



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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January 17, 2021

Sunday of Zacchaeus, Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356)

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

Tone: Sheet



Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days

******Please Note ******

Mass Offerings , Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____




(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. Amen



Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

01/16	Saturday		No Liturgy
01/17	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Thomas Monks req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk
01/18	Monday		No Liturgy
01/19	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+LILLIAN B. SLEZAK
01/20	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+THEODOSIA, NIKIFOR, PAULINE, CHARLES AND SAMUEL SMERZNAK
01/21	Thursday	6:00 PM	+Frank Fedir Stuban req. by family
01/22	Friday	10:00 AM	+HNAT, JULIA SMEIDER & DECEASED FAMILY
01/23	Saturday		No Liturgy
01/24	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Peter Lypen req. by wife & family

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health Malinak & Kardos Family</i>		
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Stefania Gebuza by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family</i>		
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>Health & Happiness in the New Year for Father Edward C. Young by The Zanowiak Family</i>		
Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates None Offered		Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 2/15/21-2/21/21 3/8/21-3/14/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/25/21-1/31/21 2/15/21-2/21/21 3/1/21-3/7/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/25/21-1/31/21 2/15/21-2/21/21

2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.
Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory
Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.
Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

******Notice** ****The Men's room **is closed for renovation** till further notice. Ladies bathroom will be used by everyone.

2020 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of January continues and hope to complete the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2020**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

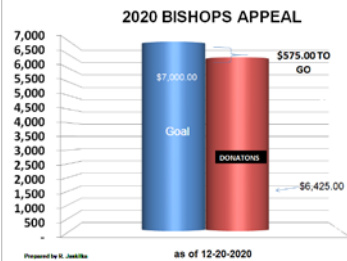
You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal!!!

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2020 in the church hall or mail it in to church!

Donations \$6,425.00 or 90.4% to go \$575.00 This week \$0.00.



The 2020 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

“The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford” and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Do not use Paypal for your donation!

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. We have met our goal over the last nine years and have not had to put any additional strain on our parish's treasury. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

This Year 2020 because of Covid-19 we are beginning the Charities Appeal in September which is later than other years. Hopefully now by God's grace as Autumn approaches we all will be blessed with good health in our homes and our community.

PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
JANUARY
2021



Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors

Wednesday evening *January 20, 2021*

@ 7:15 pm in the church hall

All Board members are requested to attend!!!!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced!



2021 ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2021 are in the church hall.

Please pick them up; **they will not be mailed.**

Any friends/relatives may also pick up their envelopes for

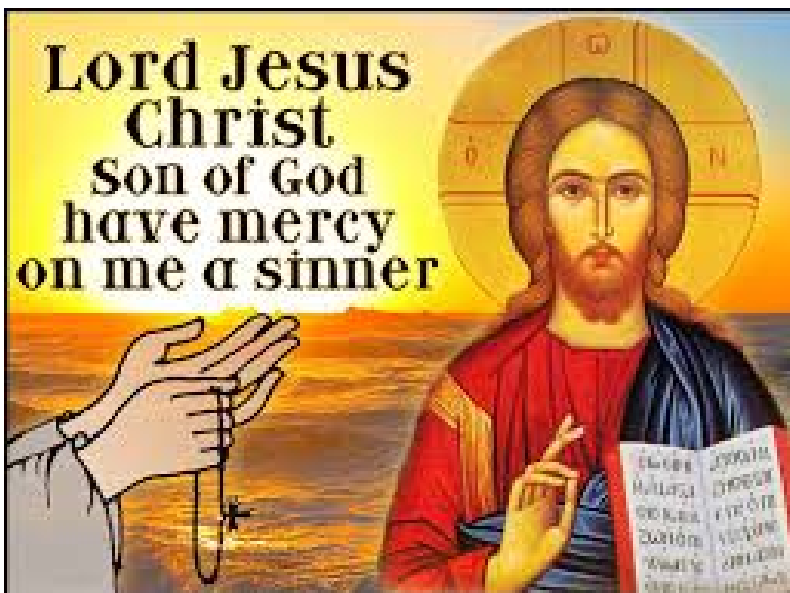
Also, **2021 calendars are here – one per family as long as they last.**

The calendars were generously donated by John Zaleski of Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home

Thank you and mnohaya lita!



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SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Epistle - 1 Timothy 4:9-15 ~ Gospel - Luke 19: 1-10 Tone 8

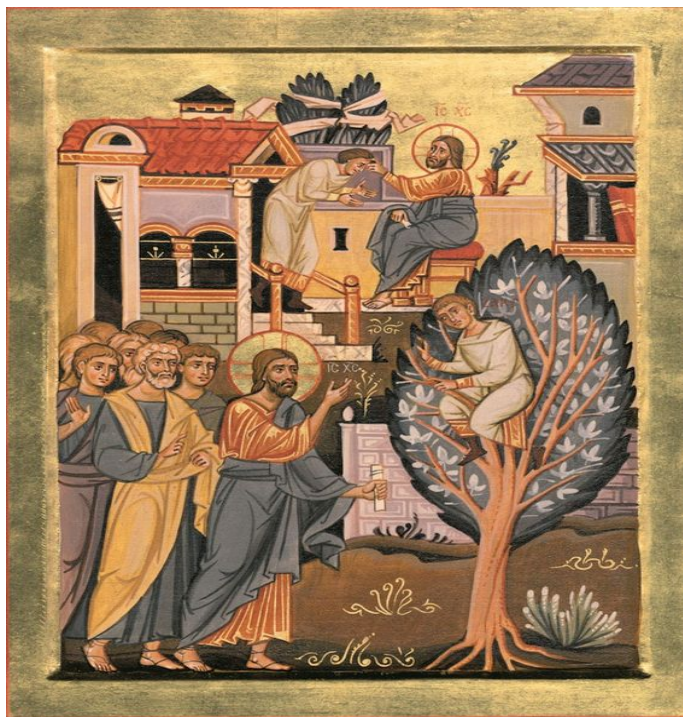
Looking at our Church calendars, we are made aware that while still in the Christmas season, we are preparing for the penitential season of the Great Fast.

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Fast, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Fast comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. The Gospel lesson today describes an encounter in the life of Zacchaeus that changed the whole direction of his life. It was the day he met Jesus of Nazareth face to face. The whole Gospel is contained in that encounter, for it made Zacchaeus a new and redeemed man. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through the Great Fast towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our journey to Pascha begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus



was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also fallen short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth. Like Zacchaeus, we today will never see Jesus if we remain on the level we are. There are too many persons and things standing in our way. We must climb higher. Fortunately there are trees we too can climb to help us see Jesus. There is the tree of prayer. Prayer is speaking with Jesus just as rally and truly as Zacchaeus did. If we are to see Jesus, to make His presence a reality in our lives, we must climb the tree of prayer daily.

Like Zacchaeus, we will not be saved until we too are small and understand that in order to see Salvation, we must first climb up into the tree of repentance, up onto the cross of humility, bringing the fourfold fruit of repentance. Only then will we hear Christ's voice calling to us and saying: 'Come down', because He is calling us to eat with Him in His Eucharist.

"Today, salvation has come to this house" said the Lord upon entering the house of Zacchaeus the sinner. Christ was the salvation that came and Zacchaeus was the house into which He entered. Each one of us is a house in which sin dwells as long as Christ is distant and to which salvation comes when Christ approaches it. Nevertheless, will Christ approach my house and your house? That depends on us. Behold, He did not arbitrarily enter the house of the sinner Zacchaeus, rather He entered as a most desired guest. Zacchaeus of little stature climbed into a tree in order to see the Lord Jesus with his own eyes. Zacchaeus, therefore, sought him; Zacchaeus desired Him. We must also seek Him in order to find Him and desire Him in order that He would draw nearer to us and, with our spirit, to climb high in order to encounter His glance. Then He will visit our house as He visited the house of Zacchaeus and with Him salvation will come

We do not need to climb a sycamore tree to see Jesus today. There are other trees we can climb, the trees of prayer, the Bible, the Liturgy, repentance, restitution and service. From these trees not only shall we see Jesus but He will also see us as He saw Zacchaeus. And He will say to us as He said to him: "Make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house" - in your heart, in your mind, in your soul.

Draw near to us O Lord, draw near and bring to us Your eternal salvation. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

Prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus, as You came to Zacchaeus. We too seek You, for we are restless for the peace, the wholeness, the salvation which only You can bring. We hear your knock on the door of our souls. We open to invite You to come in. Fill us with your loving Presence, May we too hear from your lips those precious words, "Today salvation has come to this house." "

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA: SALVATION:

Page 1, Section 2; Page 24, Sections 43-45; Page 59, Section 158; Page 143, Section 413



The First All Souls Saturday will be 6 February 2021

The names of our beloved deceased will be read after 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Перша Заупокійна субота Поминальна Субота, 6 лютого 2021 The First of Saturday of the Dead, All Souls Saturday, before the Sunday of the Last Judgment will be Saturday, 6 February 2021 The day before the Sunday of the Last Judgment marks a commemoration of all those who have departed this life and Gone to their rest. The other All Souls Saturdays will be February 27, March 6 and 13, and then May 22, 2021. On these Saturdays will be Celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Faithfully Departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved deceased. Please, if you have names to add to your deceased list, please see that Father Edward has these names no later than Sunday, January 31, 2021.



**Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great
Commemorated on [January 17](#)**

Today, January 17, our Church commemorates one of the greatest fathers of departing monasticism (anachorites), Venerable and God-bearing Anthony of the Desert and teacher of the monastic state, who is rightly called great, for great deeds he did. Anthony the Great was born in Upper Egypt in 251 AD. At a young age he consciously decided to devote himself fully to the will of God through monastic life. He distributed his possessions to the poor and withdrew near his home at first, then near his village, and eventually marched into the depths of the Egyptian desert, where he lived with full devotion to spiritual exercise for more than 80 years until his venerable sleep. His life, written by his disciple Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria, is a presumption of salvation and a spiritual guide not only for monks but for every struggling man. Of the many inspired words of Anthony the Great let us cite and retain the following:

“God has given us temperance, forbearance, prudence, patience, sufferance and the like with such great and virtuous strengths. He gave them to us as antidotes and resistances to their respective evils. If we train these strengths and always have them handy, then we will realize that nothing difficult or sad or unbearable is happening to us anymore. Because we will realize that everything is human and our virtues can overcome it.”

Source: Church of Cyprus

Akathist to Saint Anthony the Great

Kontakion 1: Chosen wonderworker and most marvelous servant of Christ, venerable Father Anthony! Lovingly praising your God-pleasing life, we offer God a song of thanksgiving for you. And as you have great boldness toward the Lord, free from all dangers us who joyfully call on you:

Rejoice, venerable Father Anthony, founder of the desert life!

Ikos 1: Having loved the angelic life from your youth, you desired to walk in God's commandments, venerable Father, and, with your heart flaming toward to the Lord of

Hosts, you raised your mind onto the divine, counting all temporary and earthly as loss. Therefore, marveling at God's providence for you, with faith we call upon you:

Rejoice, worthy son of devout parents.

Rejoice, for you were raised in piety.

Rejoice, for you followed Christ from youth.

Rejoice, for you reckoned earthly vanity as nothing.

Rejoice, fervent worker of Christ's vineyard.

Rejoice, great teacher of the desert dwellers.

Rejoice, for you desired salvation for all.

Rejoice, for you showed the true monastic path.

Rejoice, luminous lamp ignited with divine fire.

Rejoice, unshakable rock of faith in Christ.

Rejoice, radiant with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Rejoice, graced with the gift of wonderworking.

Rejoice, venerable Father Anthony, founder of the desert life!

Kontakion 2: Seeing that the enemy of mankind wished to destroy you for ascending to spiritual heights, O God-bearing Father, but was shamed by your struggle and humility in constant fasting and prayer, you crushed the head of the invisible serpent, singing to God with compunction: Alleluia.

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