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Zacchaeus Sunday/Martyr Polyeuctus of Meletine

Sunday January 21, 2018

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

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Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

Helping the Needy – We are taking up a collection of winter items (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) downstairs for those in need this winter. Please donate something.

“To deny oneself means to give up one’s bad habits; to root out of the heart all that ties us to the world; not to cherish bad thoughts or desires; to suppress every evil thought; not to desire to do anything out of self love, but to do everything out of love for God. “
+ St. Innocent of Alaska

Fasting/Feasting Rules:

- Today we begin the *Pre-Lenten Cycle*, with the reading of the Gospel account about **Zacchaeus**. This week is a normal week, when we fast on Wednesday and Friday.
- Next Sunday is the **Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee**. That week, January 29 – February 3, **we do not fast**.
- The following week, the week of the **Prodigal Son**, February 4 – 10, is last normal fasting week of the year through Pascha. After that we have Meat-fare Sunday, Cheese-fare, Lent, etc., etc.

International Soup Sampling Saturday, February 3, 2018: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

to Benefit IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). Experience tastes from around the world! (Sample five homemade soups for \$10, and take your favorite quart home for a \$10 donation). *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church* 123 Gilkeson Rd. (Mt. Lebanon), Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Questions? Call Marianne 412-668-0420 or call or text 412-565-9441.

Pan-orthodox Youth Groups Iocc Health Kit Assembly Saturday, February 3, 2018: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

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- Kit assembly will take place during International Soup Sampling to Benefit IOCC. All Orthodox Youth Groups are invited to participate in this Pan-Orthodox Health Kit Assembly Project. Please contact Deno at 412-833-8771 to coordinate your youth group's attendance.
- Churches, church organizations and individuals are encouraged to help us reach our goal of assembling several thousand Health Kits by monetarily supporting this project. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to "Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church" with "Health Kit Project" in the memo, and mail to Nick Terezis, c/o IOCC, 300 Marberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

Birthdays: 1/25 Jim Sweeney

“There is no question about that which is bred in the uterus, both growing, and moving from place to place. It remains, therefore, that we must think that the point of commencement of existence is one and the same for body and soul.”
— St. Gregory of Nyssa

The local radio station WDAD-AM (1450 AM) and WMUG-FM (105.1) and **wmugradio.org** online has offered to post Sunday homilies of our Divine Liturgy. The homilies will be replayed on the following Thursday during regular programming for the community to hear. A volunteer is needed to record the homily, with equipment provided by the radio station, and take it to their offices in Indiana. Please talk to Fr. Matt about your willingness to volunteer so our community can be exposed to Orthodoxy on a regular basis.

“We cannot live in such a way that no one grieves or offends us, for the Apostle Luke writes: *we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God* (Acts 14:22), and *bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ* (Gal. 6:2). Let us therefore ask that we may bear sorrows with self-reproach and humility and not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, and with the Prophet say: *With them that hate peace I was peaceable* (Ps. 119:6).”
+ St. Hilarion of Optina,

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