

# Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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33rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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## Liturgical and Events Schedule

### Sunday, January 29

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by Sunday school & Social

### Wednesday, February 1

7:00 PM: Vespers Liturgy for the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

### Saturday, February 4

9:00 AM: Community Luncheon  
No Great Vespers

## Today's Flowers

In Memory of friends Michele & Deborah

## Community Luncheon 9:00 AM - February 4

Come bake brownies for our college students and homebound parishioners.



## Sunday of Zacchaeus Commemorated on January 29

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



## Inreach/Outreach Men's Winter Clothing Drive

**Last Sunday!!**

Please bring any gently used clothing, shoes, boots, blankets or sleeping bags.

All donations greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

## INREACH/OUTREACH

**"Souper Bowl" Event has been rescheduled!**

**Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive to benefit Community Services.**

**COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 19 - 26**

February 19—Soup will be served at coffee hour !



Admission Ticket? One (or more) canned goods. Free will offerings are also welcome,

Featured soups on February 19

- ⇒ Ham 'n Bean
- ⇒ Cream of Cauliflower
- ⇒ Chili
- ⇒ Beef Borscht

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for after the Coffee Hour up in the Church. Every one is welcome to attend.

Come be an active participant in your Parish!

- Diana Bisinger

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## *Zacchaeus cont'd.*

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 and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: "Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy."

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.

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 29 - Marie Clifton

Feb 5 - Barb Hehre

Feb 12 - Pre-Lenten Lunch

Feb 19 - Souper Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

Feb 26 - Open (Cheesefare Sunday)

See sign up sheet on Social Hall bulletin board to volunteer.



It has come to our attention that AmazonSmile will be ending February 20, 2023.

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