

A WORD FOR THE DAY

When you find Christ, you are satisfied, you desire nothing else. You find peace. You become a different person. You live everywhere, wherever Christ is. You live in the stars, in infinity, in heaven with the angels, with the saints on earth, with people, with plants, with animals, with everyone and everything. When there is love for Christ, loneliness disappears. You are peaceable, joyous, full. Neither melancholy, nor illness, nor pressure, nor anxiety, nor depression, nor hell.

Christ is in all your thoughts, in all your actions. You have grace, and you can endure everything for Christ. You can even suffer unjustly. You can endure injustices for Christ, and indeed with joy. Just as he suffered, so you too, can suffer unjustly. Did you choose Christ in order to avoid suffering? What does St. Paul say? I rejoice in my sufferings (Col. 1:24). This is our religion: for our soul to awake and love Christ and to become holy, to give herself over to divine eros. And so, he too, will love her.

When Christ enters your heart, your life changes. Christ is everything.

St. Prophyrios, Wounded by Love, pg. 99.

He who realizes his sinfulness, who knows through personal experience the weakness of human nature, its inclination towards evil, that kind of person will be quick to forgive his neighbor, pardon his neighbor's offenses and will refrain from arrogant condemnation of the sins of others.

St. Tikhon of Moscow, Instructions and Teachings.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

Jan. 29, 2017

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Sunday of Zacchaeus.

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). St. Lavrentii (Lawrence), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Turov (Near Caves—12th c.). Ss. Gerásim (1441-1467), Pitirim (1445) and Jonah (1470), Bishops of Perm. Martyrs Romanus, Jacob (James), Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregonius, at Samosata (297). Martyrs Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius (Mucius) the Reader (312).



St. Zacchaeus, Apostle to St. Peter

Divine Services

Wednesday, Feb. 1st.....Vesperal Liturgy for Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
.....6:30 pm

(followed by a NON-FASTING Pot Luck Dinner)

Saturday, Feb. 4th.....Great Vespers.....6:00 pm

(followed by Confessions)

Sunday, Feb. 5th.....Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.....10:00 am

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee *(Hours 9:40 a.m.)*

Today's Readings

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

For Next Week, Feb. 5th

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersTanya Bogaevskaya

Epistle:Irene Vassos

Coffee HourMarina Bobrovsky

Announcements

Annual Parish Assembly Today. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Parish Assembly today after coffee hour.

IOCC. For the month of February, our parish will collect monies for IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). This is a trusted organization. Let's encourage one another to donate towards this cause. IOCC helps Orthodox Christians around the world in so many different ways. IOCC especially helps those who are sick and suffering by providing medical attention. They have saved many lives. Our donations will save lives!

Upcoming Events

Banquet for the Christians of Syria February 11th at 6:30pm at St. Joseph's banquet hall, where we had our Anniversary Banquet. Those of us who can help, please see Fadia Makdisi who is coordinating and organizing the event. We thank Fadia for putting so much hard work into preparing for this event!

Memory Eternal:

Maria Magdalena (Jan.16, mother of Lucian Radulescu),

Marjorie Grinko (Dec. 23/40 days on Feb. 1)

For the health and well-being of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Irina, Katia, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Galina, Nancy, Maria, Al, Mercy, Michael.

February Birthdays

Birthdays: Paula Colbert (04), Irina Pozniakova (07), Irene Vassos (13), Elanor Chelukhova (21)

Last Sunday's Collection\$1,051
Budget 2017 *(determined at Annual Mtg)*
Progress Towards Budget\$4,565