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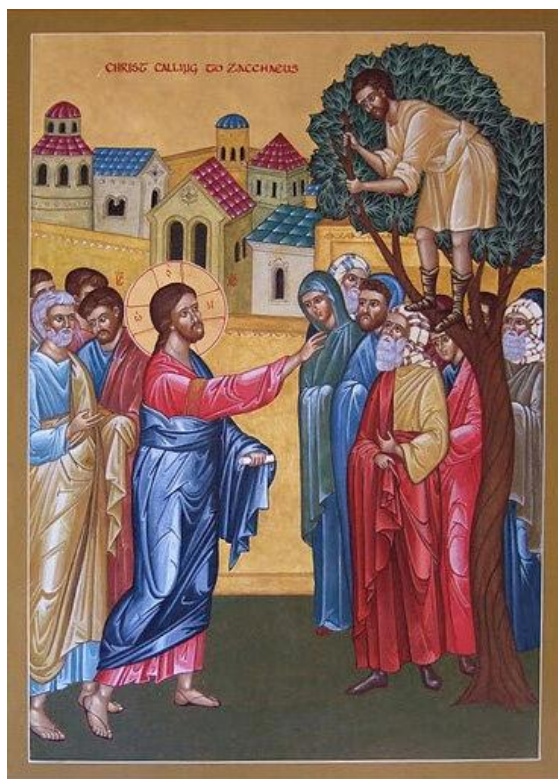
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## 14 JANUARY 2024 / 7532 SUNDAY OF ZACCHÆUS

*Leave-taking of Theophany. Commemoration of the Passing of the holy  
Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Jan. 13 17:00 VIGIL: **SUNDAY OF ZACCHÆUS.** *Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Jan. 14 10:30 **SUNDAY OF ZACCHÆUS** *Suffrages for +William  
Grzywinski – Joseph & Joyce Regalla*

Sat. Jan. 20 17:00 VIGIL: **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE  
PHARISEE.** *Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Jan. 21 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE.**  
*Suffrages for +William Grzywinski – Joseph and Agnes Regalla*

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<b>01 / 07 / 2024</b>	Adults: \$1261	Candles: \$59	Holy Days: \$305	Fuel: \$25	
<b>COLLECTION</b>	Initial Off.: \$58	<b>TOTAL: \$1708</b>			
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The name **ZACCHÆUS**, a contraction of the name Zachariah, is based on the Hebrew word for *pure, clean; upright, righteous.*

«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.»

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

**KONTAKION:** Today Jesus sees the tax-collector in the sycamore tree. Today the Son of Man saves the repentant son of Abraham. Today the Lord baptized in the Jordan seeks and saves what was lost.. Rejoice, O City of Jericho, you beheld the entrance of Joshua but now receive the Lord Jesus Who takes away the sin of the world. Rejoice, O Zacchæus, for salvation has come to your house.



### ***The holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians***

The Christian Church in Georgia (located in Eastern Europe and West Asia) can trace her roots back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The Gospel was brought to this remote region by a slave girl whom we reverently refer to now as St. Nina, Equal-to-the-Apostles! Nina's early life is a mystery to us. We do know, however, that at a young age, she was captured in battle and bound over to slavery in Georgia. It was difficult being a Christian among these pagans who worshiped the god Amazi. Still, Nina prayed constantly for the conversion of her captors.



It is said that the Lord blessed Nina with healing powers, and word of this spread to the queen, who had been crippled for years. The royal servants sought out Nina and brought the queen to her and Nina was able to make her whole again. Returning to King Mirian, the queen embraced Christianity and sought to convince her husband to do the same. Although skeptical of this «new religion» at first, King Mirian, after miraculously being delivered from being lost in a fog-shrouded forest, became a follower of Christ also. The king immediately embarked on a mission to build churches throughout his kingdom. Nina, in turn, tirelessly traveled to all parts of this rugged land, carrying Christ's message to all who would listen.



**THE HOLY AND GREAT FAST:** Because Pascha – the Passover of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ – is very early this year, 31 March, there are some atypical liturgical observances that occur:

- There are only three **All Souls Saturdays** this year. The Polyeleos feasts of the First and Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist (Feb. 24) and the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (Mar. 9) replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturdays. **THE FIRST «ALL SOULS SATURDAY» IS FEBRUARY 3, 2024.**
- **Great and Holy Monday** falls on the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation (Mar. 25). The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will be served that Monday evening.



## ~ Announcements ~

- **ETERNAL MEMORY!** Kindly remember in your prayers John Regalla who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from the Church this past Tuesday. The parish extends its deepest condolences to his wife Norma, their son Richard and his family, to Joseph and Andrew Regalla and their families and to all their relatives and friends. *In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to your departed servant John and remember him forever! Бѣчнаа памать!*
- The first bingo of the new year will be on **FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2024.**
- **THANK YOU** to Shirley Rusinko who gave the parish a generous donation in honor of David Rusinko. «*May God grant to His servants Shirley and David peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*»