

Zacchaeus

Jesus tells Zacchaeus: Make haste and come down; (that is, humble yourself), for today I must abide at thy house (Luke 19:5). A house here can be understood as the heart. Truly, says the Lord, you have climbed up into a tree and conquered a part of your earthly desires because you wanted to see me, that is: you wanted to be able to perceive me when I passed that way in your heart. But make haste now to humble yourself lest you sit there thinking you are better than others, for it is in the heart of the humble that I must dwell. And he made haste and came down and received him joyfully (verse 6). Zacchaeus, chief of the publicans, now received Christ, and the first thing he did was to give away all that he possessed. For half of his goods he gave straightway to the poor, and the remainder surely was quickly expended to repay fourfold those from whom he had demanded too much. He also is a son of Abraham (verse 9): he has heard the Lord’s voice and has gone from his country and from his father’s house (Genesis 12:1), where selfishness and passions ruled. Zacchaeus knew that the heart which receives Christ must empty itself of everything else: it must offer all it has of illegitimately acquired riches: the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (I John 2: 16). He understood that he who is rich here is poor there, for to be physically rich is the same as being spiritually poor, explains John Chrysostom: for if the rich man were not so poor, he would never be so rich. By proclaiming salvation over Zacchaeus, Jesus did more than offer forgiveness—he pledged discipleship. Zacchaeus was the inverse of the rich young ruler, who clung to his wealth and walked away. Instead, Zacchaeus embodied true discipleship, just as those who left their nets and livelihoods to follow Jesus. In a world brimming with deceit, corruption, and hatred, Zacchaeus became a man empowered by God to bring change within his reach. No matter how the religious community perceived him after that moment, he had the opportunity to make a difference—and he took it.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration
Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026
Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date
that he will be with us to celebrate
the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
259 days or 36 weeks

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, Jan 18	Sunday of Zaccheaus	✠ Charles Lutak Barb Kline
Jan 19	No Liturgy	
Jan 20	No Liturgy	
Jan 21	No Liturgy	
Jan 22	No Liturgy	
Jan 23	No Liturgy	
Jan 24	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 25	Sunday of Publican and the Pharise	✠ Steve Deskevich Margaret Reighard

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

Sunday of Zacchaeus

1 Timothy 4:9-13

Luke 19:1-10

Troparion (Tone 7)
By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

Kondakion
No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Theotokion
O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, bring us up from the pit and depth of sins, for you have saved those subject to sin by giving birth to our Salvation, O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth, and still a Virgin after the childbirth.

Prokeimen
The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse Bring to the Lord, O you sons for God; bring to the Lord young rams.
The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Weekly Collection - January 11, 2026 - \$550.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$325.00 Improvement - \$10.00 Candles - \$155.00 Misc - \$60.00

PARISH NEWS

World Marriage Day - A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Feb. 14th at 11:00AM in our parish. There will be a Divine Liturgy, renewal of vows, photos followed by a lite luncheon in our church hall. Please complete and return the below form no later than Sunday, January 11, 2026
Pyrohy Pinching Days - Get your pinching fingers ready for January 23 and January 30.
Pyrohy Sales - Once again our parish we be selling pyrohy for Lent. Orders are due by January 21. Tell your friends and family to come and buy our pyrohy.
Singers Needed - In preparation for the 100th Anniversary, singers are needed to sing the Divine Liturgy. Many of the songs for the divine Liturgy are in 3 and 4 part. See Ryan if you are wanting to help make the day extra special with raising your voice to God.

Prayer List	Millie Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock, Helen Farster, Bekka Facemire. <i>To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.</i>
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Future Events: Pyrohy Sale - February 13 World Marriage Day - February 14 Lent begins - February 16 Pysanky Class - March 7 & 14 Paska Sale - March 28 Holy Week - March 30 to April 3 Easter - April 5	Parish Easter Dinner - April 12 International Icon of Fatima - May 13 Sight & Sound Trip - July 23 Vacation Bible School - July 27-31 Ebensburg PotatoFest - September 26 100th Anniversary - October 4 St Nicholas Dinner - December 6 Pyrohy & Nut Roll Sale - December 12
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Joke of the Day	I was driving my three-year-old granddaughter, Nevaeh, to daycare one morning after a heavy snowfall. I said to her, “Everything is so so white Grandma doesn’t even know where the road is.” She innocently replied, “Grandma, it’s under the snow.” I was skypeing with my three-year-old grandson when he suddenly announced, “You can come out of the computer now, Grandma!”
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