

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



Icon of the Saints Athanasius and Cyril — January 18th

January 17, 2010
33rd Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of Zacchaeus

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18 – JANUARY 24

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

LESIA LOZNYCKY; BILL & DARLENE LOZNYCKY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 – SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Remember in your prayers



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Kimberly Hartman, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Gregorio Ortiz Peña, Sophia Skop and Sonya Villa Señor. *Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.*

“The Future Of Our Church Begins Today”

We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.

House Blessings



It is the custom among many Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. James.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. *Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.*



50th Anniversary Celebration

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our Parish's 50th anniversary. There is lots of work to be done in the way of planning, sending out of invitations and various other tasks.

Storage unit

We need help to empty out the storage unit behind the Business Center since the City of La Mesa requires that we remove it from the property. We will be donating the unit to Fr. Joe's Village. We will have a work session next Saturday, January 23rd at 11:30 AM to clear out the unit.

ATTITUDES THAT ENABLE THE CHURCH TO GROW

"Church growth involves spiritual as well as numerical growth."

"Orthodox Christianity is the faith for all mankind."

"As a steward, I must wisely manage the gifts God has given me and use them for the building up of the Church."

"I am called to work with Christ in reaching others."

"I want my parish to serve as the means by which others are brought to Christ and His Church."

"I must share God's love with others by sharing my faith with them."

"Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's life and experience."

"I am committed to Christ and His Church because I am convinced that he is truly the God and Savior of all."

"The Church is an organism made up of those who base their lives on Christ."

"I must help to make the Church more visible and to invite others to services and activities."

"Church growth begins with me."



... AND ATTITUDES THAT DON'T

"God is not concerned with how many members the Church has. All He cares about is quality."

"Orthodoxy is just for 'our' people, not for everyone."

"Stewardship is just another gimmick to get more money out of the parishioners."

"God does not need me to make the Church grow."

"My parish exists to serve the needs of 'our people' and to preserve our heritage and culture."

"Religion is a private matter which I never discuss because I might offend someone else."

"Evangelization is a non-Orthodox concept."

"Sure I'm committed to the Church. After all, I pay dues!"

"The Church is an organization made up of voting members."

"If outsiders are interested in the Orthodox Church, they will take the initiative to find one."

"Church growth is not my concern."

Food for thought: Does my attitude enable Church growth?

Святкуємо 50-років!

Celebrating 50 Years!

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Countdown to the Great Fast

The first announcement of Lent, the first reminder, comes through a short gospel story about an entirely unremarkable man, “small of stature,” whose occupation as a tax collector marked him, in that time and society, as greedy, cruel and dishonest. Zacchaeus wanted to see Christ; he wanted this so much that his desire attracted the attention of Jesus. Desire is the beginning of everything. As the gospel says, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Mt 6:21). Everything in our life begins with desire, since what we desire is also what we love, what draws us from within, what we surrender to.

This gospel story poses a question to each of us: what do you love, what do you desire – not superficially, but deeply? Stop for a moment, pay attention, enter your heart, listen to your own inner person, and you will find within yourself the very same strange and wonderful desire Zacchaeus encountered, which no human being can live without, yet which almost everyone fears and suppresses with the noise and vanity of everything external.

Desire. The soul taking a deep breath. Everything becomes – has already become – different, new, boundlessly meaningful. The little man, with his eyes to the ground focusing on earthly desires, now ceases to be little as his victory over himself begins. Here is the start, the first step from exterior to interior, toward that mysterious homeland which all human beings, unknown often to themselves, long for and desire.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann