



LOOKING AHEAD

The following are services and parish events *in addition* to the usual weekend services (Sat 6pm & Sun 9:30am).

Sunday February 10

5:00pm — St Christina's Banquet & Silent Auction

Tuesday February 12

10:00am — Father's Café

7:30pm — Parish Council Meeting

Thursday February 14

7:30pm — Adult Ed: Understanding the Prophets

February 18-22

Fr. Michael travels to attend Mission Retreat

Tuesday February 19

10:00am — Father's Café

Thursday February 21

7:30pm — Adult Ed: Understanding the Prophets

Tuesday February 26

10:00am — Father's Café

Thursday February 28

7:30pm — Adult Ed: Understanding the Prophets

Saturday March 2

11:00am — Serve Lunch at Tri-Cities Sunrise Village Shelter

Address: 588 Brown St, Fremont.

Tuesday March 5

10:00am — Father's Café

For more dates please visit our website: www.stchristinaorthodox.org

Many Years!

Jose & Elizabeth Haddad (on their wedding anniversary — 2/11)

Matushka Denise Arrowsmith (on her birthday — 2/12)

Kathy Pieracci (on her birthday — 2/13)

Cyrus Vargas (on his birthday — 2/14)

Jose Haddad (on his birthday — 2/16)

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THE LIVING WATER

(JOHN 4:10)

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37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 4

SUNDAY OF ZACCHÆUS

HIEROMARTYR HARALAMBOS, BISHOP OF
MAGNESIA IN THESSALY



Welcome!

...to all who have gathered to follow Jesus Christ and manifest the Kingdom of God in the Liturgy of His Church. If this is your first time with us, give us a chance to get to know you. Please join us for our fellowship meal following the service.



A Word from the Holy Fathers

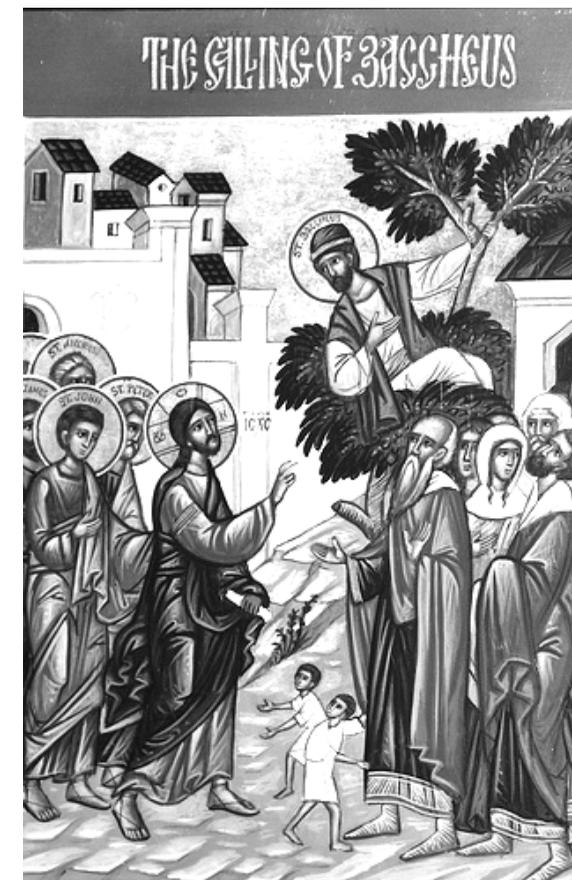
Zacchaeus of little stature climbed into a tree in order to see the Lord Jesus with his own eyes. Zacchaeus, therefore, sought him; Zacchaeus desired Him. We must also seek Him in order to find Him and desire Him in order that He would draw nearer to us and, with our spirit, to climb high in order to encounter His glance. Then He will visit our house as He visited the house of Zacchaeus and with Him salvation will come.

—St Nikolai Velimirovich



Include Something in the Bulletin

Email it to
community@stchristinaorthodox.org



RANOUET &
SILENT AUCTION

ANNUAL BANQUET TONIGHT!
5:00—8:30PM
ST JAMES HALL, 34700 FREMONT BLVD

Our Banquet & Silent Auction is tonight! The event starts at 5:00pm, and goes until 8:30pm.

The hall will be open at 3:00pm for anyone who would like to help with setup.

We're at the same location as last year: St James Hall, at St James the Apostle Catholic church on Fremont Blvd just north of Decoto Rd.

We hope to see you there!

We use the funds raised at our banquet to pay back our property loans, and to support our goal of providing a permanent and vibrant Orthodox Christian presence and witness in the Fremont area.

If you cannot attend but would still like to help us raise the necessary funds, you can use Online Giving and choose the fund called *Banquet Donation*.

Thank you for your support!

ST EUGENE'S SUMMER CAMP

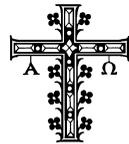
JULY 7 - JULY 13 2019

This year's Summer Camp will be at Sugar Pine Christian Camp in Oakhurst, CA. Mark your calendars and help us get the word out! More information and registration details will be coming soon.

**NEW ADULT ED CLASS —
"UNDERSTANDING THE PROPHETS"**

This Thursday we start a new Adult Education series on "Understanding the Prophets."

Please join us Thursday at 7:30pm in the church office to learn more about how to approach the prophetic literature of the Bible.



**2019 LENTEN RETREAT
HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY**

"Seeking First the Kingdom: Our Lord's Teaching on the Sermon on the Mount"

When: Saturday March 9, 2019

Retreat leaders: Fr Ian MacKinnon and Fr Timothy Winegar

Fr. Ian MacKinnon is the pastor emeritus of Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Sacramento, and Father Timothy Winegar is the current pastor of the same church.

See holyassumptionmonastery.com for more details including how to reserve your spot.

Again we must leave our own culture for a bit to enter into that of Zacchaeus. Jesus addressed him by name, a sign of tenderness and love. And He asked for hospitality, a sign of acceptance. Given that Zacchaeus was easily the worst and most hated man in town, the one voted "Most Likely to be Struck Down by God," such love was staggeringly unexpected. With his customary understatement Luke records that when the crowd saw it, "they all grumbled, 'He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner'" (Luke 19:7). Such is the love of God: it outrages decency and justice, and calls all to repentance—even grasping, oppressing scum like Zacchaeus.

The sprinting and tree-climbing of Zacchaeus challenges us as we head into Great Lent. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so badly that he left all his pride and dignity in a spattered heap at the bottom of the tree. What are we willing to leave behind? Our pride and refusal to forgive those who have hurt us? Our laziness and failure to say our daily prayers? Our greed and love of possessions?

We don't have to leave any of these things behind if we don't want to. We can go through Lent more or less unchanged, and keep all of our habits intact. We can remain as we are, content and leisurely, and stroll through life in dignified serenity. But then we won't see Jesus, and He will pass through our town without stopping. Better to run and climb, better to divest ourselves of our pride and whatever else stands between us and a saving encounter with the Lord.

The little tax-collector of Jericho badly wanted to see Jesus. How badly do we want to see Him?



ZACCHAEUS UP A TREE

—Fr Lawrence Farley, oca.org/reflections

With the possible literary exception of Tarzan, real men do not climb trees. At least they didn't in the Middle East in the time of Jesus. Neither did they run. Running was for children, professional messengers, and soldiers. Adults who were neither professional runners nor soldiers did not run. They strolled at a leisurely pace, as befit men of importance and great dignity.

It is important to keep these bits of Middle Eastern culture in mind when we read the story of Zacchaeus in Saint Luke's Gospel. He badly wanted to see Jesus when he heard at the last minute that He was passing through his town of Jericho. There was a great crowd surrounding Him, and Zacchaeus, being a short little man, could not see past the crowd. Normally Middle Eastern crowds would make way for rich important people, but Zacchaeus knew there was little chance of that. He was a chief tax-collector, someone who had fattened himself and feathered his nest through ripping off others at every opportunity, and he was well and thoroughly hated for it as a result. No one in the anonymous crowd was going to make way for him, and wading into the crowd was too dangerous. Like all people who were hated, Zacchaeus avoided wading into crowds; his back would be too exposed to anyone carrying a knife.

But so great was his desire to see Jesus that he did something no important adult with the least bit of concern for his dignity would do: "He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him" (Luke 19:4). Note: He both ran and climbed into a tree. By doing so, he exposed himself to ridicule, and this in a culture where public honor meant everything. Perhaps he felt he was so hated already that he had nothing to lose, but I think it still cost him something to run and to climb. When he ascended the sycamore, he left the last tattered shreds of his pride at the base of the tree.

Then it happened—the unthinkable. Zacchaeus not only saw Christ, but the Lord stopped under the tree and looked up at him. I imagine that for a moment Zacchaeus' heart was in his mouth, as he waited the long moment before Jesus began to speak. What would He say? Jesus was known to be on the side of the poor—the very poor that Zacchaeus had been cheating and oppressing for years. "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God! Woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation in full! Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger! Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep!" (Luke 6:20, 24-25) What would He say to him? His guilty conscience prepared itself for a terrible tongue-lashing. But the justified tongue-lashing never came. Instead, Jesus said something even more shocking: "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house" (Luke 19:5).

PREPARING FOR YOUR HOUSE BLESSING

Sanctification of the home

The blessing of homes with holy water maintains the spiritual association between the "family church" and the parish, as well as again providing for the sharing of God's spiritual gifts. ... This annual blessing is not as elaborate as the blessing of the new dwelling, but because of this it should not be overlooked, for it is in this way that the grace of God is extended to individual dwellings. (*Marriage and the Christian Home*, p.25.)

The sanctification of the home takes place with prayer and the sprinkling of holy water. The priest, at this annual visit, asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. Everyone of the house, prays together for the living and the dead of the family, and all who live and have lived in the house. They all sing the hymn of salvation and process from room to room while the priest blesses the house.

Preparation

Traditions of the ceremony differ according to local custom, but these general guidelines should be observed:

- A candle with an icon and some holy water should be placed in a suitable place, such as on a kitchen or dining room table, or a home altar.
- Also, a list of first names for whom prayers are to be offered, including members of the family and all those living in the house. The list should have a clear distinction between the living and the dead.
- If it is the practice to give the priest a gift, it should not be placed with the holy objects on the table. It can be prepared in advance, but given at the conclusion of the service.

The ceremony

When the priest comes, all who are present in the house should gather around the icon with the candle. They should, if they are able to join in, say the Trisagion Prayers and sing of the Troparion of the Feast of Epiphany. Then a family member leads the priest through the house with the candle. As he goes, he sprinkles holy water, and prays for a blessing upon each room and the activity that goes on there. When they have gone through the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present.

**Following the feast of Theophany until the beginning of Great Lent
(January 7 - March 9) Fr. Michael will be blessing homes.
Please contact Fr. Michael to arrange a date and time.**

Today's Worship — Hymns

TROPARIA

Resurrection—Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of
the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,
granting the world great mercy!”

St Christina—Tone 4

Your lamb Christina, O Jesus,
Calls out to You in a loud voice:
“I love You, O my bridegroom,
And in seeking You, I endure suffering.
In Baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in
You,
And died so that I might live with You.
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
For I have offered myself in love.”
By her prayers save our souls, since You are
merciful.

Hieromartyr Haralambos—Tone 4

You became a firm pillar in the Church of Christ,
wise Haralambos;
a lamp of everlasting light to the world:
well known to the world through your martyrdom,
you dispelled the dark night of idolatry.
Boldly intercede with Christ God that He may
save our souls!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection—Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the
earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,
He has risen on the third day!

St Christina—Tone 5

You abandoned your father's error
and received divine illumination
as a glorious virgin betrothed to Christ.
You bravely struggled and destroyed the enemy,
O great Martyr Christina
and ever pray that we may receive great mercy.

Hieromartyr Haralambos—Tone 4

You rose from the East like a star, Hieromartyr
Haralambos,
and enlightened the faithful with the brightness
of your miracles.
Therefore we honor your holy contest.

Steadfast Protectress—Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant advocate before the Creator:
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
But in your goodness, come speedily to help us
who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for
us, O Theotokos,
For you always protect those who honor you!

PROKEIMENON

Tone 4 — *(Resurrection)* O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You
made them all. *(Ps 103/104:24)*

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!
(Ps 103/104:1)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — 1 Timothy 4:9-15

⁹ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all
acceptance.

¹⁰ For to this end we both labor and suffer
reproach, because we trust in the living God,
who is the Savior of all men, especially of those
who believe.

¹¹ These things command and teach.

¹² Let no one despise your youth, but be an
example to the believers in word, in conduct, in
love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

¹³ Till I come, give attention to reading, to
exhortation, to doctrine.

¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which
was given to you by prophecy with the laying on
of the hands of the eldership.

¹⁵ Meditate on these things; give yourself
entirely to them, that your progress may be
evident to all.



Gospel — Luke 19:1-10

¹ Then Jesus entered and passed through
Jericho.

² Now behold, there was a man named
Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he
was rich.

³ And he sought to see who Jesus was, but
could not because of the crowd, for he was of
short stature.

⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a
sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to
pass that way.

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He
looked up and saw him, and said to him,
“Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for
today I must stay at your house.”

⁶ So he made haste and came down, and
received Him joyfully.

⁷ But when they saw it, they all complained,
saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man
who is a sinner.”

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the
Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the
poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone
by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation
has come to this house, because he also is a
son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come
to seek and to save that which was lost.”