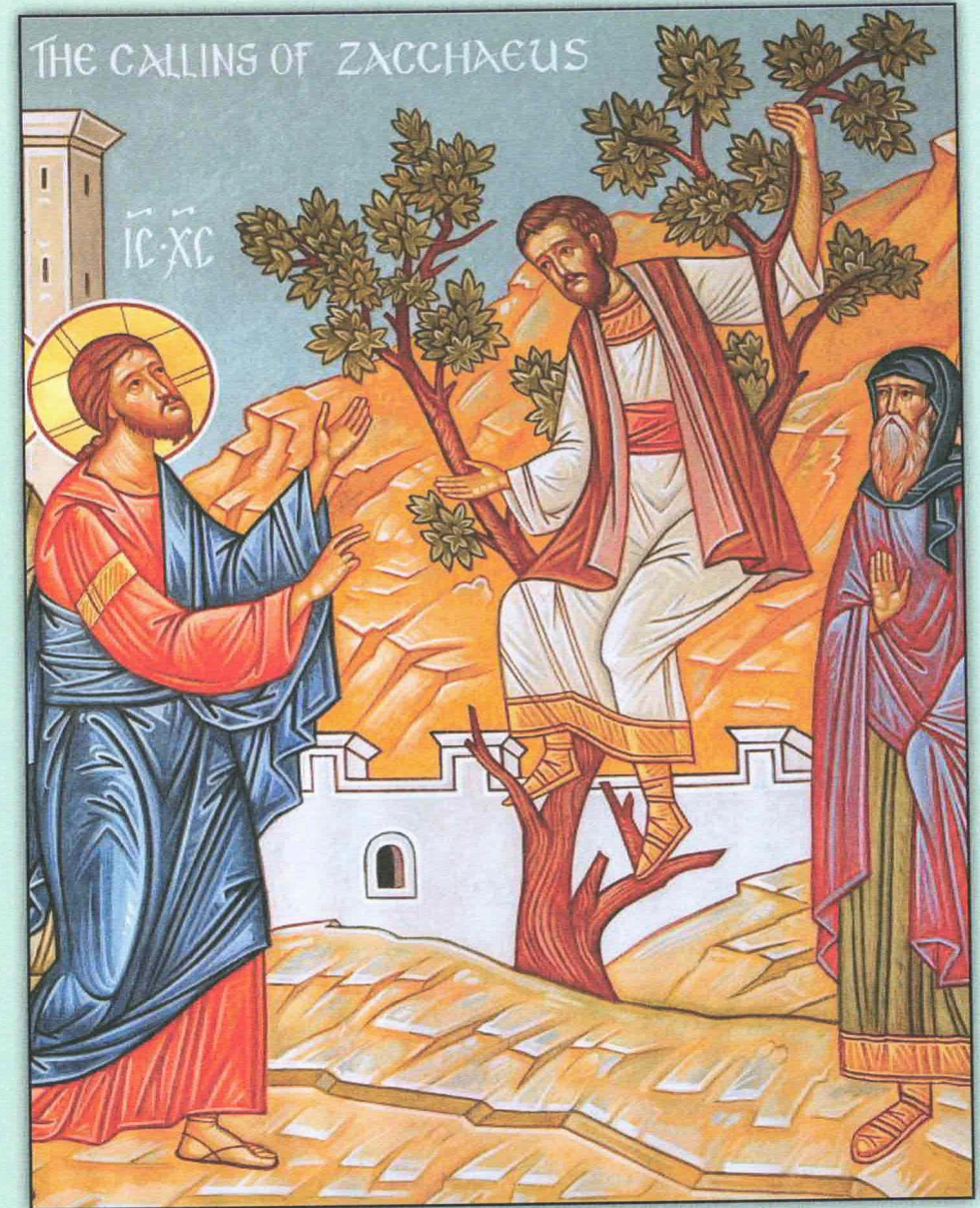


THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



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

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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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, January 24th, and 31st, at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
32 nd Sunday After Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus 1.18.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Michael and +Margaret Konik From: Dan and Nancy Bobby
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee 1.25.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners
Three Holy Hierarchs 1.30.2026	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners

32nd Sunday After Pentecost – Sunday of Zacchaeus

The Propers for today can be found on page 156, Tone 7, in the Divine Liturgy book.

HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email, and let us know, or contact either one personally.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, and +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey Herder, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. *Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church.*

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. An offertory basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website. *“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).*

2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Please see Dennis Kotula after Divine Liturgy today to pick up your 2025 financial statements. are available today for those who made a donation to our church in 2025. Please see Dennis Kotula after Liturgy.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Please consider lending a hand after Divine Liturgy today packing up all of the Christmas decorations in the church and social hall. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Our next class will take place after Divine Liturgy next **Sunday, January 25th.**

ADULT ENRICHMENT: Our next session will take place **Sunday, January 25th,** after Divine Liturgy. The general focus for our sessions over the next several months will be on scripture readings and the Great Fast. We also plan on joining ECF on February 1st, for a special presentation by Deacon Tony on the Proskomedia (preparation of the Eucharistic gifts). Everyone is welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you!

FREEZER SALE: Please help us clear out our church freezer! Items for sale are: Pirohi at \$7/bag; smoked and fresh Kolbassi at \$6/bag, cheesecake (only 1 left) for \$15; and nut, poppy, and apricot Kolachi at \$16/each. Please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy if you are interested in purchasing any. Quantities are limited!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Mark your calendar - our next Slavic Food Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, March 28, 2025,** from 10:00am – 2:00pm. We will begin our preparation by making Holupki, and are in need of volunteers for the following dates: Cabbage Preparation - Friday, February 6th, at 9:00am; and Holupki Making: Saturday, February 7th, March 1st, at 9:00am. Please email Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net), and let her know if you are able to volunteer. This is the first of our two big fundraisers of the year, which helps support our church!

PARISH CENSUS 2026: In order to maintain and keep current our church records and contact information, we are asking each household to complete a parish census. A census form can be found on the bookrack in the Narthex. **Please return your completed census no later than January 18th.** Thank you for your help!

A TRADITION IN THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE BLESSING OF CANDLES ON THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE:

On **Sunday, February 1st**, we will be celebrating this feast day, along with “The Blessing of Candles.” A burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian community as He, Himself, had promised: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt. 18:20). For this reason, the ritual of the Church prescribes that at least two candles be lit on the altar at all liturgical services, and the greater the solemnity, the greater the number of candles used. Candles remind us that our prayers should come from a heart burning with love of God and they should be directed toward heaven, where God abides in the “inaccessible light.” In this manner, candles make a positive contribution to the fervor of our prayers. The burning of a candle in church, besides its sacrificial value (donation), has also a symbolic meaning, namely, the continuation of our prayers after we leave the church. The burning candles and lights placed in front of the holy icons remind us of the light of the exemplary lives they lived and inspire us to model our lives after theirs in imitation of their “good works.” In homes, the blessed candles are lighted and placed before a holy icon in time of serious sickness or the threat of a storm to implore Divine protection, as the family is gathered in prayer. The blessed candle is popularly called the hromnicja” or “hromnichka” from our Ruthenian word “hrom” (thunder), because it is used at the time of a thunder storm. It is also used by the parents to dispel the fear in children caused by darkness or thunder. You are welcome to bring your own candle from home to have blessed, or we will have candles available for purchase on the table in the back of our church. Prices are marked on each candle. When you bring your candle to church, you can place it on the table in front of the first pew to be blessed, and can take it home after Liturgy. **“Let us celebrate the feast (of the Presentation) in a solemn way, illuminating the mystery of the day with lights.” -St. Cyril of Alexandria**

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS: In the Byzantine Liturgical Year, there are five All Souls Saturdays – namely, Meat Fare Saturday, the Second, Third, and Fourth Saturdays of the Great Lent, and Pentecost Saturday. **Our first “All Souls” service will be held on Friday, February 6th, at 6:00pm.** Please make note that the other “All Souls” services will be held on **Friday, February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, and May 22nd, all at 6:00pm.** Every year, we request that parishioners submit a list of their departed loved ones called a “Hramoty.” These lists will be put into a booklet, and the names will be mentioned at all of the services held for the deceased on “All Souls.” Members of the family are also encouraged to attend these services on “All Souls,” for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal! **VIČNAJA PAMJAT’!** A form is included in this bulletin. If you receive church envelopes, you can use the one marked “All Souls.” Please submit your form and/or envelope either by mailing it to our church, or placing it in the collection basket **no later than Sunday, January 25th.**

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“All Souls” Services - 2026

*Please list the names of your deceased relatives and friends.
These names will be read during the Petitions of the Litany.
(Please print clearly!)*

Submitted By: _____

Names: _____

Donation \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon

Please return this form no later than Sunday, January 25th.

Children's Corner

Sunday of Zacchaeus

The first sign of the approach of the Great Fast comes five Sundays before its beginning, during which we prepare ourselves by abstinence, prayer, and repentance. Today is the fifth Sunday before the Great Fast, and the Sunday of Zacchaeus. In today's Gospel we hear about Zacchaeus, and his desire to see Jesus.

Fill in the blanks using these words:

Jesus Christ thieves Romans sinner Jericho poor
stole tax lost tree salvation outcasts heart
view money sycamore house sinful crowd taxes

Zacchaeus was a chief _____ collector, and lived in the city of _____. He was a Jewish official appointed by the _____ to collect the _____ imposed on his fellow Jews. Tax collectors would often charge more _____ than what the Romans would ask for, and would keep some for themselves. They were regarded as very _____ people, _____, and traitors. Tax collectors were _____ and nobody wanted to be around them. When Zacchaeus learned that _____ would be passing through, he longed to see Him. He was too short and couldn't see over the _____, so he decided to climb on a _____ tree to get a better _____. When Jesus reached the tree, He looked up and asked Zacchaeus to come down and take Him to his _____. Zacchaeus hurried down the _____ and welcomed Jesus into his home. The people then complained that Jesus became the guest of a _____. However, Zacchaeus' _____ had changed. He promised to give half of his belongings to the _____, and return four times as much as he _____. Our Lord said, "Today _____ has come to this house. For I came to find and save people who are _____."

BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY: The Intereparchial Youth Commission warmly invites all TEENS (ages 13 through high school) to join us at the 2026 ByzanTEEN Rally!

"Take Courage! I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

Get ready for four unforgettable days of faith, friends, and fun! The ByzanTEEN Rally will be held **July 9–12, 2026**, at **John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio** (Eparchy of Parma). Registration is open now! Your registration fee includes **all meals, housing, and programming:**

- Early Bird (before April 1): \$350
- Full Price (after April 1): \$380
- Sibling Discount (always): \$350

More details and registration forms will be available soon. We can't wait to celebrate, connect, and grow with you at the 2026 ByzanTeen Rally! ***If your child is interested in attending this rally, please see Fr. Vasyil.***

EARLY BIRD (BEFORE APRIL 1) & SIBLING DISCOUNT \$350

Registration Opens JANUARY 2026

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2026 PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE: Please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. On Thursday, January 22nd, there will be a Holy Hour for Life service at the Crypt Church beginning at 7:00pm, followed by a Byzantine Catholic Compline service celebrated by Bishop Kurt. Bishop Kurt will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy for Life in the Byzantine Chapel on January 23rd, at 9:15am.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***If you want to make us your home church, registration is the OFFICIAL way to join our church.*** Simply complete a census form that is located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

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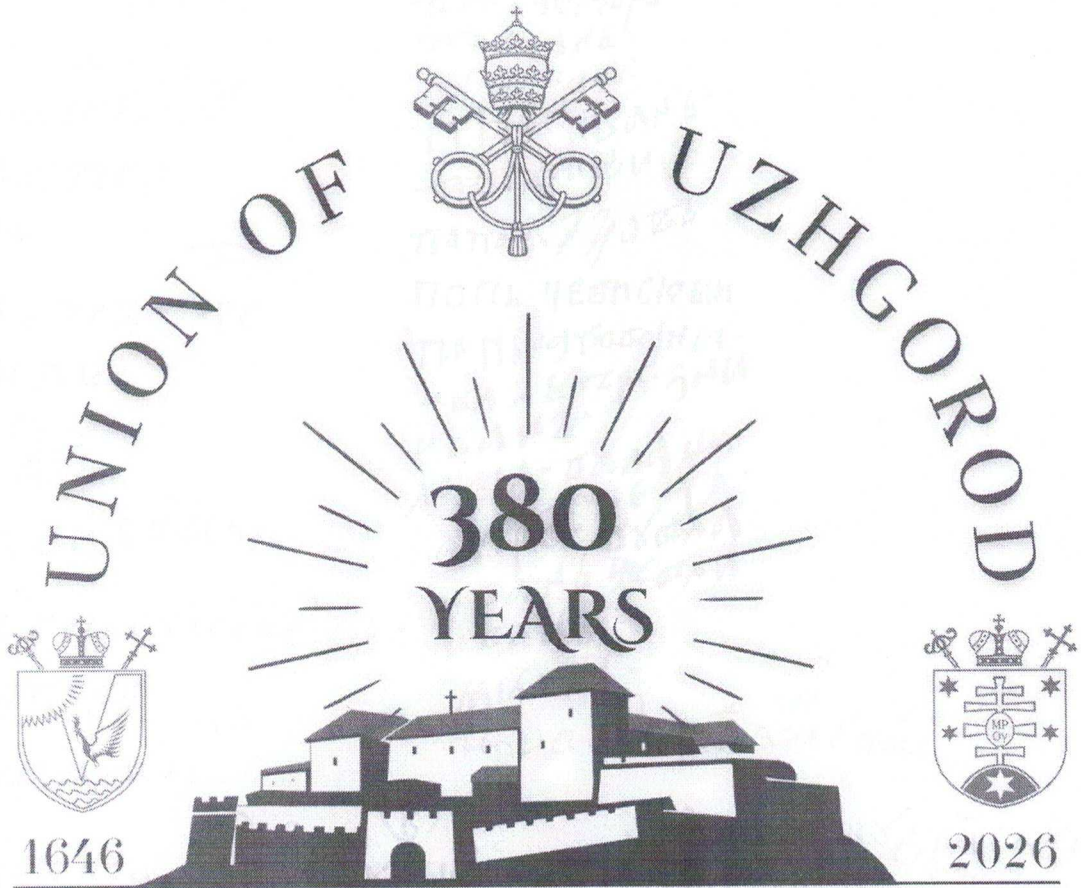
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Our Countdown to Great Lent Calendar 2026

Pre-Lenten Weeks of Preparation

Get ready! Here comes the Great Fast!

Start here!

23/30

It's not just about food! Prepare your prayer plan too! Will you attend Presanctified Liturgy? Say the Jesus Prayer? etc?

22/29

Don't fall out of your tree! Make sure your plan is practical and safe. Discuss it with your parents and/or your Spiritual Father first.

21/28

When you climb YOUR tree this lent, will others try to pull you down? Surround yourself with supportive friends.

20/27

Make a plan for fasting and discuss it with your family. Try to do one more thing than you did last year!

19/26

Zacchaeus worked hard to see Jesus. Pray for the grace to make a good effort this Lent!

January - 18/25

Zacchaeus Sunday:

Establish your plan and get ready to climb! Review your eparchy's rules for fasting and discuss what this will look like in your home.

Ask your parents what they expect from you this lent. Make a Zacchaeus Tree Cinnamon Roll! See the recipe and instructions at ByziMom.com!



24/31

Remember to make a plan to give alms to those who are less fortunate! How will your family do that this lent?

January 25/February 1:

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee:

Work on humility and feast! Did you know that we are expected NOT to fast at all this week? Even on Friday! It's true! We need to practice humility by doing so, and also get rid of all the goodies in our pantries this week. Make Publican and Pharisee Cookies! See the recipe and instructions at ByziMom.com!



26/2

FEAST!

Begin to eat up the treats you have stored in your pantry and refrigerator so they won't tempt you.

27/3

FEAST!

Discuss with your family which foods are allowed and which are not during the fast, and why.

28/4

FEAST!

Which activities will you fast from and which will you begin to do during the fast?

29/5

FEAST!

Humility is also simplicity. Will you simplify your environment by taking down decorations in your house or your room for the fast?

30/6

FEAST!

The Pharisee boasted while the Publican humbled himself. Practice the Jesus Prayer today.

31/7

FEAST!

We all need to cultivate the virtue of humility, which means seeing ourselves as God does. Pray for this grace today.

February 1/8

Sunday of the Prodigal Son:

Work on mercy and forgive your neighbor. Remember, the son returned and fell prostrate before his father to beg forgiveness. We do this before our Heavenly Father too, when we make prostrations in prayer.



2/9

Do you know how to make prostrations like the Prodigal Son? You may want to practice them!

3/10

Is there someone who has made you angry? Show them forgiveness today to prepare for the fast.

4/11

The Prodigal son took his father for granted. Go to your parents today and tell them how much they mean to you.

5/12

The Prodigal Son was so hungry he longed to eat animal food. Make a plan to donate some food to those who are in need.

6/13

The Father rushed to greet his son when he repented. Be eager to forgive those when they ask you to do so.

7/14

Today is the first All Souls Saturday: Pray for the Departed!

Make a list of those departed of your family for whom you will pray this Lent



February 8/15

Sunday of Meatfare/Last Judgment:

What can you do for the least of your brethren? Listen carefully to this Gospel reading because it contains the answers to the very final, Final Exam of life! This is how we will be judged before God and it's important that we get it right. Make Lamb Cupcakes! See the recipe and instructions at ByziMom.com!

12/19

Bad habits imprison those who cultivate them. Do you have any bad habits that you want to be free from? Make a plan to work on those during the fast.

13/20

Make a card or say a prayer for those you know who are ill. Sometimes just knowing someone cares can help them heal and feel better.

14/21

Whatever you do for the least of your friends, you do for Jesus! Do a good deed for someone today.

February 15/22
Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday
The Great Fast begins tomorrow!

Ask forgiveness of everyone in your household so that you may begin the fast tomorrow with a clean and humble heart!

11/18

People who are ashamed often can't forgive themselves. Be quick to forget the shame of others and never bring it to anyone's attention.

10/17

Can you welcome any strangers in your church, school, group, or neighborhood?

9/16

People hunger and thirst for all sorts of things like love, patience, or understanding. How can you satisfy them?