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Icon of Christ and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 7):
Through your Cross You destroyed death,
You opened Paradise to the thief, and
turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of Athanasios and Cyril: Radiant with the works of Orthodoxy, you extinguished every false belief and teaching, becoming trophy-bearers and conquerors. Since you enriched all with true piety, greatly adoring the Church with magnificence, O Athanasios, and wise Cyril, you have both attained Christ God who grants great mercy unto all.

Troparion of St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

Kontakion of the Presentation of our Lord: O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

Prokimenon: Precious in the Lord's eyes is the death of his holy ones.

Stichon: How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done to me?

Apostolic Reading: Heb 13:7-16

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

Prayer Week for Christian Unity (January 18th - 25th)

O Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, on the eve of your redemptive suffering, You fervently asked your heavenly Father that all your followers be one, as You are One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We implore You, divine Master, To bestow upon all Christian Churches the unity of faith, of hearts and of purpose, so that they become one flock under the leadership of One Shepherd according to your wish. Grant us, Lord, to love one another as You loved us, So that, seeing our unity, the world may believe in You and embrace your message of peace and love.

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For You are the Prince of Peace and Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen

Calendars

The 2026 epachial calendars are here! Pick one up at the back of the church or download it from the eparchy's website: melkite.org/liturgical-resources

Winter Weather

Please take care with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$350.00; candles=\$11.00; ordinary collections=\$748.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

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Annual Donation Letters

Donation letters for tax purposes will be sent by the end of the month. Please contact Benjamin with any questions.

Pastoral Appeal (Formerly the Bishop's Appeal)

The annual Pastoral Appeal helps fund the vital works of the Melkites in the United States, such as: publishing SOPHIA magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; teaching the Faith to our children and young adults; establishing/supporting new missions and outreaches.

Additional information is available on the tables in the back. Donations can also be made online: Melkite.org/Appeal

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Rose Ernst (aunt of Benjamin Neumann), Edin Najera, Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Nick Lagendfield, Sandy Rabuse (god-mother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Geri Spankowski, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Saturday: *Father Gregory the Theologian, Patriarch of Constantinople*

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Sunday *Sunday of Pharisee and Publican*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Dunya Khoury (today). May God grant you many years!

Coming Up

February 8th: Meat-fare

February 15th: Cheese-fare

Welcome Christ in Your Hearts and Homes

The Lord, who already welcomed Zacchaeus in his heart, was now ready to be welcomed by him in his house. He said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down, since I have to stay in your house." He thought it was a marvelous piece of good luck to see Christ. While imagining it was a marvelous piece of good luck quite beyond words to see him passing by, he was suddenly found worthy to have him in his house. Grace is poured out, and faith starts working through love.

Christ, who was already dwelling in his heart, is welcomed into his house. Zacchaeus says to Christ, "Lord, half my goods I give to the poor, and if I have

cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times over." It is as if he were saying, "The reason I am keeping back half for myself is not in order to have it, but to have something from which to pay people back."

There you are. 'That is really what welcoming Jesus means, welcoming him into your heart. Christ was already there. He was in Zacchaeus and spoke through him. 'The apostle says that this is what it means, "For Christ to dwell by faith in your hearts" (Eph 3:17).

St. Augustine

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