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JANUARY 29, 2023
ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel Reading
Luke 19:1-10

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)
You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Kontakion (Resurrection)
By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion (St. Luke)
Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

Zacchaeus Sunday, the Lenten Spring and Pascha

Zacchaeus Sunday is the first sign of the approach of the Lenten Spring as it comes five Sundays before the beginning of Great Lent (February 27). Today's Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector telling how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man and how his life was greatly changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19.3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement for us through Lent towards Pascha. "When the Saviour came to your house, you did bring forth the fruits of repentance: the righting of wrongs, protection of the poor, and a new, God-pleasing life." (excerpt from Zacchaeus Troparion) Pascha this year is on April 16.

Memory Eternal + Večnaja pamjat +

We pray for Dan Novak and Vera Jovancevic on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Marih Center Collection - Thank You

Many thanks from the Faith in Action Team for last Sunday's donations to the Marih Pregnancy Care Center in Alexandria, VA. All the diapers and infant items were delivered with \$720 in checks, plus your online gifts. The Marih staff extends their gratitude on behalf of the mothers, fathers and babies in need of our help.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 1 – 7PM on Zoom

Everyone is invited to join in this week's teaching and discussion on the Gospel of Luke, chapter 23 – Christ's crucifixion. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his notes.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, February 4, 9–11AM

All men are invited to St. Luke's monthly Prayer Breakfast this Saturday at 9AM. Come for coffee and conversation on faith matters and events of the day.

Family Workshop – Saturday, February 4 - 9:30AM-1PM at St. Katherine's

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA, will offer a family workshop in the Chelpon Hall on Saturday led by Fr. Alexander Goussetis, director of the Center for Family Care. Topics: "Speaking the Truth in Love: Improving Family Communication" and "Generation to Generation: Sharing the Orthodox Faith with our Children and Grandchildren". Lunch included. Info: Irene Sakkas irenesakkas@gmail.com.

First-Saturday-of-the-Month Great Vespers – February 4 - 5PM at St. Luke's

Saint Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, February 5

- Next Sunday, we will resume the annual celebration of our Saint Sava Slava. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava Prayers with Olin and Mimi Bidy and their daughters Nicole and Annika as the honored Kumovi for the day.
- Our Sisterhood will prepare a luncheon buffet. Volunteers are needed to help with food preparations and decorating on Saturday and Sunday. See JoAnne de la Riva to sign up. Donations of desserts for Sunday are requested.

SOUP-er Bowl of Caring ~ Food Collection for the Needy on Sunday, February 12

Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

This is the time of year for renewal of Orthodox Christians through the blessing of their homes by their parish priest. Talk with Fr. John to schedule a time for his visit, if possible before Great Lent begins on February 27.