

## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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### Sunday Bulletin, February 10, 2019

**37<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 4. SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS.  
HIEROMARTYR HARALAMBOS, BISHOP OF MAGNESIA IN THESSALY,  
AND MARTYRS PORPHYRIUS, BAPTUS AND THREE WOMEN MARTYRS.**

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#### **Service Schedule:**

Sunday, Feb 10: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)  
Tuesday, Feb 12: 7 AM Matins  
Wednesday, Feb 13: 7 AM Matins  
Thursday, Feb 14: 7 AM Matins  
Friday, Feb 15: 6 PM Parastas (9<sup>th</sup> day) for Jean Wasko  
Saturday, Feb 16: 5 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, Feb 17: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

#### **Remember in Your Prayers...**

**Health / General:** Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Steve Pregrim, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Matushka Mary Lynn, Lillian Kite & Paulette Ezbiansky.

Memory Eternal: Jean Wasko.

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#### **Offerings:**

**Vigil Lights: In Memory of:** Mary Marko by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Mary Adamchik by Helen & Tammy Wytovich.

**Vigil Lights: For the Health of:** Charles Whitney by Margaret Pregmon.

**Building Fund: For the Health of:** James Thomas Coyne by Dr. & Mrs. James Batton.

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**Announcements:**(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry:** The food pantry will be open Saturday, (2/16) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Taylor Library, Kris Mitchell, JOA Transit & Sandra Wroblewski.**

**Funeral Arrangements:** The viewing for Jean Wasko will be today from 2 - 5 PM at Semian Funeral Home. The Parastas will be at 4:30 PM. The funeral service will be tomorrow (Monday, 2/11) at our Church at 10 AM. May Jean's memory be eternal.

**House Blessings:** Fr. Peter finished blessing the homes this past week. If anyone still needs to have their home blessed, contact Fr. Peter to set up a time.

**Thank you to Mike Peregrim Jr. for cleaning and polishing the four large candle stands in front of the ambo.**

**2018 Financial Statements:** Please take your financial statement which is located in the Narthex by the candle stand. Thank you to Danny Jones, Pat Jones and Emily Krenitsky for assembling this information.

**Special Parish Meeting:** Changed to next Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy. Please see the listing of the two recommendations for by-law changes that the council is recommending to the parish.

## **Lenten Mission Services will start at 4 PM:**

March	17	Sunday of Orthodoxy	Holy Resurrection Cathedral	Wilkes-Barre
March	24	St. Gregory Palamas	Holy Trinity	Wilkes-Barre
March	31	Sunday of the Cross	All Saints	Olyphant
April	7	St. John Climacus	St. Nicholas	Olyphant
April	14	St. Mary of Egypt	Holy Trinity	Stroudsburg

## **Today's Holy Scripture Readings:**

### **1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)**

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

10 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.

11 These things command and teach.

12 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.

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

14 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.

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

### **Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)**

1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

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

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

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

5 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."

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

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

8 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."

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## **Sunday of Zacchaeus**

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature; therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth. St Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.