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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

February 14, 2021 (Zacchaeus Sunday)  
St. Cyril – Teacher of the Slavs

Epistle: 1 Tim.4:9-15

#### Schedule of Services

Sunday, (Zacchaeus) February 14, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 21, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Publican & Pharisee) Annual Parastas for Helen (Gurka) Susko & Mary (Gurka) Wallace offered by John Susko & Family

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Special St. Michael's Center Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16. at 5:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

Special Memorial Donation offered in loving memory of Eileen Brzuchalski; \$100.00 given by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Gazella & Family, \$100.00 given by Richard Garman, \$25.00 given by Cathy Van Nort, \$25.00 given by Linda Stuchlak, \$20.00 given by Ann & Karen Naughton, \$20.00 given by Barbara Utter. May her memory be eternal!

Special Memorial Donation offered in loving memory of Madilyn Chup, \$500.00 given by Dr. Joseph Danyo. May her memory be eternal!

**In my wellness conversation with many of you, I'm so pleased to hear of your appointment to get vaccinated and so many of you have already received your first shot.** If you are having a difficult time, please contact: The VaccineFinder website it helps people find providers who offer select vaccines. VaccineFinder also allows healthcare providers to list their vaccination locations in a centralized, searchable database and to track vaccine supply.

**Great Lent in the Orthodox Church begins on Monday, March 15.** Please make every effort to keep the prescribed fast. More information will be forthcoming on the schedule of Lenten Services. **Great and Holy Pascha -Easter this year will be Sunday, May 2.**

**The installation of the new tile floor at St. Michael's Center has been completed** by the Yeselavage floor and Carpet Company in Eynon. **A Special Thank you to Protodeacon Gabriel for the additional work, painting and cleaning he has been doing and providing the leadership for this project.**

**Church Envelopes for 2021** have been mailed out to all of our beloved parishioners. I'm very grateful for all of you who are attending the Divine Liturgy with regularity and supporting us financially. **In order for us to meet our basic monthly bills, we need a steady source of income every week. Please send in your envelopes when you are not in Church.**

**A Special Thank You to:** Lydia Given for directing our church choir this morning. She is the wife of Seminarian Brad Given who is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology at St. Tikhon's Seminary **May our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to bless her for many years!**

**If your Church Dues are in arrears,** please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

**Please remember in your prayers:** **Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

**Zacchaeus Sunday:** The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. 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 Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation. Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. 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 come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also 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.

**Thought for the Day:** COVID-19 for many, was the loss of control people were having in their lives, this pandemic has also thought us a valuable lesson, which is; **"we were never in control"**