

Christ is Baptized!
Христос крестается!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

In the Jordan!
в Иордане!

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14 January 2018 / 7526 32nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of Zacchaeus. Leave-taking of Theophany.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Jan. 13 17:00 Vigil: 32nd Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages *pro populo*
Sun. Jan. 14 10:30 32nd Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for +Kathleen Saffian
– Marge Hulyk
Sat. Jan. 20 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Suffrages for
+Robert Hulyk – wife Margaret
Sun. Jan. 21 10:30 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Suffrages *pro populo*

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		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHER
Sat.	Jan. 13	-----	M. Harhai	Any two present
Sun.	Jan. 14	E.R.A. Hess	G. Krynicky	R. Knouse, A. Syphan
Sat.	Jan. 20	-----	J. Krynicky	Any two present
Sun.	Jan. 21	M. Syphan	A. Prizzi	D. Hess, G. Krynicky

01 / 07 / 2018 Adults \$2475 Children \$6 Candles \$116
COLLECTION Christmas: \$85 Theophany: \$222 Initial Offering \$85
TOTAL: \$3109 Special Offering: \$120

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THE SINFULNESS OF ZACCHAEUS. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: Zacchaeus was leader of the tax collectors, a man entirely abandoned to greed, whose only goal was the increase of his gains. This was the practice of the tax collectors, although Paul calls it idolatry, possibly as being suitable only for those who have no knowledge of God. Since they shamelessly, openly professed this vice, the Lord very justly joined them with the prostitutes, saying to the leaders of the Jews: *The prostitutes and the tax collectors go before you into the kingdom of God.* Zacchaeus did not continue to be among them, but he was counted worthy of mercy at Christ's hands. He calls near those who are far away and gives light to those who are in darkness. COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 127

«Zacchæus desired the 'right thing': he wanted to see and approach Christ. He is the first symbol of repentance, for repentance begins as the rediscovery of the deep nature of all desire: the desire for God and His righteousness, for the true life. Zacchæus is 'short' – petty, sinful and limited – yet his desire overcomes all this. It 'forces' Christ attention; it brings Christ to his home. Such, then, is the first announcement, the first invitation [of the Great Fast]: ours is to *desire* that which is deepest and truest in ourselves, to acknowledge the thirst and hunger for the Absolute which is in us whether we know it or not, and which, when we deviate from it and turn our desires away, makes us indeed a 'useless passion.' And if we desire deeply enough, strongly enough, Christ will respond.»

from *Great Lent, Journey to Pascha* Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Next Sunday’s Readings ~ Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10 – 15 *Defense against Apostasy: Loyalty to Tradition*

GOSPEL: Luke: 18:10 – 14 *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- The **2018 Vocation Icon** sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Reserve the icon for a week and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic life.
- **ECF CLASSES** begin next **Sunday, 21 January**.
- **2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available in the Narthex. Please note that, per IRS regulations, statements reflect contributions received before midnight 31 December 2017.
- *Theosis* subscription renewal time! Please indicate on the sheet located in the Narthex if you wish to renew your subscription. If you would like to be a new subscriber to this excellent publication of our Church, add your name to the same list of past subscribers. A reduced cost of \$60 is possible with 10 or more subscriptions. If less than 10, the price is \$72. Make check payable to **EASTERN CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS**.
- Congratulations to Helen DeFlorio who won the parish lottery ticket drawn on 31 December 2017 from the PA Lottery 1st Evening Drawing Pick 3, #107. Ron DeFlorio was the ticket seller.
- **FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY** is 3 February. The **GREAT FAST** begins with Forgiveness Vespers, 11 February. After the Sunday Divine Liturgy we will have our traditional **Meager Meal** in the church basement followed by Forgiveness Vespers in the nave. **Clean Monday**, the 12th, is a day of Strict Fast. The Presanctified Liturgy will be served on Monday and Wednesday during Clean Week at 18:30.
- The **7 BRANCH CANDELABRUM** that rests on the Holy Table is being cleaned and polished and straightened. It will take about a month for the work to be completed.
- In the event of **SEVERE WEATHER** always check the message machine at the parish office regarding the possible cancelation of services: 724-423-3673.