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Sunday February 14, 2021 36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. **Sunday of Zacchaeus.** Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470). Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869). Ven. Isaac, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – ca. 1190). The Twelve Greeks who built the Dormition Cathedral in the Lavra of the Kiev Caves (11th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Thursday 2/18 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 2/20 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/21 *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6th Hour</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Feb-14	DORAZIO	PECK	PECK
Feb-21	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Feb-28	SCHOMORUCHA	PECK	LEWIS
Mar-7	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Ven. Auxentius)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,
you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Auxentius.
You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave you strength!
Glory to Him Who granted you a ^crown!//
Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Ven. Auxentius)*

You delighted in abstinence,
restraining the desires of the flesh.
Divinely wise and holy Father Auxentius,
you were revealed to be shining with faith,//
blossoming like a plant in the midst of Paradise.

Tone 3**Prokeimenon** (*Resurrection*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

(Ps. 46:6)

V. *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

(Ps. 46:1)

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 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)*

V. *Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)*

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 Hymn

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

This Week's Announcements

All Parish Meeting We will hold an All Parish Meeting today, February 14, 2021 following the Divine Liturgy. The purpose of the meeting is to address the need to replace one of our heat pumps. The Parish Council will present the need and costs for your approval at the meeting. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Study Group This coming week we will begin 19 of St. Matthew. Our study group will meet on Zoom. All are welcome to join us.

Sacraments for Those Staying Home Recognizing the need for many to quarantine due to the deadliness of the pandemic, Fr. Barnabas is available to meet individually on Wednesdays and Fridays to offer Confession and Communion for those still at home. Fr. Barnabas is also willing to meet in other creative ways, like on your porch, to assure

everyone remains connected. Please email or call the office to set up a time for the Sacraments.

Great Lent to Begin Our Lenten journey will begin with Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, March 15th following Liturgy. All should make a sincere effort to begin the Lenten season with this service and the “Mutual Rite of Forgiveness”. On Forgiveness Sunday, we sing of Adam’s exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity, and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord’s teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Mt 6.14–18).”

Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship: Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

The Day of the Lord

The Prophet Joel prophesies that the Day of the Lord, which is soon to come, will be "a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!" But in the opening verses of his prophesy he urges repentance and reassures the people: "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing" (Joel 2: 12-13a).

Joel writes that for those who show by repentance that they want to be with the Lord, there are incredible gifts in store. The Day of the Lord which he has described so darkly will also be, for those who love God, a day when "the mountains shall drip sweet wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the stream beds of Judah shall flow with water" (Joel:3: 18).

On February 18 the Church commemorates Saint Leo, Pope of Rome, who was born in the fourth century in Tuscany, Italy. He became Pope in a time when the faith was challenged internally by false teachings about

the two natures of Christ, and from the outside by invaders from other lands. Saint Leo knew the Church would be tested from within and without. He had a wonderful gift of being able to negotiate between two opposing parties. When Northern Italy was overrun by the Huns, he was called on by the emperor himself to meet with Attila, the Huns' famous warrior leader. With no weapons, and certainly no army, he managed to convince Attila not to devastate Rome. Attila's servants later said that their master had agreed because he had seen the figure of a priest mysteriously appear above Leo's head as the two men met.

Two years later, in 455, the Vandals and their leader Gunderic did loot Rome, pillaging homes and taking many of its citizens as slaves. Leo wasn't able to stop the destruction that time, but he urged the people not to lose hope or faith.

Despite the outward turbulence of his years as Pope, Saint Leo was not distracted from the task of articulating the faith correctly. He insisted that the two natures of Christ must always be clearly expressed as truth. His words are still used by the Church: "One and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only begotten, known in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation..."

Saint Leo knew that the repentance Joel wrote about meant maintaining faith in God even when devastated by foreign invaders. But he knew that it also meant continuing to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ's two unbreakably united natures. Only by believing in God even when facing physical suffering, while also honoring Him as "one and the same Christ...known in two natures..." can we be worthy of the Day of the Lord.

Troparian - Tone 3

*You were the Church's instrument in strengthening
the teaching of true doctrine;*

*you shone forth from the West like a sun dispelling the errors
of the heretics.*

*Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God
to grant us His great mercy.*

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“If it is not easy to find anyone conforming to God’s will who has not been put to the test, we ought to thank God for everything that happens to us.”

St. Mark the Ascetic

“These holy men achieved such things because they had resolved to live for the soul alone, turning away from the body and its wants.”

St. Neilos the Ascetic

“Turn your mind towards Him continually. Learn to love prayer, familiar converse with the Lord. What counts above all is love, passionate love for the Lord, for Christ the Bridegroom. Become worthy of Christ’s love. In order not to live in darkness, turn on the switch of prayers so that divine light may flood your soul. Christ will appear in the depths of your being. There, in the deepest and most inward part, is the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is within you.”

St. Porphyrios

“Those who hope in the Lord don’t set their hope on money or the amount of power they have, but are content with the help that God will give them. They’re full of faith and love, they live in the courage of their clear conscience, they stand before the heavenly Father as His children and call for His kingdom to come on earth and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

- Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis

“Any place can be a place of Resurrection, as long as you live in Christ’s humility.”

- Abbess Gavrilia (1897-1992), a 20th century Greek Orthodox nun

Prayers for the Departed: Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep

Prayers for Catechmens Kristin Mackenzie,, Andrew Ashton

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
14-Feb	Riley/Riley	Peck
21-Feb	Sulpizi	Carey
28-Feb	Hojnicky/ Najemy	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest
7-Mar	Telep/Baldychev	Sulpizi

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

- Great Fast Begins.....March 15th**
- Holy Pascha..... May 2nd**
- Ascension.....June 10th**
- Pentecost.....June 20th**