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*Sunday February 2, 2020 33rd SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 8. The Meeting of our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple .
Sunday of Zacchaeus.*

This Week's Schedule

Thursday 2/6 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Friday 2/7 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 2/8 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

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

Followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Feb-2	SULPIZI	SKOMORUCHA	WALES
Feb-9	BUNITSKY	DORAZIO	CAREY
Feb-16	J PECK	PECK	PECK
Feb-23	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 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!

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//
Who grants us the Resurrection!

Tone 8 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!

Tone 1 Kontakion

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,
O only Lover of Man!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior. (*Lk 1:46-47*)

Epistle Hebrews 7:7-17 (Feast)

Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron

For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

1 Timothy 4:9-19

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 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v : Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v : Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 8

v: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word! (Lk 2:29)

Gospel Luke 2:22-40 (Feast)

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”),

and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.

So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Tone 3

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,
let us, the faithful, discern a figure:
every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God.
Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of a Father Who
has no beginning, //
the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple The feast of the Presentation or Meeting of the Lord in the Temple takes place forty days following the Nativity of Jesus (Feb. 2). The feast celebrates Christ's fulfillment of the Law of Moses calling for all the first born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, be consecrated to God. At this time, we also see His mother Mary undergo the ritual purification offering the sacrifices prescribed in the Law. In the feast Christ's encounters, the Elder Simeon who had long awaited His coming, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, leads the Messiah into the Temple. This year the feast also falls on Zacchaeus Sunday. In honor of the feast we will offer the blessing of candles at the end of liturgy today.

Study Group Our Study group will resume this week reading and discussing chapter 9 of the gospel of St. Matthew. We will continue this Thursday Jan. 30th at 10 :00 a.m. All are welcome!

Parish Council Meeting Just a reminder that our parish council meeting will be held next Sunday Feb. 9th during the coffee hour. Council members who are unable to attend please see Jeff Kendall.

House Blessings House blessings are available. Please see Mat. Daria or Fr. Barnabas at coffee hour for scheduling. Also, a reminder if anyone needs Holy Water, it is available upon request at any time throughout the year.

Fund raiser for Father John Zabinko St. Michael's parish son, Archpriest John Zabinko, suffered a devastating stroke nearly 2 years ago. He continues to be wheelchair bound and transportation is a challenge. As a result, he has not been able to get out very often or get to church. A Go Fund Me has been established asking for donations to help cover the cost of a "new" used handicap vehicle that has a ramp. A new Handicap vehicle is over \$50,000 and a used is half that. Donations can be made online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fund-raiser-for-father-john-zabinko>

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"When you are invited somewhere, do not sit in the highest place. In general, always and everywhere, seek the lowest place....Take this rule, sit down and examine all possible cases in your life, and in advance choose the lower place in each of them. This will be a practice of humility, which will gradually move from external deeds to inner ones, and will form a sediment of humility there as a foundation....Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted (Luke 14:11). However, while practicing humility do not have this as your intention, but rather humility itself. In and of itself it brings a blessed good disposition to the soul...Just as a wave which meets no impediment rolls across the boundless sea without noise or crashing, so outer and inner sorrows do not strike a humble soul, but rush by, as it were, on the surface, without leaving a trace."

- St. Theophan the Recluse (1815-1894), Thoughts for Each Day of the Year

"Do not despise the fish because they are absolutely unable to speak or to reason, but fear lest you may be even more unreasonable than they by resisting the command of the Creator. Listen to the fish, who through their actions all but utter this word: 'We set out on this long journey for the perpetuation of our species.'"

"Among irrational animals the love of the offspring and of the parents for each other is extraordinary because God, who created them, compensated for the deficiency of reason by the superiority of their senses."

-- St. Basil the Great (On animals)

Prayers for the Departed: Fr. John Kuchta, Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, David Rex, Lubov Baldytchev

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, , Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest

Prayers for Catechmens Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones

Date	Coffee Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaner
2-Feb	Shatley/Hines	Sulpizi	Riley
9-Feb	J. Peck/Mackenzie	Hojnicky/Najemy	Bunitsky/Finck
16-Feb	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Telep/Baldychev	Farrell
23-Feb	C. Peck/Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Bunitsky/Morjana	Clause/Whalen

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

- Great Fast Begins.....March 2
- Holy Pascha..... April 19
- Ascension.....May 28
- Pentecost.....June 7