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**Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

**February 10, 2019  
Zacchaeus Sunday**

**Epistle: 1Tim.4:9-15**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, February 10**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (Annual) for Elizabeth Hockin, offered lovingly by the Hockin, Hanchak and Kondratick families.

**Saturday, February 16**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 17**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Publican & Pharisee

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**St. Michael's Center Hoagie Sale will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, and the deadline for orders will be this Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> **Menu: Italian (Italian no onions) Turkey (no onions) \$5.00 per hoagie. Please call Ruth Lasichak at 570-876-1456 and place your order.** Please mark this date on your calendar of events. Thank You in advance for your support!

**Church School will be held this Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, following** the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. Please make every effort to bring your children to Church School.

**Perogi Construction Project** will be held this Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and Monday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. For more information call Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak at 570-876-0411.

**Lenten Ethnic Food Sale** will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Center from 12:00 (noon) -3:00 p.m. Please show your support by helping and getting orders!

**Please remember in your prayers:** **Peggy Petrilak** who is a guest at the Carbondale Rehab, 10 Heart Place, Carbondale Pa. 18407. **Peter & Helen Senio** who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash & Ann Butler** are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 **Mary Slenska**, Allied Rehab, and **Irene Kiehart** is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

**Church Dues are being collected.** If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

**Sunday Hostesses:** **February 10,** Mary Ann Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky, Jean Malec, **February 17,** Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen Kay Fedirko, **February 24,** Maryann Dubea, Matushka Dolores and Matushka Kathy.

**Some thoughts on Zacchaeus:** the “vertically-challenged” tax-collector becomes, for us, representative of our better impulses in his desire to “see Jesus.” In order to simplify and to get to the heart of the matter, we need to lay aside all theological jargon, sophisticated reasoning, and misplaced rhetoric; and say with a kind of raw immediacy (that could actually make us feel a bit uneasy): I desire to “see Jesus.” Though that may sound like something out of a Flannery O'Connor novel, it is actually rooted in the Gospels. In fact, this desire has immortalized Zacchaeus until the end of time – and beyond we believe! In emulating Zacchaeus ourselves, we will be able to overcome our own “smallness of stature” and act decisively – “climb a sycamore tree” – and encounter Christ in a meaningful way. In the case of Zacchaeus, he exposed himself to public ridicule by his outlandish public display of desire. As Metropolitan Anthony Bloom once wrote: imagine a business executive in suit and tie, climbing a street sign on a crowded downtown corner in order to see a wandering prophet passing by! Overcoming such social self-consciousness is probably more difficult to achieve than imagined – especially for those of us untested by public reaction (friends and relatives) for the slightest breach of social etiquette done for a “higher cause.”

**The Lenten Triodion:** There is more to Lent than Fasting, and there is more to fasting than food. This principle lies at the heart of the Lenten Triodion, the main hymnbook of Orthodox Lent. For the Orthodox Church, Lent is without doubt the richest and most distinctive season of the ecclesiastical year. The Lenten services, the spiritual lessons of the Triodion, and the biblical readings for the season invite us to simplify our lives and to immerse ourselves in the “bright sadness” of repentance. Written for the devout Christian, the Triodion is full of warnings against pride and hypocrisy - the ultimate spiritual sins to which religious folk are so susceptible. Its hymns teach us the true nature and purpose of fasting and of Lent itself.

