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**St. Mary's Church Bulletin**



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**DIVINE LITURGY:**

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

**SATURDAY :** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession:** Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

**Baptisms & Marriages:** By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

**February 10, 2019 - Sunday of the Zacchaeus**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 see explanation on page 467

Gospel: **Luke 19:1-10** see explanation on page 184

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: ***Tone 4***

**Prayer Intentions February 11-17**

<b>Monday</b>		No Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday</b>		No Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	intention of Barbara-Ann Spak – Jean Gaba
<b>Thursday</b>		No Divine Liturgy
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 p.m.	<b>Encounter of Our Lord – Стрічення</b> Intention of Priests – Barbara-Ann Spak
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+Paul & Ilene Rehaluk (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian – for Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	+Patricia Kowal - Bezzubyk Family

**PYROHY WORKSHOP:** Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**BLESSING CANDLES** – On Sunday February 17, 2019 we are going to bless candles.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** Blessing of homes will be by appointment only. If you wish to have your home blessed, please call the parish office at (705) 675-8244.

**FINANCES:**

Available in the printed version of the bulletin only.

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

**Жертводавцям складаємо щиру подяку!**

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Income Tax receipts for 2018 will be ready for distribution next weekend.

**HOLY WATER CONTAINER DONATIONS:** St. Mary's would greatly appreciate donations towards the recent purchase of our new large "Stainless Steel Holy Water" container with a spigot. Please bring a jar to take some Holy Water home which was blessed on the Feast of Theophany! May God Bless you abundantly for your generosity in support our church! Fr. Peter

**Donation Envelopes:** Please see Lillian before or after Sunday Divine Liturgy if you wish to start using a box of Sunday Donation Envelopes. Donations help support the expenses of our church.

**"Zacchaeus, come down quickly." (Luke 19:5)**

Most of the Jews in Jericho probably thought of Zacchaeus as a lost cause. Once a faithful son of Abraham, he had become a senior tax collector, making money through corruption and extortion. Was there any hope for his redemption?

Absolutely! At one invitation from Jesus, he gave up half his wealth and promised to pay back fourfold anyone he had cheated. What caused such a turnaround? Isn't it possible that despite his reputation, there were still some people in Jericho who were praying for him? Isn't it possible that there were some who looked upon him with compassion and mercy, not judgment and recrimination? And their prayers, ascending to heaven on his behalf, helped soften Zacchaeus' heart so that he could turn away from his sins and try to make restitution.

Have you ever felt a sudden need to pray for someone? Or has someone's situation moved you to pray for him or her on a regular basis? Most likely, that's not your own idea but the Holy Spirit prompting you. We may think it's an impossible case, but something still stirs us to pray. And when there is prayer, there is power. God can break through even the hardest heart—maybe not in the way we expect or in our time, but he will act.

Remember St. Augustine. His mother prayed for him for years before he had a genuine conversion. How do you think Augustine would have turned out if she had given up? It's possible that he would have come to the Lord on his own, but probably much later and in very different circumstances.

Prayer is powerful, and persistent prayer is unbeatable. May we never lose sight of this special privilege we have all been given: the privilege of working with God as he changes people's lives!

“Jesus, help me to hear your Spirit's voice when he moves me to pray for someone. May I never give up hope! Who knows? Maybe the next St. Augustine could be touched because of my intercession!”

**Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)**

*How would you fill in this blank?*

**Let no one have contempt for your \_\_\_\_\_.**

If you were required to jump out of your chair today and take up a ministry like Paul's, what would be your primary concern? Would you be afraid that people would mock your lack of experience? Would you protest that you're too old? Too young? Not bold enough or articulate enough?

We all have things that make us feel as if we could never measure up, but that shouldn't discourage us from trying to spread the good news of Christ in our corner of the world. God knows that we have challenges, but he still calls us to move past them. What's more, he wants to help us. That's why he asks us to consider another fill-in-the-blank statement:

**Do not neglect the gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ that God has given you.**

It's easy to focus on our perceived shortcomings or hurdles, but this isn't how God sees us. Yes, he knows where we struggle. He knows that people may oppose us or dismiss us out of

hand. But he also knows everything that he has poured into our lives. He knows, better than anyone else, that grace is more than capable of lifting us up and helping us deal with whatever limitations we may think we have.

Today, think about these two blanks. What are your challenges? What are your gifts? Be careful not to focus only on the first question. Make it a point to give just as much thought to the second. You may be surprised by what you find!

Remember, you don't ever have to worry about being God's perfect servant. God doesn't want perfection. He just wants intention. He simply wants a desire to walk with him every day. If you can offer him just that, he will be sure to fill in all of the blanks you find in your life.

“Lord, erase my fear of failure or rejection, and remind me of my gifts and your guiding hand. By your grace, help me do the work you have set aside for me.”

#### **Молитва 10.02**

Господи, тому що ти благий і чоловіколюбець, даруй мені, грішному, життя безгрішне. Господи, не залиши мене у ворогів моїх, не відступай від мене. Господи, вибав мене від усякого насильства пристрастей і вогню розкошів. Господи, дай мені помічну руку і утверди мене у страхі твоїм. Господи, даруй мені плач, смирення серцю моему. Господи, даруй мені терпеливість у випробуваннях, розсудливість. Господи, знищ у мені незнання, зіпсуття й закам'янілість. Господи, вибав мене від прив'язань, що приносять зіпсуття, і схильності до злих думок. Господи, віджени від мене забудькуватість, нечутливість і запоморочення. Господи, захорони мене від борні блудної, дай нехить до тілесних розкошів, даруй благородні дні і життя чисте. І направ стопи мої на виконання заповідей твоїх, молитвами пречистої Владичиці нашої Богородиці і всіх святих твоїх, бо ти благословен еси на віки віків. Амінь.

***Неділя про Закхея (Лк 19:1-10).*** Життя у світі завжди ставило людині безліч бар'єрів для безпосередньої зустрічі з Богом. Життя сучасної людини

створює таких перешкод ще більше, ніж будь-коли. В одних випадках це пояснюється надзвичайним темпом життя, постійним бігом, занятістю, в інших – статусом людини, її оточенням, зв'язками, заняттями, які не сприяють, а то і прямо перешкоджають, зустрічі і перебуванню з Христом. Життя в такому темпі пробігає дуже швидко і непомітно, і так само непомітно ми «малиємо», стаємо духовно здрібнілими і нікчемними. Поступово ми втрачаємо духовні сили, орієнтацію в житті, мир душі – стаємо, як Закхей, «малими». Серед цього зубожіння нам не допомагають ані становище, ані матеріальне багатство, і в душі зростає відчуття пустки, яку треба чимось заповнити.

Люди намагаються заповнити цю пустку по-різному, та більшість таких спроб приречені на невдачу зі самого початку, бо допомогти нам може лише Господь. Потрібно лише зважитися приступити до Нього, знехтувавши усіма умовностями, що зупиняють нас на цьому шляху: неоправданим соромом, пихою, гонором, репутацією серед людей, так я це зробив Закхей. Такий «прорив» до Господа необхідний для нашого ества, для наповнення життя новим і справжнім змістом.

Одна важлива деталь: Закхей шукає *побачити* Ісуса. Подібне бажання побачити Господа лицем в лице зустрічаємо в Мойсея у книзі Виходу (Вих 33). Тоді таке бажання було надмірним навіть для вибраного і праведного Мойсея. Однак з приходом Христа ми всі отримали можливість, навіть незважаючи на нашу гріховність і негідність, оглядати обличчя Бога у Його Сині: *хто бачив мене, той бачив Отця... Я в Отці і Отець у мені є* (Йо 14:9 – 10). Саме для цього Ісус спілкується з блудницями, їсть і п'є з митарями і грішниками (Лк 5:30), такими як Закхей.

Псалмопівець Старого Завіту сказав фразу, що підсумовує весь релігійний досвід Ізраїлю і людства на загал: *Приступіть до Нього і просвітяться, і лиця ваші не постидуються* (Пс 33:6). Ізраїль, будучи ще навіть не народом, а маленьким родово-племінним утворенням, найбільш «малим» з усіх народів, був покликаний стати перед лицем Господнім, отримати від нього світло, і вирости у великий народ. Вся його історія показує, що світло лиця Господнього, яке шукав бачити Закхей, усуває сором і негідність, дає силу і повноту життя. В історії Церкви безліч людей, які зважилися на таку зустріч, доклали до неї зусиль, досвідчили її життєдайну силу і відкрили для себе нове життя.

10th February

## The Importance of Keeping Healthy.

When the body is ill, the soul is badly affected. In the great majority of cases, in fact, our spiritual capacities behave according to our physical condition; illness lays us low and makes us different, almost unrecognizable from when we are well.

If the strings of an instrument give a feeble or false sound because they are not taut enough, the artist has no way of displaying any particular talent: the defect in the strings defeats all skill. It is the same with the body. It can do a great deal of harm to the soul.

So I ask you: take care that your body stays fit, safeguard it from illness of any sort.

I am not telling you either to let it waste away or to let it grow fat. Feed it with as much food as is necessary for it to become a ready instrument of the soul. If you stuff it with delicious dainties, the body is incapable of resisting the impulses that attack it and weaken it. A person may be very wise and yet, if he abandons himself without restraint to wine and the pleasures of the table, it is inevitable that he will feel the flames of inordinate desire blazing more fiercely within him.

A body immersed in delights is a body that breeds lust of every kind.

*John Chrysostom*

*Homily on the Epistle to the Hebrews, 29, 3ff.*

*(PG63, 207)*



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