send any funds, gift cards, or personal information.

**ADULT CATECHESIS** – On Wed, **January 28**, after the 6pm Divine Liturgy, Subdeacon David will offer a refresher of the *ABCs of Ukrainian Catholic Worship*. Are you **Anxious about the Anthology? Baffled by the Byzantine rites? Confounded by its**

*complexity?* We’ll review how to sing and remember the eight tones, how to follow the Divine Liturgy in our worship books, and where to find resources to help our participation in our liturgies and services. All are invited. Two weeks later, on **February 11**, we’ll have a similar review of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts as we prepare for our Lenten services. The Great Fast begins Mon, Feb 16.

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.

Saints **Athanasius** and **Cyril** were Archbishops of Alexandria. These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ’s Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics.

Saint Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (*homoousios*) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed. This radiant beacon of orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his see, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, then reposed in 373. He is also commemorated on May 2.

St Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle’s position in 412 but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his see, however. St Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine. St Cyril departed to the Lord in the year 444 and is also commemorated on June 9.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Fr Mark Fesniak, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahon, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Phillip Rexrode, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com.*

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7); Sunday of Zacchaeus;  
✠ Holy Fathers Athanasius the Great & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria

**Troparion, Tone 7 (p. 535).** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 7 (p. 354).** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.\* Hades is bound.\* The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:\* “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Theotokion, Tone 7 (p. 355).** O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you,\* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin,\* for you have saved those subject to sin\* by giving birth to our Salvation,\* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth,\* and still a Virgin after childbirth.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 7 (p. 356).** The Lord will give strength to His people;\* the Lord will bless His people with peace. *verse:* Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. (Ps 28:11,1)

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

Timothy my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that

is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

**Alleluia, Tone 7 (p. 356).**

*verse:* It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

*verse:* To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. (Ps 91:2,3)

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

At that time Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

**Communion Verse.** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.