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Sunday February 10, 2019 37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Sunday of Zacchaeus. St. Ioannikios, Father Confessor of the Dormition Holy Mountain Hermitage. Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and Martyrs Porphyrius, Baptus and three women Martyrs (202). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Novgorod, buried in the Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom (Sophia) in Novgorod: Joachim (1030), Luke (1058), Theodore (1077), Herman (1096), Arkádii (Arcadius) – (1163), John (1185), Gabriel (1193), Martyrii (1199), Anthony (1231)

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 2/13 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 2/14 Study Group 10 :00 a.m.

Saturday 2/16 Great Vesper 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/17 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

| <u><i>DATE</i></u> | <u><i>3RD HOUR</i></u> | <u><i>6TH HOUR</i></u> | <u><i>EPISTLE</i></u> |
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| Feb-10 | WALES | WALES | WALES |
| Feb-17 | SULPIZI | PECK | PECK |
| Feb-24 | RILEY | RILEY | RILEY |
| Mar-3 | SOUDER | PECK | PECK |

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4 Troparion *(Hieromartyr Haralambos)*

You became a firm pillar in the Church of Christ, wise Haralambos;
a lamp of everlasting light to the world:
well known to the world through your martyrdom,
you dispelled the dark night of idolatry.//
Boldly intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their
chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Hieromartyr Haralambos)*

You rose from the East like a star, Hieromartyr Haralambos,
and enlightened the faithful with the brightness of your miracles.//
Therefore we honor your holy contest.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them
all. *(Ps 103/104:24)*

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps
103/104:1)*

Epistle 1 Timothy 4:9-15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Parish Council Meeting Our parish council will meet today during the coffee hour. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

Memorial Service Next Saturday prior to Vespers at 4:00 p.m. we will offer a memorial for Mark Gundersen on the anniversary of his falling asleep. All are welcome to join us

Study Group This past week nine of us continued our reading and discussing the Beatitudes. Our study group will continue this Thursday at 10 a.m. We will continue with the 5th chapter of St. Matthew.

Women's Book Study Our Women's Book Study will continue on Tuesday evenings for the next 5 weeks. We will continue reading "Touch and the Healing of the World", by Daniel B. Hinshaw. We hope you can join us Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Dome Renovation Our dome renovation project got underway this past week. Lindsay Construction also removed the old siding and began to put up the new, along with the replacement of both windows on the north side of the church. We look forward to their continued work. Please be patient with us during the construction.

Mission Service March 17 St. Michaels will be hosting a Lenten Mission Service (Orthodoxy Sunday) on Sunday March 17 at 4:00 p.m. We are asking for volunteers to help organize and put the meal together. We will need everyone's help as we will be hosting The Philadelphia Clergy Brotherhood as well as the faithful from our surrounding area. Please email Alice Morjana at namorjana@aol.com or see Alice to let her know you can help.

Lenten retreat March 22-23 St. Michaels will be hosting a Lenten retreat with guest speaker and author Dr. Philip Mamalakis. We would like to invite the surrounding churches to share in this retreat therefore we need

volunteers to help organize this two-day event for Friday evening and Saturday March 22nd & 23rd. There will be more details to follow on Dr Mamalakis' agenda. Please see Jeff Kendall or Alice Morjana to volunteer.

Parish Giving We continue to progress to the diocesan proportional giving of 10% of our operating budget to the National and Diocesan Church. The yearly National and Diocesan Assessments are determined based on the parish approved budgets. As a result of the approved 2019 parish budget for St. Michael's and moving to a level 4 Tithing, the annual assessment for each adult over 18 will be \$189 per year. This can be paid at one time or easier quarterly payments of \$47.25. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to use them as a reminder. Thank you for your continued support.

A Man with a Mustard Seed

We read in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus told His disciples: "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you"(17: 6). Most of us, reading this passage, see it as a striking image. Perhaps



when we were church school students we were given mustard seeds as an encouraging reminder that even a little faith can eventually achieve wonderful things. But how many of us really believe that our faith could bring about big changes, especially against great odds? Do we have faith at least as substantial as a mustard seed?

One man who did have that faith is Saint Nicholas (or Nicolai) of Japan, who worked to foster Orthodox Christianity in that country. He was born Ivan Kasatkin in 1836 in Smolensk, Russia. A bright student, he won a scholarship to the St. Petersburg Theological Academy and began his studies there in 1856.

Four years later, an announcement was posted on the Academy's notice board: Graduates were invited to apply for the position of chief priest at the Russian Embassy Church in Japan. Ivan Kasatkin, reading the announcement, felt deeply drawn to the idea of going to Japan. He

hurried to complete his application, and was soon given the good news that he had won the position. In June of that year, 1860, he was tonsured a monk and given the name Nicholas. He spent the following winter making the long voyage to his new country.

Nicholas knew what he would face when he arrived. He was a missionary in a land where Christianity was prohibited. There was widespread persecution of its adherents; Japanese called it a "vicious" religion. The Bible and numerous other needed books had not yet been translated.

He began slowly, spending years talking to people in the streets, in order to absorb Japanese culture and language and to show that he respected both. His first convert, a samurai and son of a Shinto priest, helped him bring others to the faith, but he was not looking for large numbers.

Having seen the Japanese people's high regard for the written word, he sought out Christian spiritual works to translate, while continuing to meet and talk with people.

Over time the number of converts to the Orthodox faith in Japan grew and Fr. Nicholas was eventually consecrated Bishop of Tokyo. Parishes and schools were established, and a number of Japanese men were educated and ordained as clergy for the Mission.

The Russo-Japanese War (1904-5) was a time of danger and uncertainty for Nicholas, as the most visible Russian in Japan. But he declined special protection, and quietly went on with his work of translation and visits to his parishes, by then numbering over 200. He would live for another 11 years, carrying on with his work energetically despite illness and the many demands placed on him.

When we wonder how much our faith can really do, Nicholas' life is a memorable example. Even if we never have as much faith as he had, a mustard seed grain's worth can grow into something beautiful to glorify God.

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"We often forget that we're merely visitors passing through this life and should therefore live in ceaseless prayer, because prayer is the breath of our soul. Prayer attracts energy from the source of life, the Lord, Who guards, preserves and nourishes all living things."

- Elder Tadej (Thaddeus) of Vitovnica (1914-2003)

"The true aim of prayer is to enter into conversation with God. IT is not restricted to certain hours of the day. A Christian has to feel himself personally in the presence of God. The goal of prayer is precisely to be with God always."

- Fr. Georges Florovsky (1893-1979) via Timothy Ware's "The Orthodox Church"

"Riches, then, which benefit also our neighbors, are not to be thrown away. For they are possessions, inasmuch as they are possessed, and goods, inasmuch as they are useful and provided by God for the use of men; and they lie to our hand, and are put under our power, as material and instruments which are for good use to those who know the instrument. If you use it skillfully, it is skillful; if you are deficient in skill, it is affected by your want of skill, being itself destitute of blame. Such an instrument is wealth. Are you able to make a right use of it? It is subservient to righteousness. Does one make a wrong use of it? It is, on the other hand, a minister of wrong. For its nature is to be subservient, not to rule. That then which of itself has neither good nor evil, being blameless, ought not to be blamed; but that which has the power of using it well and ill, by reason of its possessing voluntary choice. And this is the mind and judgment of man, which has freedom in itself and self-determination in the treatment of what is assigned to it. So let no man destroy wealth, rather than the passions of the soul, which are incompatible with the better use of wealth. So that, becoming virtuous and good, he may be able to make a good use of these riches. The renunciation, then, and selling of all possessions, is to be understood as spoken of the passions of the soul."

- St. Clement of Alexandria (150-215 AD), On the Salvation of the Rich Man

Prayers for the Departed: Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber. Frederick Salay

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Patrica, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Michael Sinovich, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides,

Prayers for Catechumen: Robert Jaquette

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Ruth Kendall, Bisrat Gabriel

| Date | <u>Coffee Hour</u> | <u>Service Duty</u> | <u>Church Cleaner</u> | <u>Library</u> |
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| 10-Feb | Bacuta/Fravel | Riley/Riley | Baldychev/Shatley/ | Farrell |
| 17-Feb | Pacienza/George/Grishin | Sulpizi/Finck | Suplizi | Skomorucha |
| 24-Feb | J. Peck/Weins | Hojnicky/Souder | Riley | Maloney |
| 3-Mar | Hojnicky/Flynn/Roberts | Telep/Baldychev | Bunitsky/Finck | Gundersen |
| 10-Mar | Gerissimakis/Bunitsky | Bunitsky/Morjana | Farrell | Farrell |