

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

The Story of Zacchaeus

People would come from small villages nestled in the hills when they heard that Jesus was passing by. Sometimes they would bring relatives and friends who were sick, so that He could heal them. Sometimes they just came to hear the words of truth that He spoke.

So why did Jesus pick Zacchaeus out? Well, Jesus was often doing surprising things. And because he was always listening to God, they were always the right things. Jesus knew who needed healing most and who would really listen to what he said. What mattered to Jesus wasn't what people looked like, whether they were tall or short, whether they were poor or rich. What mattered was what they cared about, what was in their hearts. What people were willing to do was more important than what they said.

We know from the way Zacchaeus acted that he wasn't the sort of person to just sit around and think about doing something right. He wanted to see Jesus so badly he was willing to make himself look silly by climbing a tree. And when people talked about his being a sinner, Zacchaeus didn't even deny it. Instead he promised to do good.

So who was Zacchaeus? We can't just say that he was a short man—there have been lots of short men. Or that he was a wealthy man—there have been lots of wealthy men too. The important thing is that he had a good heart. He loved Jesus and what he stood for so much that he was willing to admit his faults and change—right then. And he didn't care about what other people thought, only about what was right.



Icon of Zacchaeus in the Sycamore Tree

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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January 17, 2021

15th Sunday after Holy Cross: Zacchaeus Sunday

This Sunday: Epistle 1 Tim 4:9-16

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Next Sunday: Epistle 2 Tim 3:10-15

Gospel Luke 18:10-14

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 1/18

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 1/19

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +James Bubonic, brother by Elaine Bastick

Wednesday 1/20

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Roberta (Russ) Klotz by Sandra (Russ) Hopple

Thursday 1/21

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Shirley Reichel

Friday 1/22

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Bob and Nancy Maciag and Family by Connie McAdams

Saturday 1/23

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 1/24

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Parastas – In memory of Oprean Family by Family

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All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

Coffee hour will take place in the Large Hall and is donated by Apan and Odesteanu Family. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: January 10, 2021

Loose	\$10.00
Sunday envelopes	\$973.00
Christmas	\$780.00
+Shirley Reichel	20.00
Candles	<u>\$96.00</u>
Total	\$1,879.00

Donation

John and Maureen Cleator for health of Barcutian and Cornea Families	\$250.00
Kevin and Melania Johnson for health of George and Maria Marcu and Family	\$100.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
+Magdalene Florian	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention for Family	Mihai and Elena Florea
+Nasu Chuck Cheton 13 years	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Our Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
+Shirley Reichel, Tim's mother	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Cathy Beck and Sonya Paul	Bob and Nancy Maciag
+Peggy Florian, eternal memory	Bob and Nancy Maciag

H/S Connie McAdams
Special Intention: Nina (Puia) Tinner
+Magdalene Florian
H/S Baby Paxton and Family
H/S George
+Patricia Galida
+Shirley Reichel, Tim's mom
H/S Tony Orlando
+Shirley Reichel, Tim's mom
Special Intention: Johnnie
+John, husband
H/S Stella Lazar
In memory of deceased in Dragos and
Eberhart Family
H/S All Family
H/S of all members and friends of St. George
who are suffering
+Shirley Reichel
H/S Stella Lazar
H/S Tim Reichel and Family

Bob and Nancy Maciag
John Puia
Dave and Debbie Murari
Dave and Debbie Murari
Maria Marcu
William Galida
Ana and William Galida
Ana and William Galida
Carpathian Men's Club
Mom and Ronnie
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Mircea Cristea
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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Sonya Paul, Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Donna Pandullo, Missy Lawver, Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Amelia Botean (Home), Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for January 2021 is donated by **John Puia in memory of deceased family.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for January 2021 is donated by **Tony and Terry Orlando in memory of +Emil Neago.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for January 2021 is donated by **Chuck Roska Family in honor of Lauren's birthday; H/S Pete, Lauren and Baby T.; and in loving memory of +Virgil Stroia, Jr.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for January 2021 is donated by **the Oprean Family.**

If you would like to sponsor candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for January 2021: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Most Rev. Florentin Crihalmeanu, Bishop of Cluj-Gherla passed away on January 12. His funeral was on January 16. May his memory be eternal!

+Virgil Stroia, Jr. (cousin of Chuck Roska) passed away on December 15, 2020. Please keep his wife Bonnie and the whole family in your prayers. May his memory be eternal!

Prescura money is due for 2021. \$30 for the year can be paid to P-sa. Gabi. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Sunday envelopes for 2021 are now available. Thank you for your commitment to our parish! St. George Cathedral **calendars** are ready for pick up as well!

Use Amazon Smile and choose St. George Cathedral. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you!

Purchases at **GFS (Gordan Food Service)**. St. George will get points when you purchase at GFS. Share the business name "St. George Cathedral" when they ask or remind them that you are purchasing for a business.

Ladies Auxiliary:

Susie Dragos- H/S and honor of Bob & Barbara Greavu
- H/S and honor of Rose & Veronica Maier

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias. (See list attached in bulletin on 1/10/21) Because of your generous donations, the Ladies Auxiliary was able to donate \$500 to the Clergy Retirement Fund. God Bless You!

Dues are \$10 for the coming year. You may send your dues to the church or give to Carol Popa. Check made out to Sf. Maria Ladies Auxiliary.

Parish events:

Because of the pandemic, Fr. Ovi will pray the **home blessings** for those who sign up. Call the office or sign up in the narthex if you would like him to come to your home between January 7 and 30, 2021.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30pm online. See Fr. Ovi for an invitation.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, January 21 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi for an invitation.

Three Saints Curbside Dinner will be hosted on January 31 from noon to 2pm. Place your orders at www.stgeorgeoh.org or call the office by January 26. Each dinner is \$18. Parishioners, please pay with cash or check to Ann, so online fees can be avoided. Please be generous.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

A pillar of the church passed away and was on his way to heaven. When he got to the pearly Gates of heaven, he met an angel. The angel asked him what God's name was.

“Oh, that's easy,” the man replied. “His name is Andy.”

“What makes you think his name is Andy?” the angel asked.

“Well, you see at church we used to sing this song, *Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me.*”

Word of Life

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

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For public servants and elected officials:

May God grant them the humility, wisdom,
and courage to defend all human life;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Anca O'Brian – January 17th
Melanie Gallagher – January 17th

Quentin Anderson – January 20th
Kay Seeberger – January 23rd

	Mon 1/18	Tue 1/19	Wed 1/20	Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23	Sun 1/24
	H.Fathers Athanasius Martin Luther King Jr.	Ven. Father Macarius	Quentin Michael Ven. Father Abstinence	Ven. Father Maximus	Apostle Timothy. Abstinence	Kay Seeberger's Clement of Ancyra &	Mel Herncane Ven. Mother Xenia of Sunday of the
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10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							
12pm							Parastas for Oprean
1pm							Coffee: Oprean Family 12pm - 1pm
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm			Stewardship Committee meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8pm	Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm			
8pm							

THE LORD JESUS SAID to the rich young ruler, “*You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me*” (Lk 18:22). This young man declined, but others through the centuries have left all and followed Him. In times of persecution they followed Him to the cross (or the sword, the wild beasts, or the flames) as martyrs. But what if there is no persecution – how can one follow Christ?”

A number of early Christians sought to follow Him into the wilderness. Ascetics, both men and women, left their homes and withdrew from society to follow the One who had said, “*Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head*” (Lk 9:58). The first to do so, like St Takla, the first woman martyr, left their homes to dwell outside their town or village in relative seclusion. Two others, whom the Church remembers this week, went further than that.

The first, **St Paul of Thebes** (January 15), is revered as the first hermit in Egypt. During the persecution of Decius, Paul fled to the Theban desert where he lived in a cave for almost 100 years before his death in 342.

We know more about the second, **St Anthony the Great** (January 17), the “father of monks” whose life was written by his contemporary, St Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria. This work was soon translated into numerous languages and spread the fame of St Anthony and of the ascetic life throughout the Churches of East and West.

“Sell all that you have...”

Anthony (c. 251-356) was the son of landowners from the village of Coma on the Nile, south of Alexandria. When he was 18 years old, his parents died, leaving his unmarried sister in his care. A few months later he had what we might call a “Conversion Experience” while attending the Liturgy in the village church. He heard the Gospel passage quoted at the start of this article and, as St Athanasius tells it, “As though God had put him in mind of the Saints, and the passage had been read on his account, Anthony went out immediately from the church, and gave the possessions of his forefathers to the villagers— they were three hundred acres, productive and very fair— that they should be no more an obstruction to himself and his sister. And all the rest that was movable he sold, and having got together much money he gave it to the poor, reserving a little however for his sister's sake.”

Soon after he felt called to a more ascetic way of life. Placing his sister in the care of “known and faithful virgins,” Anthony began living in solitude outside his village, visiting any nearby ascetics and studying their way of life. When he was about 35, he settled among the tombs at the edge of the Western Desert, giving himself over to prayer and fasting. A friend bringing him bread one day found him collapsed outside the tomb and brought him back to the village. St Athanasius says that Anthony had a divine visitation in which he was told, “since you have endured, and have not been overcome, I will always help you, and will

make your name known everywhere.’ Having heard this, Antony arose and prayed, and received such strength that he perceived that he had more power in his body than formerly.”

20 Years at Deir al-Meimun

As soon as Anthony recovered he headed further into the desert, settling in the ruins of an abandoned fort in the mountains on the other side of the Nile. Friends would come to bring him food but he would not leave the fort, speaking to them through a slit in the wall. St Athanasius says that these friends often heard him beset by demons and that they “used often to come expecting to find him dead, and would hear him singing, ‘Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, let them that hate Him flee before His face. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; as wax melts before the face of fire, so let the sinners perish from the face of God;’ and again, ‘All nations compassed me about, and in the name of the Lord I requited them.’”

Anthony’s reputation spread over the years and people increasingly came to see him, hoping to imitate his way of life. After twenty years “Anthony came forth, as from a shrine, initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God. Then for the first time he was seen outside the fort by those who came to see him. And they, when they saw him, wondered at the sight, for he looked as he had years before. He was neither fat, like a man without exercise, nor lean from fasting and striving with the demons. He was just the same as they had known him before his retirement.”

Anthony now encouraged others to settle nearby and adopt his way of life. The numbers so increased that, as Athanasius says, “cells arose even in the mountains, and the desert was colonized by monks.”

Forays to Alexandria

Although other monks leaved nearby, Anthony still lived in seclusion for most of the time, coming together with them for occasional worship and instruction. He first left this place of solitude in 311, during the persecution of Maximinus when Christians were being rounded up and taken to Alexandria. He presented himself publicly in the city but no one dared touch him. He spent some time ministering to the suffering Christians there. When the persecution ceased, he then returned to his cell.

Anthony now resolved to return to solitude. He settled further into the mountains and allowed other monks to bring him food once a month. He would descend to the other monks from time to time to instruct and encourage them in their monastic life.

Anthony returned to Alexandria to refute the rumor that he sided with the Arians. He publicly denounced the Arian teaching, calling it the forerunner of the antichrist. During his stay there he healed many and freed others from demons.

As the years progressed more and more people came to live the monastic life in Anthony’s shadow. His fame even reached Emperor Constantine and his sons who wrote to him seeking guidance. Anthony

lived to be 105. His body was placed in an unmarked grave, as he directed.

Asceticism and Us

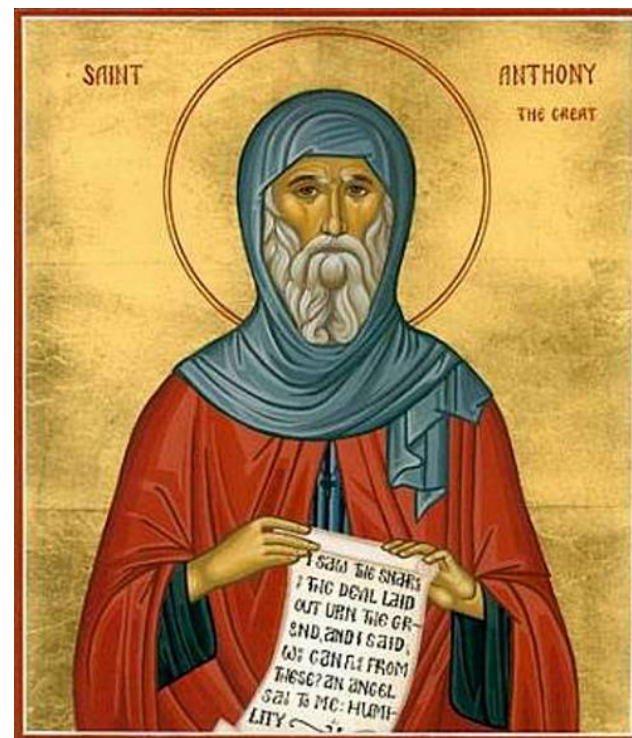
What does the witness of St Anthony – and of the ascetic life in general – say to people in the world? We are all called to follow Christ, if not to a martyr’s death or to a foreign mission, but where is He leading us? St Paul gives us this answer: “*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Col 3:1, 2).

Asceticism is essentially a refocusing of our hearts away from “things on the earth” to enable us to develop our relationship to Christ where He is now. While people in the world have important family and career responsibilities, we also have a great deal of free time which we devote to recreation or entertainment of one sort or another. In our society we are increasingly addicted to non-stop music, TV or Internet, with their increasingly godless atmosphere. What time do we have left for prayer, Scripture reading or service? What spirit do we have left for relishing fellowship with God? Asceticism for us might well involve turning from such pursuits at least in part to set our minds “*on things above, where Christ is.*”

Holy Father Anthony, pray to God for us!

January 17

St Anthony the Great



Following Christ to the Desert