

THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



Icon of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Lessons of the Story of Zacchaeus

1. Zacchaeus teaches us that when you make a solid effort to experience Jesus, you are rewarded. It means seeking him with all your heart and doing everything he would have you do!
2. Don't make a judgment based on appearance. Far too often we make a judgment about someone based on how someone looks or acts. This makes us impotent to help someone change their lives.
3. Don't make a judgment based on reputation. People gain a reputation for better or worse from the lives they have lived and the reports that have been spread about them. When you hear a negative report from someone, ask God to help you withhold judgment.
4. Practice looking into a person's heart. Can you see someone's heart? God will help you

with that! The closer we follow Jesus, the more we are able to see into someone's heart.

5. Ask God to help you see what might take place! When Ananias was asked to go see Saul, he objected because he was afraid. Saul had been relentlessly persecuting the church. But God revealed to Ananias the heart of Saul. He was then willing and was used to bring about a complete change in Saul's (Paul's) life. Read the story in Acts 9.

6. Focus on seeking and saving the lost. We are surrounded by people who don't know or follow Jesus. I am convinced that the very best life comes to us when we follow him. Are you? I want to help people find that life. When we do that, God changes lives and we become participants in that transformation!.

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THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

—Who They Were and What They Did—

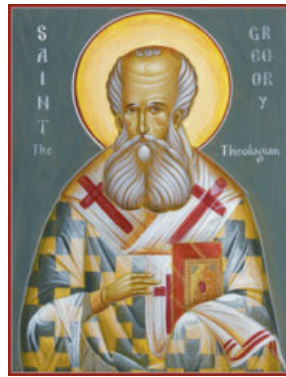


St. Basil the Great

Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia
330-379 AD

Feast Day: January 1

St. Basil is called Great because he kept the correct faith, took care of the poor and needy, built monasteries, and explained the doctrines of the Church. St. Basil wrote the text for the Divine Liturgy, which the Church uses ten times a year (mostly during the Great Lent).

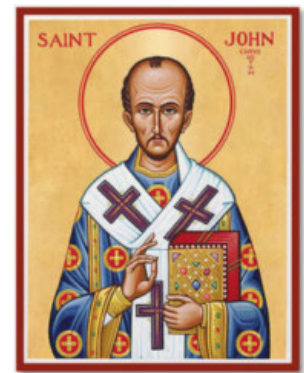


St. Gregory the Theologian

Archbishop of Constantinople
329-389 AD

Feast Days: January 25
January 17 (translation of his relics)

St. Gregory is called Theologian because he explained the Holy Trinity as One God in Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. According to one of his biographers, St. Gregory is a Theologian because he prayed truly. He was a great poet and wrote over 400 poems containing more than 18,000 verses.



St. John Chrysostom

Archbishop of Constantinople
347-407 AD

Feast Days: November 13
January 27 (translation of his relics)

St. John is called Chrysostom because of the sweetness of his words (Chrysostom means golden mouth.)

Why they are Holy Fathers of the Church

They were bishops of our Church.

They wrote many books to explain the Faith to the people and helped them live a life in Christ.

They set rules to live and worship.

They fought against heresies (false teachings).

They took care of everyone, obeying our Lord's commandments.

January 30, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	January 31	8:00 a.m.	†Peter Knapik Family by Joseph Klinkovsky
Tuesday	February 1	8:00 a.m.	†Ann Wargo by Dolores Grisin
Wednesday	February 2	Solemn Holyday (Presentation in the Temple)	
		7:00 p.m.	†Michael Prischak by the Men's Club (Candles Blessed)
Thursday	February 3	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Oros by Bernie Ruskay
Friday	February 4	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Sabo by Al/Mary Pinchak
Saturday	February 5	4:00 p.m.	†Edward Niles by John/Janet Foreman
Sunday	February 6	10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
February 2	7:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert		
February 5	4:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert	R. Evans	G. & J. Huntz
February 6	10:30 a.m.	D. Tytko & J. Lesnick	T. Churparkoff	M. & N. Ihnat

God's Word brings peace in the presence of pain.



From the Pastor's Desk

As you heard today, we are off and running with the Synodal process. Please give your utmost attention to our lay representatives **Shalimar Masters and Ted Chuparkoff**. Information will be coming to you at a fast pace over the course of the next several weeks. The information sent to you from the chancery in my e-mail blast on Friday is meant to help prepare you prayerfully for the task that lies ahead. **Bishop Milan** has chosen The Beatitudes as the guideposts for this. (During the synodal process the cantors have been asked to sing the beatitudes instead of the usual Sunday antiphons.)

The **Finance Commission** and **Catering Committee** met last week to go over the contract with **Catering by Verba's**. There's a few lingering points of negotiation that need to be addressed and that should happen this week at a meeting with representatives from Verba's. Also, a small group of parishioners will meet this week to discuss with Verba's the new name for what we'll be calling our "event center" (because it will include the Activity Center and pavilion). Each of our people selected five names from the forty submitted to be considered. Verba's did the same. Notes will be compared and dialogue will ensue on the ultimate choice.

Be ready next weekend to join in with the **A-OK Club** "Acts of Kindness Week" invitation. (See elsewhere in this bulletin.) Our world always can use more of this!

I want to thank the members of the **Finance Commission** along with Office Manager **Michele Wiltshire** for the hard work put into the Financial Report. Please look it over. It's meant to give you an accurate picture of where we are at in the revenue department. We are not a business, but it still takes money to operate a parish! Thanks to all who recognize this and give accordingly.

Have a blessed week!

RANDOM ACTS OF KindnessWeek

The **A-OK Club** is once again primed to get the entire parish involved in “**National Random Acts of Kindness Week**” (February 14-20). Here's how it's going to work this year. Next weekend Hershey candy bars will be given out after church promoting Acts of Kindness Week. We are asking each parishioner to give yours to someone else (thus advertising to “practice acts of kindness”). Also, we are asking whoever is willing, to take a box of eighteen and drop it off where a broader promotion is possible (for example at a local police or fire station, radio/TV station, elementary school office, etc). If you are able to do this, please mark down where you are taking it so there are no duplications. Acts of Kindness are really “Acts of Jesus!”

Holyday on Wednesday

Wednesday is a Solemn Holyday. The liturgy will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m.** Byzantine decorative candles will be blessed at the close of the service (and will be available for purchase). The mirovanije collection next weekend will be sent to the chancery office. (Part of the National Collection for “Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe.”)



The **Ladies' Auxiliary** has asked everyone to “save the date” for a **Lenten Day of Recollection** on **March 13 after liturgy.** **Father Cyril Pinchak SJ** will be the presenter. (More information to come.)

Advisory Board— New Member & Meeting

The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00.** We welcome **Patty Steen** for her first meeting. Thanks for saying “yes” to the invitation. She takes the place of **Marilyn Percic** who needed to step down because of her position on a local school board which also meets every first Tuesday. Her many contributions to the board will be missed.

Your Weekly Offering

January 23, 2022

Sunday:	\$2,164.00
e-giving:	230.00
Student Envelopes:	5.00
Cash:	109.57
Candles:	10.00
Holy Days:	55.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	9.00
Building Fund:	20.00
In memory of Harry Dudick:	75.00
Total:	\$2,724.57

**Have you remembered St. Joseph Church
in your Will and/or Trust?**

2021 Financial Reports

If you have any questions on the 2021 Financial Report, contact **Michele** (for personal donations) and **Father** with any other concerns. (Next weekend the reports will be in the mail slots.)

Communion Visits

Communion will be taken to the sick/shut-in on **Friday** between the hours of **9-2.**

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp will burn during the month of **February** in memory of **Mike and Mary Rokoski.**



Next week is “**Scout Sunday.**” Members of **Troop 811** will be in attendance at the liturgy. (Scouts from other troops are welcome as well.) After church there will be some table activities for the boys/girls involved. (Thanks to the scouts/leaders who helped with the shoveling last Sunday. They were in the back property for their annual “winter campout.”)

GCU Lodge 302 Meeting

GCU Lodge 302 will meet in the Activity Center **next Sunday after liturgy.**

ByzanTEEN Gathering

Area **ByzanTEENS** will meet in our Education Center **tonight** at **5:00.** **Fr. Lukas Mitro** and **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** are conducting the sessions. All high school students are encouraged to attend!

February 2:

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple



On Wednesday we celebrate the meeting of Jesus with Simeon in the Temple. The gospel reads: "Then he took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now let your servant depart in peace..." (Luke 2:28-29)

In this beautiful scene, the aged Simeon takes the Baby Jesus in his arms and expresses his delight and joy to God in a brief prayer. We often picture Jesus taking little children in his arms but this thought of another receiving Jesus into his arms is much less familiar to us.

Taking Jesus into his arms was an act of will by Simeon. The Spirit had prepared him to meet Jesus at the correct moment and had providentially brought them together. There are critical moments in life when everything depends upon immediate submission to the impulse of the Spirit. The impulse may come as a voice, or as a feeling of right or wrong. But the voice does not

always give the answer we expect or hope to hear. More often it presents a challenge which we may or may not choose to answer. The decision is always ours. Simeon was driven under the impulse of the Spirit to hurry into the Temple, and when he was confronted with the Christ Child, he accepted Him into his arms immediately overlooking the poverty, the humility, or the apparent insignificance of the family. The impulse of the Spirit told him this was to be his only opportunity to see Christ. He seized it.

This was the end of his long vigil of waiting. "Lord, now let our servant depart in peace." Are we waiting for a closer relationship with Christ? We must, like Simeon, seize the many opportunities the Church gives us to worship Him, to learn about Him, and to share our love and knowledge of Him with others so that we may repeat with Simeon: "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace."

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CONFESSIONS: 45 minutes before liturgies for half an hour and by request

LADIES' AUXILIARY: 2nd Sunday of the month after liturgy

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES:

Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

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