

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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. 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 a 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.

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.

The Scripture Readings: Epistle 1st Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Visits: MaryAnn Dragoslovich, Angela North, Keith Lackovich - Villa St Joseph/ Nell Mukanos, Ralph Bible - Heritage Valley Beaver

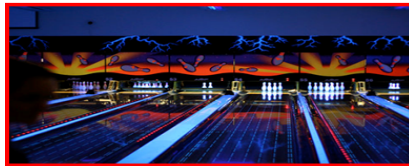
THANK YOU TO THE MOTHER'S CLUB AND ALL WHO ASSISTED WITH ST. SAVA! IT IS TRULY APPRECIATED!

Won't you be our Valentine? -Mother's Club would like to invite you to a Valentine's Dinner next Sunday February 9th following Divine Liturgy. Menu: Appetizers/Roasted Leg of Lamb/Pommes Dauphinoise/glazed roasted Brussel Sprouts & Baby Carrots/Triple Berry Crapes/Champagne and Chocolate. RSVP by: 2/7 to either Lynn 412-657-9813 or Julie 412-215-6229 Adults \$20.00 Children over 12 \$10.00 Children under 12 Free!



ST. ELIJAH CHOIR'S 18th ANNUAL BOWLING "BALL" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 22nd 2020 at Sheffield Lanes starting at 1:30 p.m. Please pick-up a form and send it in ASAP space is limited to 20 Teams!

Deadline for entries is Sunday, February 15th!



Music for the day provided by-Dan, Dokie, and Prsti. Not a bowler, you may still join us at the lanes to cheer your favorite team on and then head back to the center for dinner. Reservations for dinner are appreciated!

HOME BLESSINGS- Fr Branislav started blessing homes on Tuesday, Jan 21st. He will always call a few days ahead to schedule a visit. If you have not been contacted by Fr Branislav in the past and you would like your home to be blessed - please share your contact info with him by calling the parish office and he will schedule a visit. **Week Three -Hopewell Twp & Moon Twp**

Fellowship & Ministry -THIS Tuesday, February 4th 5:30pm-6:30pm St. Elijah will host the **Manna Soup Kitchen** dinner at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church (2100 Irwin St) for the underserved in our community. If you are able to volunteer your time to help serve, visit the guests, or donate desserts (enough for all guests) please speak with Marija Yaramus. Thank you!

ETERNAL LIGHTS- Payments are being accepted for ETERNAL LIGHTS for 2020. Please submit your payment at the tutor's room.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE- The Communication Committee invites all St. Elijah members and visitors to access and manage their contact information, church involvement and so much more in our NEW and secure online member directory. Please scan the QR with your mobile device to learn how to sign up or visit our church website <https://StElijahAliquippa.com>



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