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# FEBRUARY 2, 2020 ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY

Epistle Reading 1Tmothy 4:9-15 Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

**Troparion for Zacchaeus Sunday:** Thou didst treasure the wealth of salvation and hate unjust gains, O blessed Zacchaeus. When the Saviour came to thy house, thou didst bring forth the fruits of repentance: the righting of wrongs, protection of the poor, and a new, God-pleasing life.

# Thank You for a Beautiful Saint Sava Patron Saint Day Celebration

Last Sunday's Saint Sava Slava was a joyous commemoration of our beloved saint of Serbia. Thank you to Fr. John, the Choir and Altar Servers, our Youth for their presentation of the poem on the life of St. Sava, and to our Sisterhood for the beautiful banquet, Thank you also to the Slava Kumovi, Chris and Dominique Little, Isabela and Javier, and to all who generously donated to the church.

God bless everyone who donated refreshments for today's Coffee Hour.

#### SOUPer Bowl Sunday - Today

Cheers for our annual SOUPer Bowl today! Thank you for all the donated food and monetary gifts for the homeless and working-poor families. The delivery will go to the Food Bank at United Community in Alexandria, VA.

#### House Blessings during the Theophany Season

Fr. John invites us to schedule our Home Blessings with him before Lent begins on March 2. An OCA Parish Ministry Resources article on "Communal House Blessings" tells of an enjoyable way for parishioners to join together for blessings. https://www.oca.org/parish-ministry/parishdevelopment/communal-house-blessings

#### Welcome to Our Guests

If you are joining us for the first time, we offer you our warm welcome. Please sign the guestbook at the entrance and pick up a Welcome folder. Join us after Liturgy for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

#### St. Luke Church Expansion Project

At Vespers this past Wednesday, the parish hall was rearranged into a potential design for the future church sanctuary. The participation in prayer and discussion of those who attended is greatly appreciated. May God bless our efforts.

#### St. Tikhon's Monastery "Orthodox Christian Prayers"

A new shipment of the beautiful prayer books is now available at the Gift Shop.

# Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 5 - 7-8:30PM

Wednesday Vespers begins at 7PM. Afterwards Fr. John will lead a study on the book, "The Holy Fire" by Robert Payne on the Church Fathers of early centuries.

## Addiction and Substance Abuse Support Group

A group of caring and concerned individuals at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church formed an addiction and substance abuse support group and named it the Fellowship of Saint Ephraim of Nea Makri. They invite interested Orthodox Christians to meet with them on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in Chelpon Hall at 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd. Falls Church, VA 22041. Info: FrNikolas@schgocdc.org.

#### Pan-Orthodox Singles' Whitetail Ski Weekend - Friday-Sunday, February 14-17

Two large condos are reserved for Pan-O Singles interested in skiing and/or fellowship. RSVP to Diana Haverlack at dianahav@earthlink.net or 703-593-2176 for one day or the weekend (\$60/day). See the bulletin board for payment info.

### Facing Forward: An Ancient Faith Conference for the Second Half of Life

The Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA is the site of a conference for older adults on May 28-30. Topics include: relationships with adult children, caregiving for aging parents, purposeful life in retirement, and risk management. For information and registration, go to: https://store.ancientfaith.com/facing-forward-2020/

#### God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Tammy Tsuchida on her birthday today and grant her many years!