



February 2, 2025

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA**

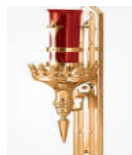
**Feb. 1 (Sat) VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY 5:00pm**  
*+Albert & Ann Frenzel reqd by Paul Ferencz*

**Feb. 2 (Sun) SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**  
**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+George Lucas Jr. req by MaryAnn Pasternak*

**Feb. 8 (Sat) VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY 5:00pm**  
*+Carol Dyer reqd by Bob & Betsy Lanyi*

**Feb. 9 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE**  
*+David Yarosik reqd by Julee Lindberg*

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Feb. 2 thru Feb. 8 for the Novak Family reqd by Phillip and Amy



**Our tithe to our Parish**

**January 26, 2025 - \$1,937.00**

*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers*



Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Helen Magdic, Mike Pochan, Pat Race, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Mark Sethman, Jerry Lee Simpson, Eleanor Timko



**Please join fellow parishioners for a coffee social following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 16,**



### The Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

Forty days after His birth, the child Jesus was taken by his parents to the Temple in the holy city of Jerusalem, as described in the Gospel according to Saint Luke:

When the day came to purify the child and mother according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord.” They came to offer in sacrifice “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accord with the dictate in the Law of the Lord.

### SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

During his earthly life, Jesus Christ was a great traveler, at least after the beginning of his public appearance to the people of Israel (i.e., after his baptism in the Jordan). Since at that time people traveled mainly on foot, distances were not covered very quickly, everyone was used to traveling, and travelers passed through cities and villages - accordingly touching the life of these places (certainly something different today is tourist travel, where the life of the people themselves in places of pilgrimage often remains unknown).

On one of these journeys, Jesus Christ passes through a town. At that time, His name was quite well-known - so when the inhabitants of the town heard such news, they accordingly wanted to see Him (perhaps simply to satisfy their curiosity). Among these people was Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus had a rather delicate social status - he was the head of the tax collectors, and since at that time Israel was under the occupation of the Roman Empire, this meant that he served the occupiers (Zacchaeus' wealth shows that he performed this work quite heartily). That is, he was rich, but at the same time people did not respect him (which is why, wanting to see Jesus, he could not ask people to give him such an opportunity). Based on the specific situation Zacchaeus, decides to climb a sycamore tree, which is very strange, because it meant that Zacchaeus agreed to see Jesus only for a moment (in fact, this could not change anything and probably, Zacchaeus immersed in the pragmatism of earthly life, understood this perfectly well - but still he climbs a sycamore tree). It is there that Jesus Christ meets him and expresses a desire to have dinner in his house.

As a result, Zacchaeus repents. It is important to discover for ourselves that the tax collector repents only for the sake of Jesus Christ. Surely there are many things in our lives that we can give up only for the sake of God, only after we invite Him into our home, that is, into our lives. This also applies to others - there are also certain steps in their lives that they can take only for the sake of God and with the help of His grace, and the manifestation of new love for them will be to introduce them to God or to help restore this relationship.