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BULLETIN OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019

**2019 Blessing of Homes Season: January 7th thru February 28th
By Appointment**

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 10

Zacchaeus Sunday

St. Charalampus (+202)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; "Souper Bowl of Caring III"

12:00p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

MONDAY/FEBRUARY 11

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to

St. Alexis of Moscow (Feb. 12)

WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 13

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Study Class: *The Central Role
of Missions in our Orthodox Faith*

SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 16

9:30a.m. Akathist to our Lord; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 17

Publican & Pharisee Sunday

Beginning of Lenten Triodion Season

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class



The Sunday of Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10)

Zacchaeus was the chief tax-collector appointed by the Romans, hated by his own people — the Jews — because he collected money not only for the Empire, but also for himself. He was fabulously wealthy but friendless, and considered the most despicable of sinners. The Gospel tells us that Zacchaeus was very short — in fact, he "fell short" of God's image! — and had to scramble up into a tree to see the Lord as he passed by in the street. The Lord saw Zacchaeus in the tree, his dignity forgotten in his desire to see Him and repent of his evil, and called out to him by name, saying that He would come to Zacchaeus' house. The crowds murmured that He was disgracing Himself, socializing with sinners... but the Lord goes to those who need Him, like a Physician to the ill and dying!

Orthodox World Wide = 4% of Total Population
Orthodox in USA = 0.5 % of Total Population

Offerings Week of February 10

Relics candle: in honor of St. John of San Francisco; in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, Anastasia and Ivanna; for the health of Mark; in honor of the Holy Theotokos & St. Panteleimon
Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our Great Protectress.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Feb. 10, 1962 Fr. Michael Tidik
(rector 1922 – the priest who baptized
Archbishop Michael of NY)
Feb. 10, 1988 Ruth Michaelovsky
Feb. 10, 2001 Mary Spotts
Feb. 11, 1993 Josephine Hriniak
Feb. 11, 2007 John Jackowlew
Feb. 12, 1972 John Wislosky
Feb. 12, 1988 Xenia Fedarka
Feb. 13, 1929 Gregory Stepaniuk
Feb. 13, 1948 Christian Kozar
Feb. 13, 1957 Clement Mc Closkey
Feb. 13, 1970 Alexander Pawlik
Feb. 15, 1929 Moses Korenchik
Feb. 15, 1998 Helen Russo
Feb. 15, 1999 Zollie Pituch
Feb. 16, 1928 Athanasius Barna
Feb. 16, 1954 Abraham Yashuk
Feb. 17, 2003 Anna Peschek

Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb. 10 Sokol, Nasledysheva, Staina
& Sarchisian
Feb. 17 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda
& Sue

Counters Schedule

Feb. 10 Ciprian C. & Jill P.
Feb. 17 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

Feb. 10 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
Feb. 17 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Readers Schedule

Feb. 10 Cameron P. / Feb. 17 Ciprian C.

Scrip Fund-Raising Program

Is on-going. Speak with Pam Stone for cards: gas stations, restaurants, super-markets, department stores, etc. Lots of choices. Great for your own usage, or as gift cards.

Check On-Line Calendar on website

Feb. 13/20/27 Wed. Study Classes 7-8:30p.m.
Feb. 20 & 22 Fast Free Wed. & Fri.
Feb. 23/Sat. Memorial Saturday of Departed
Mar. 03/Sun. Meat-Fare Sunday (last day meat)
Mar. 10/Sun. Cheese-fare Sunday (last day dairy)
Mar. 10/Sun. Forgiveness Vespers 12:30p.m.
Mar. 11/Mon. Great Lent Begins
Mar. 17/Sun. Installation of New Parish Council
Mar. 21/Thurs. Parish Council Meeting 7:00p.m.
Apr. 21/Sun. Western Easter
Apr. 28/Sun. Holy Pascha (Orthodox Easter)
June 1-2 Sat/Sun. Archbishop Michael Visitation

The Blessing of Homes Season for 2019

The season is from Jan. 7th thru Feb. 28th. Homes are blessed by appointment with Fr. James.

Inclement Weather Changes to Calendar

If it is necessary to cancel or change something on the parish schedule, this will be indicated through 1) the Parish E-Mail; 2) Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Face Book; 3) and on the Parish Website – www.ssppoc.org

Holy Water Available All Year

The large Fount stored in the coatroom has blessed water for your usage all year. Bring a vessel and take the waters home.

Names Day Greetings

St. Charalampus/Feb. 10: Charles Dunaenko
St. Valentina/Feb. 10: Valentina Gorbunova;
Many Blessed Years!

For Consideration

- Do you know who your patron saint is?
- Do you know anything about your patron saints life?
- Do you know the date of your names day?
- Do you pray daily to your patron saint?

The Commandments of the Church
by St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)

Every Christian ought:

1. To go to church for public worship every Sunday, and on great holy days, besides the every-day private prayers;
2. To keep the fast periods and fast days as prescribed;
3. To respect the priests as spiritual fathers;
4. To confess sins with repentance before a priest.
5. To avoid association with unbelievers and to read no atheistic, vulgar books;
6. To pray for the living and for the dead.
7. To keep special fasts and prayers when they are ordered by the Church authorities in times of emergency such as war, pestilence, hunger, drought, etc.
8. To support the maintenance of the church, Church servants and Church institutions.
9. To educate children by the Faith of our Fathers, and to admonish sinners to return to the Faith.
10. To help in every respect the Orthodox Church's mission in this world.

The Necessity of Every Person in the Parish
- St. Paisios of Athos (+1993)

Everyone is necessary in the Church. Everyone offers their services to her, no matter what their character is, mild or strict. The Body of the Church is like the human body. Just as we need both sweet and sour foods, even bitter herbs, because each food has something to contribute in vitamins and other nutrients, so too, for the Body of the Church, every one of us is indispensable. Each person complements the character of the other, and all of us are obliged to tolerate not only the spiritual temperament of others, but also their human weaknesses.

Now unfortunately, there are those who have irrational expectations from other people. They expect everyone to have the same spiritual temperament as their own; and if others do not coincide with their personalities, if they are a bit more lenient or more severe, they immediately conclude that they are not spiritual people.

Missions is part of the DNA of the Church's Genetic Make-Up

From the Diary of St. Nicholas of Japan

I have traveled around the world twice and have seen various countries. There are white-skinned and black-skinned people, developed people and not so developed people, the clothed and the almost bare. God created different climates, different clothing, different foods and customs. It is natural that the countries and their governments are different. It is clear that we should not try to make them the same, and it should remain the way it is till the end of the world. That is God's will. Although their outward appearances are different, all men are one; where they live does not matter. All men are the same in that they all possess a conscience, know what is good and what is bad, and they all have the potential for faith.

Is not this a sign that all men are the children of God? It is our Orthodox duty to lead those who are still lost and walking in darkness. This is the Orthodoxy given to us all by Jesus Christ. Orthodoxy has existed since the birth of Christ to this day and already spread to many countries. We know for sure as the sun raises and sets that darkness will disappear when Orthodoxy shines throughout the world. Christ said, "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). This is not only what Orthodox Christian should rejoice about, but what they seek to achieve to the best of their ability.

Archbishop Anastasios of Albania: "On the Necessity of Mission"

The real motive of mission, for both the individual and the Church is inner necessity. If we refuse this necessity, we not merely omit a duty (Matt. 28:19) but we deny ourselves. This inner necessity is an outgrowth of our being made in God's image.

Throughout history, we can clearly see God's purpose in the revelation of His glory, the drawing of all things to Himself, and the establishment of His Kingdom. In addition, we can see that God has shared this mission with humanity, from Abraham to Jesus' disciples and on to the Church today.

Thus mission is not a task which is simply imposed upon us; nor is it rooted solely in our obedience, respect, or even love of God. Rather it is the actualization of our inherent nature to participate in the fulfillment, destiny, and direction of humanity and all creation as it is drawn back to God and towards the coming of His Kingdom.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann on Mission

To recover the missionary dimension of the Church is today's greatest imperative. We have to recover the very basic truth: that the Church is *essentially* Mission, that the very roots of her life are in the commandments of Christ: "Go forth and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19). A Christian community that would lose this missionary zeal and purpose, that would become selfish and self-centered, that would limit itself to "satisfying the spiritual needs of its members," that would identify itself completely with a nation, a society, a social or ethnic group – is on its way to spiritual decadence and death, because the essential spiritual need of a Christian is precisely to share the life and the Truth with as many men as possible and ultimately with the whole world.

Mission thus is the organic need and task of the Church in the world, the real *meaning* of Church's presence in history between the first and the second advents of her Lord, or, in other terms, the meaning of Christian history. Obviously not all members of the Church can go and preach in the literal sense of the word. But all can have a concern for the missionary function of the Church, to feel responsible for it, help and support it. In this respect each diocese, each parish and each member of the Church are involved in the missionary ministry.