

Sunday of Zacchaeus

February 3, 2019

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SAINT BASIL THE GREAT**

A Parish of the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma

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Services:

Saturdays
5:00 PM – Vespers

Other Feast Days
(As Announced)

Confessions

Sundays
11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Vespers
7:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

Sundays
Before Divine Liturgy
Until 10:40 AM

Mission Communities:

HOLY CROSS

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Transfiguration Catholic Church
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2nd Sunday of the Month

5:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

Confessions Until 4:40 PM

4th Sunday of the Month

5:00 PM – Vespers & Catechism

DORMITION

**OF THE
MOTHER OF GOD**

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church
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Sunday, February 24

5:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

Confessions Until 4:40 PM

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FEASTS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

**Sunday of Zacchaeus (*Tone 4*)
Post-Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord
The Holy & Just Simeon & Prophetess Anna**

1 Timothy 4:9-15
Luke 19:1-10

THURSDAY

**Post-Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord
Venerable Father Parthenius of Lampsacus
Blessed Petro Verhun**

1 Peter 4:12-5:5
Mark 12:38-44

MONDAY

**Post-Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord
Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium**

1 Peter 2:21-3:9
Mark 12:13-17

FRIDAY

**Post-Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord
Holy Great-Martyr Theodore the General
Holy Prophet Zechariah**

2 Peter 1:1-10
Mark 13:1-8

TUESDAY

**Post-Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord
Holy Martyr Agatha**

1 Peter 3:10-22
Mark 12:18-27

SATURDAY

**Leave-Taking of the Encounter of Our Lord
Holy Martyr Nicephorus**

2 Timothy 2:11-19
Luke 18:2-8

WEDNESDAY

**Post-Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord
Venerable Father Boucolus of Smyrna
Holy Priest-Martyr Sylvanus of Emessa**

1 Peter 4:1-11
Mark 12:28-37

NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY OF
THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE
(*Tone 5*)**

2 Timothy 3:10-15
Luke 18:10-14

Pastoral Visit
Bishop Bohdan Danylo



Sunday, March 3

11:00 AM -- St. Basil the Great (Charlotte, North Carolina)

5:00 PM -- Holy Cross (Columbia, South Carolina)

Followed by Vegetarian (Meatless) Potluck Lunch & Dinner

Special Guests:

“Zhyve TV”

Producers of the “Vibrant Parish” Series

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Diocese of Charlotte & Diocese of Charleston



Second Excerpt
From The Pastoral Letter
Of The 2018 Synod Of Bishops

**On Responsibility
For the Proclamation Of
The Word Of God And Catechesis**

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the parents, grandparents and godparents who hand down the living treasure of faith from one generation to the next. We remember that throughout the difficult decades of the communistic regime, it was our families who became the place where the Holy Spirit would act, beyond the reach of atheistic propaganda—the place, where faith in God and faithfulness to the Church of Christ were nurtured and preserved.

At all times, no matter what the external circumstances, the family, as the local Church, was, is and shall be the first locale for the nurturing and passing on of the faith. Therefore, also today we focus our gaze and attention on the family, in order to help it, and especially the parents, to deepen their own spiritual life, so that they might be capable of transmitting the gift of holy faith to their children and grandchildren. It is important task the parents should be supported by godparents, grandparents, family members, friends, school and parish community. We say “support” because in this responsible task no one can replace the nuclear family unit.

Dear Families! Our Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky said: “The family home is the first and most important school, where your children are to learn to love God and others. As will be that school, so will be the learning” (*Khrystianska rodyna* [The Christian Family], 13). Raise your children in a Christian spirit, create a particular atmosphere of family prayer—pray as a family before the holy icons, celebrate Sundays and holy days by participating with your children in the parish Divine Liturgy. When celebrating together, cultivate Christian family traditions and practices, instill in your children a Christian outlook on life and develop in them a sense of belonging to the parish church community and native people.

Dear Parents! You are the first teachers of faith for your children. Teach them by the example of your everyday life and by the word of prayer. Proclaim to them the Gospel, read the Word of God, the lives of the Saints and especially the lives of our new martyrs who are models of a faith that is received, lived and witnessed. Begin your day with morning prayer and end the day with evening prayer, encouraging your children with the words: “Come, let’s pray.” Bear witness to your faith with your life.

World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 10 is World Marriage Day (and then follows National Marriage Week), when we celebrate and promote the gift and blessing of marriage, and support all engaged and married couples.

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of husband and wife so that we might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on us. Renew our marriage covenant. Increase your love in us, and strengthen our bond of peace so that, [with our children], we may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. For are a merciful and loving God and we give glory to You, Father Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen Bless the Lord, all the marriage and grant them peaceful life, integrity, mutual love in the bond of peace, long life and unfading crown of glory. Amen.

Liturgy of the Hours

Saturday Evenings

5:00 pm, Vespers

Sundays Before Divine Liturgy

Minor Hours

Eves of Feasts

6:00 pm, Vespers (*Before Divine Liturgy*)

“Where such practice of celebrating the Divine Praises with the people has diminished, if not completely disappeared, the ancient tradition should be restored without delay, so as not to deprive the faithful of a privileged source of prayer, nourished by treasures of authentic doctrine.... Calling upon the time when the Divine Praises were upheld with special care in the East, not only by the monastic communities, but also by the parishes, the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* reminds us of the obligation—often easily forgotten or abandoned—to celebrate them in the cathedrals, parishes, rectoral churches, religious communities and seminaries.”

Vatican Congregation for the Eastern Churches



Akathist Hymn

To The Most Holy Theotokos

**Join Us In Praying An Akathist
(Available On Our Parish Website)**

For our Parish & its Missions

For our Bishop, Eparchy, & Church

For Priestly, Diaconal, & Monastic Vocations

For Christian Marriages

“The joy of praising Mary with the Akathist Hymn [is] so dear to the Eastern tradition. It is a song centered on Christ, contemplated in the light of his Virgin Mother.... We have retraced the stages of her life and offered praise for the marvels worked in her by the Almighty: from the virginal conception, the beginning and principle of the new creation, to her divine motherhood, to her sharing in her Son's mission, especially the moments of his passion, death and resurrection. Mother of the risen Lord and Mother of the Church, Mary goes before us and leads us to genuine knowledge of God and to the encounter with the Redeemer. She indicates the way to us and shows us her Son. In celebrating her with joy and gratitude, we honor the holiness of God, whose mercy has worked marvels in his humble handmaid. We greet her with the title Full of Grace and implore her intercession for all the children of the Church, which celebrates her glory with this Akathist Hymn.”

Pope St. John Paul II

Sunday of Zacchaeus

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. 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

recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12). The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions. 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, or 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.

