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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8—SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**

**Afterfeast of the Meeting**

St. Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna; Virgin-martyr Dorothy, two sisters Christina and Callista and Theophilus at Caesarea in Cappadocia; Martyr Julian of Emesa; Virgin-martyr Fausta and with her Evilasius and Maximus at Cyzicus; Ven. Barsanuphius the Great and John the Prophet; St. Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Virgin-martyrs Martha and Mary and their brother Lycarion in Egypt; St. James the Ascetic of Syria; St. Mael, Bishop of Argagh and disciple of St. Patrick; St. Vedast, Bishop of Arras

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

## ♦ SERVICE & STUDY SCHEDULE ♦

Sat, Feb 12	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	<u>Panihida</u> : Arthur Zenkert offered by the family Sergei Andreyev (1 yr) offered by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sun, Feb 13	<b>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE—Tone 1</b>	
9:00 a.m.	[Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 2 Tim 3:10-15	Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

## ♦ LIFE OF THE PARISH ♦

A **Lenten Retreat** of the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)** will be hosted by our parish on **Saturday, Mar 26**. All young adults, ages 18-25, are invited to attend a day of lectures, discussion and fellowship. More info will be forthcoming.

## ♦ NEWS YOU CAN USE ♦

**FOR THE RECORD** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was 42.

**PRIVATE/PERSONAL CONFESSIONS** are heard by Fr. David on **Saturday evenings**, starting at 6 p.m. **General Confession** is held following Vespers on the **first and third Saturdays** of the month. (*Refer to the Service & Study Schedule in the bulletin for changes.*) Those of you who regularly commune can participate on whichever weekend is more convenient. Note that you are **NOT** required to go twice a month—only once.

**CANDLES FOR SALE** Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple this past Wednesday are available for purchase. If interested, please see anyone at the Candle Desk.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?** See or call Fr. David for more information. Altar serving is a wonderful way to minister to God and be more active in our parish community. We ask our young boys to consider joining.

**DO NOT MISS THE BLESSING** of going to church when you are on vacation. Research—call ahead and speak with the priest.

**PRAYERS, BLESSINGS AND JOY** are extended to **Joan Pisuk, Jane Zelasko, Lydia Romanofsky and Craig Mazzei** who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Belated greetings are also offered to **Sandra Saurman** whose "special day" was yesterday. We wish them all continued good things for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED** We are looking to become more connected as a parish by sending out important announcements, updates, death and sickness notices and other pertinent info via E-mail. If you've not already provided your E-mail address, we invite you to do so; just send a blank E-mail to Father David at [dfmg@aol.com](mailto:dfmg@aol.com) with "*E-mail List*" as the subject. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
Daniel Maher	Paul Pachucki	Priest Sean Levine
Mary Ann Mecom	Frederick Basara	Todd Adams
Emma Tzortzinas	Natalie Demidenko	Mark Lopez
Ronald Madden	Jean (Spedding) Joyce	Nathaniel Simpson
Archpriest John Bohush	Lucia Bennett	
Anthony Illenye	Terese Wisniewski	
Ralph (Bodgie) Meade		

<u>Sick</u>		
Kaitlyn Fox	Beth Giordano	Kelsey Fischer
Jay Pelleriti	Victor A. Rugala Jr.	Michael Dargento
Barbara Trojan	Donna Truglio	Ellen Dargento
Marisa Stryker	Wil Bowser	Mario Troyani
John Bihuniak	Edward Boshko	Gertrude Samuel
Debbie Williams	Veronica Genito	Kathleen Keimer
Beth Van Orden	Richard Bumgardner	Jonathan Dzoba
Jamie Arango	Marianne Ford	Aidan Brown
Karyn Migut	Andrea Londensky	Gregory Staples
Virginia Staples	Christine Marie Parker	Stephen Sueling
Riley Dolan	Paula Mindzak	Joyce Major
Alan Diaz	Doris Gorman	Alan Zenkert
Michelle Telesca	Buddy Watson	Stefania Lazor
Bronwyn Smith	Carol Luongo	Suellen Shimski
Daria Bishara	Joshua Torosyan	Robin Sueling
David Sommers	Theodore Gentili	Karen Meade
Robert DiPaolo	Margaret DeVito	Alexey Nerush
Peter Pero	Nikolai Schijan	Janice Sadlon
Thomas Pituk	Ann Jenkins-Frison	Jay Sommers
Concetta Canon	Joseph Turick	Lynn Bush
Jacques Roscel	Joseph McIlhinney	Sandra Saurman
Julianna Bihuniak	Laurissa Solar	Stanley Rakowski
Leon Brasowski	Maryann DeFrancesco	Gloria Celkupa
Brian Carter	Lexi Porambo	Teri Szelli
Robert Lombardo	Theodore Brown	Janet Lombardo
Ronald Hendricks	Wayne Modzelewski	Carly Byrne

Contact Father David or Starosta if you'd like to add or remove a name from this list, remembering the words of St. James in his Epistle (5:16): "*Pray for one another, that you may be healed.*"

**READER CORNER** If you would like to learn to read the Hours and/or Epistle, see or contact Basil Kozak (917-697-8058).

**MEMORY ETERNAL** Our sister in Christ, **Lucia Bennett**, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, January 29; she was the dear sister of **Emily Szeszakowski**. We extend our deepest condolences to her and her family and ask that you keep them all in your prayers—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ONLINE GIVING?** This is an ideal time to consider supporting our parish through *Tithely*. To get started, please visit our website ([www.saintpeterandpaul.org](http://www.saintpeterandpaul.org)), click on the **DONATE** icon and complete the required information. It's that easy!

**2021 DONATION STATEMENTS** will be issued this year **BY REQUEST ONLY**. Any parishioner who'd like one for tax purposes should put his/her name on the sign-up sheet located at the Candle Desk. Questions? Contact Jay Pelleriti by E-mail ([poetheart7753@aol.com](mailto:poetheart7753@aol.com)) or telephone (732-216-8121). We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued stewardship.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** All parishioners and visitors are reminded that there is an active **diocesan** mask mandate for all churches. This parish **does not** require a particular vaccination status, but all individuals **over the age of two years** are to abide by the mandate when inside the church. Those who have pre-existing health conditions, are 65 and over and have **not** been vaccinated are encouraged not to attend services. If you are exhibiting any signs of illness, even symptoms not related to COVID-19, we ask that you stay home, for your own safety and those around you. We thank you for caring for each other in this way and we ask everyone to continue to pray for the end of this global pandemic.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** will be scheduled this year **by request only**, due to the continuing pandemic. If you have a day that would be best to invite Father David and Basil Kozak for this annual blessing, please leave a message with Father via phone or E-mail.

**THE FLOWERS** on the center tetrapod today were offered by the **Rogozenski & Romanofsky Families** in commemoration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of mother and grandmother, **Lydia Romanofsky**. We thank them for this lovely gift.

**ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Our congratulations to **Philip & Natasha Rogozenski** who are celebrating 30 years of Holy Matrimony this month. May their happiness and love continue to grow ever deeper and richer for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**CELL PHONE REMINDER** Silence your cell phone while in church.

**THANK YOU** to **Hank Dziemian, James Kornafel** and **Basil Kozak** for all their help last Sunday in taking down and packing away the Christmas decorations, both inside and outside the church. Everyone's efforts to make our temple look really beautiful for the holidays really showed—God bless!

**ORTHODOX ONLINE RESOURCES: COFFEE WITH SR. VASSA** *Coffee with Sister Vassa Inc.* is a non-profit organization founded by Doctor Sister Vassa Larin for the production of online and offline catechetical programs and religious education. Sister Vassa (born Varvara Georgievna Larina on December 11, 1970 in Nyack, NY) is a Russian Orthodox liturgiologist. She is the author of many scholarly articles, a monograph on Byzantine liturgy and "*Reflections with Morning Coffee*," inspirational commentaries on the Liturgy and Scripture. Her online mission includes a daily newsletter (with a brief reflection on Scripture), weekday audio-podcasts called "*Morning Coffee*," an ongoing video-course on the Divine Liturgy (available on [www.patreon.com](http://www.patreon.com)) and over 100 *YouTube* videos. Visit [www.coffeewithsistervassa.com](http://www.coffeewithsistervassa.com) for more info.

**MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS** One of the most venerable traditions in the Holy Orthodox Church is the commemoration of the departed in our liturgical prayers. Since Apostolic times, the Holy Fathers have constantly taught us that our intercessions, offerings and good deeds can help those who have fallen asleep. It is also of great consolation for us, the surviving friends and relatives, to be able to pray for them and, thus, remain in a bond of everlasting love. We remember the deceased at every Liturgy. In our liturgical calendar, Saturdays are dedicated, in a special way, to prayer for the dead, since on that day God not only rested from His work, but Christ lay in the tomb. In accord with this, the Church has established special days of universal commemoration commonly known as *Memorial (Soul) Saturdays*. This year, there are five such Saturdays: **February 26** (Pre-Lent); **March 19** and **April 2** (Great Lent); **June 11** (Eve of Pentecost); and **October 22** (Demetrius Saturday). Liturgy on each of these days will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned at these services is included in today's bulletin; there're also extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. St. Gregory the Theologian, after celebrating the funeral service for his dear brother Caesarius, concluded his eulogy with the following words: "*Part of my funeral gift is now completed. The remainder we will pay by offering every year, as long as we live, our honors and memorials for him!*" We should emulate Saint Gregory by remembering our departed loved ones, especially on these Memorial Saturdays, and pray that those who come after us will continue this truly beautiful and praiseworthy custom by including us, as well.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** All notices must be submitted to either Fr. David or Starosta James P. Kornafel by no later than **Thursday evening** in order to be in next Sunday's bulletin. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515). Note that any announcements that come in after the deadline have no guarantee of being included.



Today is designated as **Orthodox Scout Sunday**, a day to help build awareness of the benefits of scouting by acknowledging the Brownies, Campfire Boys & Girls, Cub Scouts and Boys & Girl Scouts in our parish.

The Scout Law says that a "**Scout is Reverent**" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "**Duty to God.**" This value, along with being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave and clean, strengthen the character of our youth in their family, community and faith.

Let us, therefore, celebrate the many accomplishments of our Scouts and be grateful that scouting has given millions of youth a vision of what life at its best can be. May the Lord God grant His richest blessings to this movement by helping to raise up in our world generations of citizens who'll continue to live by the standards of honor and duty.

