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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Anastasia [Metropolitan Yuriy's mom], Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynech, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, George Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron

& Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Barbara McDougall, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Evelyn Burlack, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis

Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Lord, please send the angels of silence, peace, rest to all those who are suffering of the body and soul, who are now sick, lonely, unsure, unfortunate, and afraid. *Priest Sergei Kruglov*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All Christians and the others in the Middle East who are suffering during this time of great tragedy and unrest. May God watch over and keep them safe! Lord have mercy!

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE; AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING
OF THE LORD; VENERABLE ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM-MONK; MARTYRS JADORUS
& ISIDORE; HIEROMARTYR ABRAMIUS-BISHOP OF ARBELA IN ASSYRIA;
VENERABLE NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF THE STUDIO**

Tone 5

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; HIEROMARTYR BLAISE-BISHOP OF SEBASTE;
SAINT THEODORA-WIFE OF EMPEROR THEOPHILUS THE ICONOCLAST**

Tone 6

1 Corinthians 12-20

Luke 15:11-32

**SUNDAY, MARCH 03 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
MEATFARE SUNDAY; SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT; SAINT LEO THE GREAT-
POPE OF ROME; SAINT AGAPITUS-BISHOP OF SYNNADE IN PHRYGIA; SAINT
FLAVIAN THE CONFESSOR-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; SAINT COSMAS-
MONK OF YAKHROMSK**

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Mary Smith, John Metrick, Andrew Hanczar, Anna
Lawrence, Michael Cicio, Chuck Shumski, Terry Reinhart, Jean Stutchell, Joseph
Vangrin, Frank Riznow, Mike Holupka, & Joe Nezolyk—Fr. Bob*

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 17 FEBRUARY 2019

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CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF THE STUDIO**

TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
To endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior, Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator, And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.**

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.**

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

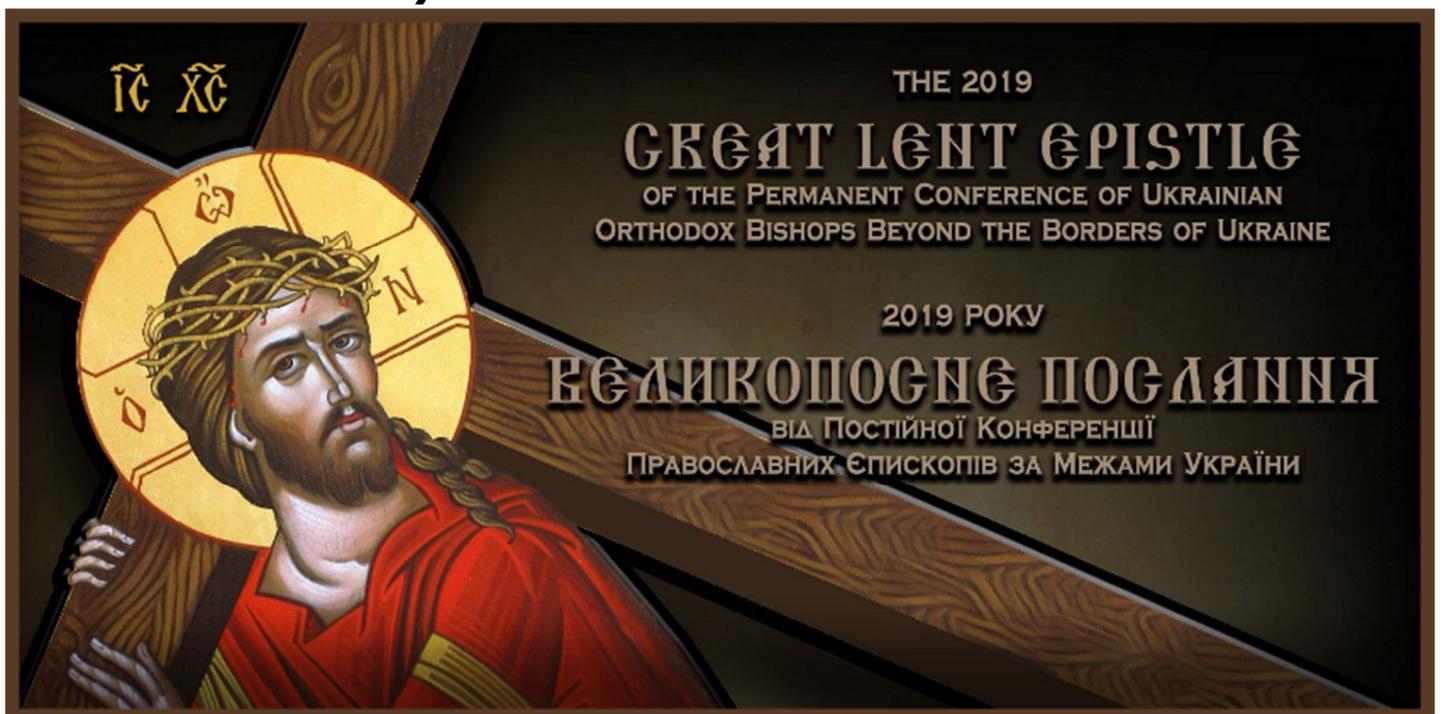
PEOPLE: **From this generation forever.**

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

The 2019 Great Lent Epistle of the Permanent Conference of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops Beyond the Borders of Ukraine



*To the God-beloved Pastors, Monastics, and all Faithful Children of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Diaspora and Ukraine,
Beloved in the Lord: CHRIST IS AMONG US!*

The Holy and Sacred Season of Great Lent is upon us! Each year, the Church offers us the Lenten season as a time of repentance and renewal. As for us, Orthodox Christians, the contemplation on this beautiful season of the Church year is a cause for much of spiritual joy!

There is real confusion in today's world about the meaning of joy. Like happiness, joy is often seen as something that we can physically buy. We may be able to buy something that brings temporary pleasure: but we cannot buy joy. They must not be confused. Joy is a free gift from God.

This surreal and joyful season of Great Lent is an opportunity to be graced afresh by contemplating the presence of Christ in our lives. All our efforts to evangelize in our new millennium here in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in North America, Western Europe, Australia, South America and throughout Diaspora would be fruitless unless we ourselves have first contemplated on the presence of Christ in our relationship with the world around us. It is the presence of the One who has suffered, died and risen from the dead out of love for us. To be so loved by the God of love in the midst of all our sinfulness and human limitations, indeed, is a joyful experience. This is surely the starting point for the Lenten season and the key point in our reflection upon our path to salvation. It is all summarized in one word: conversion.

It resonates with a deep yearning and recognition within us. As we make our first prostrations, we are reminded of our own sinfulness. Throughout the next 40 days we are called to repent and believe the Good News: God loves us. He sent His Beloved Son to suffer and die for us. He has risen from the dead and shares his new life with us. This is the heart of the Gospel. Lent refocuses our attention on this message of salvation, this good news through our ability to recognize and consider our identity as children of God.

Searching for our identity is part of life. We identify our "self" as a family member, spouse, sibling, clergyman, carpenter, farmer, doctor, entertainer or clerk. We also identify ourselves as Orthodox Christians, or as members of a parish. Identity involves discovering who we are as persons and what our role is by answering these questions: who am I, and why am I here? Growth in the awareness of our Christian identity is a lifelong process that shifts as we change. It is rooted in our Baptism, where we are transformed into our true identity as sons and daughters of the God. Holy Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians ("You should put away the old self of your former way of life . . . and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth" (Eph 4:22, 24),

challenges us to put away our former life and put on a new self. In other words, he tells us to turn from sinful ways and take on our new life in Christ. In so doing, we become one with Christ, where we find our true identity. We accept this challenge during the Great Lent, as we journey with Christ through life's difficulties to eternal life.

In the Church's Tradition the season of Great and Holy Lent has always been accompanied by the Lenten efforts of prayer, fasting and acts of charity. We know that parishes will be providing many extra opportunities for prayer over the days of Lenten journey. We call upon you to greater attendance at liturgical services of the season. We hope that the participation in the Holy Mystery of Repentance over this time will be a real priority in your lives and in all parishes. We hope that the prayers of the Church will offer people an invitation to be touched, healed, forgiven, comforted and strengthened by our Lord. Also, at home we recommend a closer attention to times of prayer and fasting and moments of genuine devotion in family life.

Secondly, our journey through Lent and preparation to more fitting celebration of Pascha – the Resurrection of our Lord - includes "willing service to our neighbor". All Christian true conversion starts in the heart but never stays there. True spiritual conversion always seeks out acts of charity to give practical help to our neighbor in need. This is a vital aspect of who we are as children of God.

We also encourage practical gestures of prayerful compassion to children. In this Lenten period, we must remember that our children are so often victims of human selfishness in today's world and deserve special attention. During this Lent, perhaps we could find ways in our neighborhoods to share something of the importance of Christ Jesus to those who do not believe in Him. Such efforts can start so simply: with a kind word and gentle smile in His Name.

As we embark upon this Lenten journey, it is the time to renew ourselves as Orthodox Christians. Upon baptism we assumed the obligation of sharing the Good News of Christ with others, of defending the Holy Orthodox faith from persecution and of living a Christ-centered life of love for others. This six-week journey entails striving for humility and contrition before God in our repentance, seeking mutual forgiveness from others and contemplating our renewal in our prayers. Let us open our hearts to let in that, which is eternal, that which is Truth and not be blinded by the temporal world around us. Where there is light there is hope. Through His

life and suffering for our salvation, we gain renewed hope in the light of Christ's glorious victory over death and in eternal life.

May our All-Merciful and Almighty Lord assist us on our journey through this Great Fast with humility and reverence so that we may be worthy to greet the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

With Hierarchical Blessings,

†YURIJ

Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

†ANTONY

Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and in the Diaspora

†JEREMIAH

Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Brazil and South America

†DANIEL

Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Western Europe

†ILARION

Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

†ANDRIY

Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

LIFE

Genesis 2:7- And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul..(KJV)

Do we ponder the mystery of life eternal possible given to us by the Lord God? Do we think deeply about the great responsibilities we have to God for this life? Is gratitude to God prevalent in our daily thoughts for the life we have received? Is every day complete with our serious efforts to live in ways pleasing to God? Do we turn to the Lord God in prayer seeking the best way to nourish our souls?

Deuteronomy 30:19- I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.(KJV)

Every moment we are confronted with choosing the way of life or way of death. Do we remain vigilant in discerning the impact of the daily choices we make? Are we alert to the fact our choices create a record for the final judgment? All that we think, choose and do is done within view of the all-

knowing God. We cannot escape the final judgment therefore wisdom exists in preparing for it.

Psalm 16:11- Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.(KJV)

The Lord God offers joy to those seriously following the path of life He sets forth. Believers do well to be attentive to the Lord God throughout the day and night. God provides signs to follow on the path of life and the obedient follow willingly. God is ever-present during the course of each day and sets forth life's direction. Inexhaustible joy is available for followers of the living and ever-present God.

Proverbs 4:10- Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.(KJV)

Listening to the Lord God at all times throughout life is of utmost necessity. We come regularly to God in prayer and need to do the equivalent in listening. Hearts and minds need to be alert to God's guidance during the course of daily life. God's teaching abounds in the Holy Scriptures and the attentive derive benefit. Life is enriched to the degree the Lord's teachings are incorporated into daily life.

John 1:4- In him was life; and the life was the light of men.(KJV)

Believers benefit beyond measure when fully filled with the light of Christ. Believers' lives radiate when Christ completely dominates the heart and mind. The light of Christ guides believers through the darkest moments of life. Christ's horrific death on the Cross did not extinguish His everlasting light. Christ rose from the tomb and is the light to follow until His Second Coming.

Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. St. Gregory the Theologian—Archbishop of Constantinople,; Ven. Publius. January 25/February 7, 2019. Father Rodney Torbic

Zacchaeus Sunday Luke 19:1-10

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy

house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost(KJV)

The arrival of Zacchaeus Sunday is the Church's reminder to repent of our sins. The Lord Jesus Christ preached repentance.(Mt.4:17) The Church is moving toward the beginning of Great Lent.

Too often we lose sight of the greatness of our sins. Too often we fail to acknowledge how far we have departed from the full love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Too often we fail to see how little we love and follow Christ.

The arrival of Zacchaeus Sunday is a reminder to focus our full attention on the Lord Jesus Christ. Zacchaeus established a clear example for us.

Zacchaeus exerted great effort to see and draw near to Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ responded to Zacchaeus' effort. Though Zacchaeus was small in stature, his effort to draw closer to Christ was fully noticed. Jesus selected Zacchaeus to enter his house.

People from throughout the world and in all subsequent centuries have heard of Zacchaeus' effort to make his life right. Attentive listeners to the Gospel learn of the steps Zacchaeus took to make right the wrongs he had committed.

Repentance is the act of setting our lives aright. Repentance involves recognition that we have drifted away from God. The repentant heart is filled with the desire to fully love God and live in ways pleasing to God.

The trappings of daily life can easily cause believers to fail to focus constantly on Christ. Daily life can result in believers perilously traveling far from the kingdom of God.

Zacchaeus Sunday is a ringing of the bell to awaken believers' sensitivities. Zacchaeus Sunday reminds believers to engage in thorough self-examination and to begin life anew in Christ.

Immeasurable joy exists in the life in Christ. Failure to love and follow Christ fully reduces the joy proportionately. The Holy Gospel radiates the joy in Christ.

The Holy Gospel offers the constant and enduring message of Christ. The attentive believer immerses the self in the Gospel. The vigilant believer wants to constantly learn from Christ.

Zacchaeus made significant effort to climb the tree to see Christ. Zacchaeus found a way to have a clear view of Christ. Zacchaeus had changed his life for the better and made right the wrongs he had committed.

Zacchaeus confessed to Christ the steps he had taken in his life. Zacchaeus was blessed beyond measure to have Christ come into his house. Christ said salvation had come to Zacchaeus' house.

Jesus' interest in saving sinners is a clear message of the Gospel. Jesus said:

"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to **repentance**"(Mt. 9:13).

Today is a day for self-examination. Honesty before God is important. Jesus' interest in sinners is reason for rejoicing. Let us be grateful for Jesus' willingness to receive the repentant of heart.

May we follow Zacchaeus' example and draw closer to Christ that we may see Christ clearly. May we correct wrongs we have perpetrated. May the kingdom of God and His righteousness be our first priority.(Mt.6:33)

Today is a day to be grateful for God's love and mercy. While we are alive and conscious, let us begin anew in Christ. The opportunity exists now to seek Christ's forgiveness and experience Christ's love.

The world is filled with temptations. The world leads believers to sin beyond measure. The Lord Jesus Christ said:" ... strait **is the gate**, and **narrow is the** way, which leadeth unto life, and few **there** be that find it."(Mt/7:14)

Today is the opportunity to change our lives for the better. Drawing near to Christ is completely possible. We have the ability to reject sin in our lives. Paths to other than the kingdom of God can be consciously avoided.

Our hearts and our homes benefit by welcoming Christ today. Christ will fill our minds and thoughts and be the motivation for our activities. Christ will embrace and welcome our desire to draw near to Him and to see Him clearly.

Let us be like the merchant seeking pearls: "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: + Who, when he had

found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”(Mt.45-46)

While we have consciousness of mind, we have the ability to repent. God’s Holy Church brings Zacchaeus Sunday to us each year that we have the opportunity to enter in the joy of the Lord.(Mt 25:21,23)

Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Zacchaeus Sunday, Venerable Ephraim the Syrian; Venerable Isaac the Syrian. January 28/February 10, 2019. Father RodneyTorbic

**Please remember in your prayers the Newly-
Departed Servant of God Michael Pawlyshyn, Jean
Stutchell’s brother, who fell asleep in the Lord early
Monday morning. May God grant him the Kingdom
of Heaven and Life Everlasting! Vechnaya Pam’yat!
Memory Eternal! God Bless his family!**