



## ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 17 **Anthony the Great, Venerables**

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Jan. 18 **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday of Zacchaeus**

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michalina Salo, given by Salo family.**

Saturday, Jan. 24 **St. Xenia, venerable**

Readings: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18: 10-14

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Jan. 25 **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

Readings: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18: 10-14

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Peter & Rose Drahusz,  
given by Mary Ann Russo.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Pearl Rumsky, given by Char Rumsky**

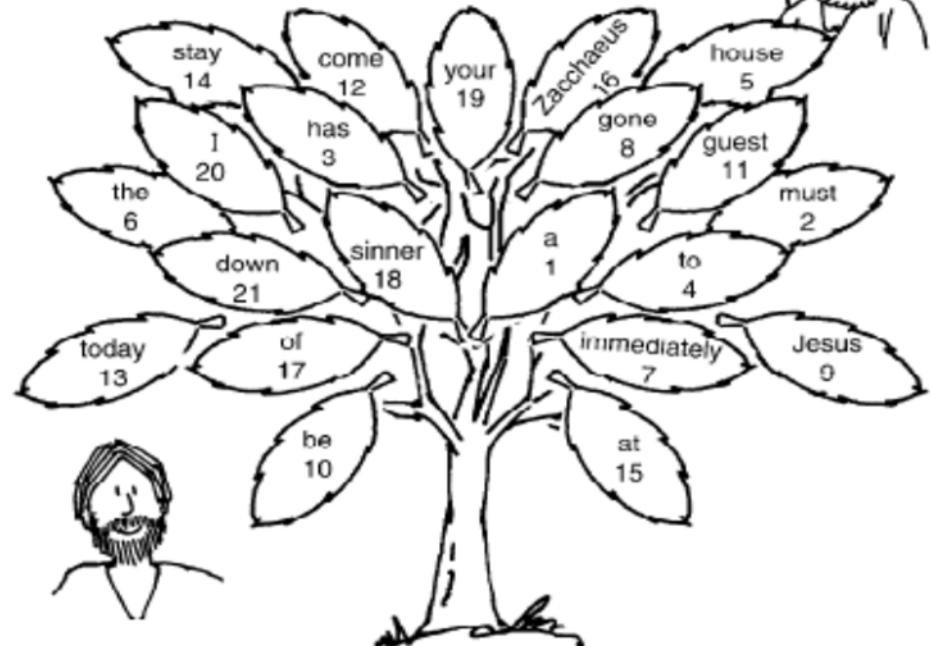
**Coffee Social following Divine Liturgy**

**Eternal light Candle offering for January 18, 2026**

Blessed Memory of +Anna and Anatoli Shchudluk given by Inna Hohosha

Jesus saw Zacchaeus. What happened next?

Match the words with the correct number.



" \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
16 12 21

7 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
20 2

14 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
15 19 5

13 \_\_\_\_\_." Then the crowd said, " \_\_\_\_\_  
9

3 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
8 4 10 6

11 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
17 1 18



## Preparing for Lent...Already?

The Sunday of Zacchaeus is the first “signal” that the season of Great Lent is approaching. This is unfailingly certain each year but why does the Church go through such a protracted pre-Lenten preparation?

Father Alexander Schmemann provides the following insight:

“Because of the deep psychological insight by the Church into human nature. Knowing our lack of concentration and the frightening ‘worldliness’ of our life, the Church knows our inability to change rapidly, to go abruptly from one spiritual or mental state into another. Thus, long before the actual effort of Lent is to begin, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and invites us to meditate on its significance. Before we can practice Lent we are given its meaning. This preparation includes five consecutive Sundays preceding Lent.”

If one is to find meaning in this period of pre-lent, one must be pro-lent! We need to look forward to Great Lent, not as a burden to be endured; but as a season of renewal to be embraced – eagerly and decisively.

Zacchaeus, the “vertically challenged” tax-collector becomes, for us, representative of our better impulses in his desire to “see Jesus.” 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.

Source: Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saskatoon, Canada website



**January 18, 2026**

Thirty second Sunday  
after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Our Holy Fathers and  
Archbishops of Alexandria,  
Athanasius and Cyril

Octoechos Tone 7

**Changeable Part:** See the special insert  
available in the church vestibule.

## **Announcements:**

### **Clean-up Decorations**

Sunday, January 18th, following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us that stay to help, the faster it will go. Thank you!

### **Statement of Contribution**

Statements of contribution will be available in the vestibule by January 18, 2026. If you have any questions, please see Olga Perkun.

### **Envelopes 2026-Calendars 2026**

The Church offering envelopes for 2026 and the 2026 Church Calendars are available now in the church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2026. Should you not see your envelopes, please let Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2025. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: *Многая Літа!*

## **Coffee social**

The next coffee social will be Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee, goodies and fellowship. Thanks to Patti Barr, Debbie Label and Vicki Senko for sponsoring the January Coffee Social. If you would like to sponsor a coffee social in 2026, please see Vicki Senko.

## **Sarris Candy Fundraiser**

There are brochures in the lobby if you would like to order some delicious Sarris Easter Candy. St. George receives a small percent of each sale. Please return your order form by **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Delivery is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **RaiseRight Gift Card Program - Get a quick fix in 2026 by ordering your RaiseRight gift**

**cards!** There are over 750 gift cards from which to choose. For every gift card you purchase, St. George receives a percent of each sale. Details of the program are available in the church vestibule. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

**Adult Religious Education - Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 6:30 pm.** The title of this session is "The Desire to Be Loved & The Desire to Love". "Join Fr. Benedict Groeschel as he leads us to understand that the search for holiness should be our primary purpose in life. Fr. Groeschel's goal in this series is to teach "how to organize and focus all the powers of your personality and life in responding to the Gospel and the Call of Jesus Christ."

## **Pyrohy Project**

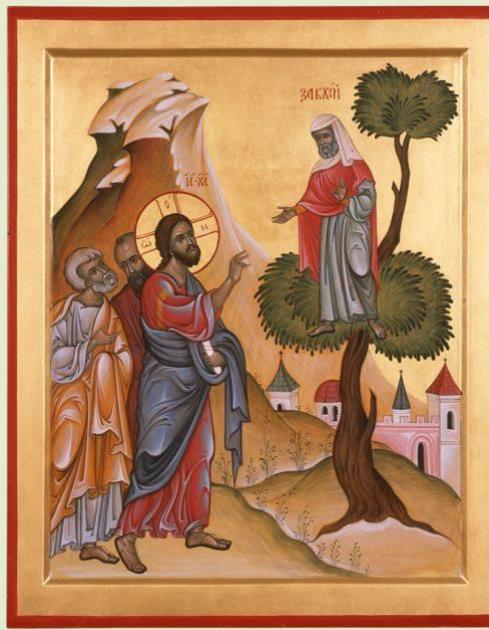
Our Pyrohy Project begins again on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Production starts at 9:00 am. If you would like to help, we would love to have you. No experience necessary. We hope you can join us for this worthwhile mission which provides our major source of revenue to support St. George.

## **Collection- May God bless you...**

The grand total for Sunday of January 11, 2026 was **\$1,517.00 + \$143.00**

(Collection: \$765.00, Loose: \$50.00, Eternal Candle: \$45.00, Envelopes: \$85.00, Advent Project: \$657.00, pyrohy: \$143.00)

*Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!*



## **CATECHETICAL SUMMARY**

### **Sunday of Zacchaeus (Lk. 19: 1-10)**

Today the Church, through the proclamation of the Gospel, reminds us that the Lord sees and values things in a way that the world cannot understand.

Oftentimes, what the world sees as strength is a pitfall for those who seek the Lord; and what the world sees as weakness is an opportunity for spiritual growth.

Zacchaeus, "small of stature" and despised by the Jews becomes the one who sees the Lord and welcomes him into his home. Why? The Fathers of

the Church tell us that Zacchaeus was able to see the Lord, not because of the Sycamore tree, but because he set aside the self-righteousness of the world and the stature of honor and worldly dignity.

By becoming "small" and humble of heart, by opening his eyes to the Lord's vision, Zacchaeus was able to rise above those around him to behold the Lord and welcome him into his home.

By going to Zacchaeus' house, Jesus confirmed for all that Zacchaeus had already made a home for the Lord in his heart.

Throughout the Gospel, those who are apparently weak become strong, the blind become able to see, the paralytics walk again, and this strength and healing is found in one thing: that the Lord has made himself present within them, that he comes into "our house," and for that we must "make haste" to come down to meet him.

### **CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:**

1. How should a Christian judge himself differently than the world judges him?
2. Why was Zacchaeus' willingness to climb up the tree a way in which we can see the humility of his heart?