



Sunday, January 21st, 2018

Zacchaeus Sunday/ St. Maximos the Confessor

Tone 8

Eothonon 11

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR IN TONE EIGHT

Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity; O star of the universe and companion of the bishops, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

The Epistle

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (4: 9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19: 1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!



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أحد زكا / عيد القديس مكسيموس المعترف

الإيوثينا الحادية عشر

اللحن الثامن

طروبارية القديس مكسيموس باللحن الثامن

يا دليل الإيمان القويم، ومعلم التقوى والسيرة الحكيمة. كوكب المسكونة وزينة المتوحدين، مكسيموس الحكيم الملهم من الله. لقد أترت الجميع بتعاليمك، يا قيثارة الروح. فتشغع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

الرسالة

الرب يعطي قوة لشعبه، قديموا للرب يا أبناء الله

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى تيموثاوس (4: 9-15)

يا إخوة صادقة هي الكلمة وجديرة بكل قبول، فإنا لهذا نتعب ونعبر لأننا ألقينا رجاءنا على الله الحي الذي هو مخلص الناس أجمعين ولاسيما المؤمنون. فوَصَّ بهذا وعلم به. لا يستهن أحد بفتوتك بل كن مثالا للمؤمنين في الكلام والتصرف والمحبة والإيمان والعفاف. واطب على القراءة إلى حين قدومي وعلى الوعظ والتعليم، ولا تهمل الموهبة التي فيك التي أوتيتها بنبوءة بوضع أيدي الكهنة. تأمل في ذلك وكُن عليه عاكفا ليكون تقدمك ظاهرا في كل شيء.

الإنجيل المقدس

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (19: 1-10)

في ذلك الزمان فيما يسوع مجتاز في أريحا إذا برجل اسمه زكا كان رئيسا على العشارين وكان غنيا. كان يلتمس أن يرى يسوع من هو، فلم يكن يستطيع من الجمع لأنه كان قصير القامة. فتقدم مسرعا وصعد إلى جميزة لينظره لأنه كان مزمعا أن يجتاز بها. فلما انتهى يسوع إلى الموضع رفع طرفه فراه فقال له: يا زكا أسرع وانزل فالיום ينبغي لي أن أمكث في بيتك. فأسرع ونزل وقبله فرحا. فلما رأى الجميع ذلك تدمروا قائلين: إنه دخل ليحل عند رجل خاطئ. فوقف زكا وقال ليسوع: هاأنذا يا رب أعطي المساكين نصف أموالي. وإن كنت قد غنبت أحدا في شيء أردت أربعة أضعاف. فقال له يسوع: اليوم قد حصل الخلاص لهذا البيت لأنه هو أيضا ابن إبراهيم، لأن ابن البشر إنما أتى ليطلب ويخلص ما قد هلك.

المجد لك يا رب المجد لك!

Announcements

Weekly Schedule - برنامج الرعاية الأسبوعي

Day	Time	Event
Monday Jan. 22 nd	7.00 pm	Arabic Bible Study – اجتماع روعي باللغة العربية
Tuesday Jan. 23 rd	7.00 pm	English Bible Study – اجتماع روعي باللغة الانكليزية
Friday Jan. 26 th	6.00	Teen Soyo – اجتماع الشبيبة
Saturday Jan. 27 th	6.00 pm	Great Vespers – صلاة الغروب
Saturday Jan. 27 th	7.00 pm	Young Adult Ministry Meeting
Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican – أحد الفريسي والعشار		
Sunday Jan. 27 th	8.45 am	Great Matins – صلاة السحر
	10.00 am	Divine Liturgy – القداس الإلهي

Memorial This Sunday, January 21st 2018

† 40 Day Memorial Service for Hind Chalhoub, offered by her children Roger (Nina), Georges, Salwa (Toufic Khairallah) and Sofia (Eddy Dib) and their families, and by her sister Nadia Nahhas and her family.

† 3 week memorial service for Sami Razzouk who fell asleep in the Lord in Lebanon offered by his sister Chafica Razzouk.

Please join the families for a coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy

May Their Memory be Eternal!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

Please join us for a meeting Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm
We are continuing our talks on "Women in the Old & New Testament"
and this week, Roula Thomas and her sister Nahida Tannous will be presenting
"Mary & Martha - two sisters who love Christ *differently*"
Looking forward to seeing all the Ladies after the Holidays.

Raising Saints

Whether you are raising your kids now, have finished raising your kids, are planning to have a family in the future or would just like to attend for knowledge: You are invited to "Raising Saints", a monthly talk and discussion, part of our weekly English Bible Study, in which we discuss Faith in the family and how saints can be raised in our Orthodox Christian households. **Raising Saints III: Tuesday January 23rd at 7 pm.**

Altar Boy Reunion

Altar Boy Reunion Lunch will be on Sunday February 3rd in the Cathedral's Hall, following the Liturgy. Tickets for 12\$ (Children under 8 for 7\$).

Thank you

I would like to thank all the parents and children who attending this year's St-Elias Children's Christmas and New Year's Party. You all helped to raise a \$1000.00 for Camp Transfiguration. Thank you and we hope you had a fun and memorable time. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers, your help and time is always appreciated! A special thank you the following sponsors: Pineview Pizza and Kiki Lebanese, Nabil Saikali, Karen Nesrallah, Sonia Tannis , Gabriel Pizza and St-Elias Center.

Grace Hamwi

Bible Time

Luke 19: 1-10 † January 21, 2018



Zacchaeus is Restored Today gospel reading is a story that many of us are familiar with. It is the story of Zacchaeus, the rich chief tax collector, who used to collect taxes from the Jews and give it to the Romans. Like most tax collectors, Zacchaeus used to take (steal) a lot more than he was supposed to, and so Zacchaeus was not only considered a thief, he was also considered a traitor, and was despised by his people. What is wonderful about today's gospel is that we are told about how much Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. His desire to see the Lord compelled him to climb up into a tree so he could see Jesus as He walked by. Zacchaeus didn't let his short stature prevent him from seeing the Lord. The Gospel tells us that not only did Jesus and Zacchaeus see each other, but Jesus also calls him down from the tree and goes to his house, and Zacchaeus receives Jesus joyfully.

Do we want to see Jesus? I used to wonder why this Zacchaeus, a sinful man, wanted to see Jesus. You might suppose that a man who was considered a thief and a traitor would not want Jesus to find him! But instead, Zacchaeus desperately wanted to see the Lord. Zacchaeus had a heart that was seeking the Lord, and he wanted to see Jesus, and if that meant climbing up a tree, he was going to do it.

Climb above your sin For us to clearly see Jesus, we need to detach, or break-away, from earthly things – we need to climb up above our sins, above the noise of this world and look to Christ. Like Zacchaeus, many times we too are 'short in faith'. There are so many distractions around us – so many people that block our view of Christ, so many things that call our attention away from Jesus.

What gets in your way when you are trying to see who Jesus is? What (or who) makes it hard for you see Christ sometimes? How can you go around that obstacle? How can you change your approach and perspective so you can see Jesus and get to Him? Sometimes it's as easy as changing where we are standing – don't get swallowed up in the cares of this world, climb up and let go of the things holding you down.

If we want to see Him, Jesus will always find us We see in verse 4 that Jesus was going to “pass that way”; which indicates that Jesus was going to walk along the way where Zacchaeus was waiting. This tells us that if we have a heart that wants to see Jesus, the Lord always finds a way to make Himself present to us. Jesus **wants** to restore us! You know after Jesus changes Zacchaeus' heart, He calls him “also a Son of Abraham”. How wonderful, Jesus included Zacchaeus among the righteous! Zacchaeus, through his faith, has become like Abraham. And we too, if we have a heart that is looking for the Lord – we too will have an encounter with Jesus! He will find a way if we are seeking Him. When we let go of our earthly attachments and climb to a place where we can clearly see Christ, Jesus will acknowledge this and call us to Him. And if we accept Him as our Lord, He transforms us and counts us among the righteous, just like He did with Zacchaeus.

Dear Jesus, Thank You Lord Jesus for loving us unconditionally. You always look at us with loving eyes, and You forgive us regardless of our sin. Help us Lord to look to You, help us to climb above the sins and cares of the world, and to purposefully and whole-heartedly seek You out. We love You Lord Jesus. Amen.

Your Friends in Jesus,

Roula & Alyssa Thomas

Try This *Have you ever tried to walk with someone, but chose to take a different path? Not much of a walk, is it? You can only walk with someone if you chose the **same** path. And if you want to walk with the Lord, you must choose to walk on **His** path. Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6) Yes, we may want to follow the Lord, but when it comes to actually being obedient to His Word, and living according to His example, we often fail. Most times, we do what **we want**, what fits best into our schedule, what makes us feel good or what is convenient for us - this is not following God, this is walking according to our own will. Jesus said “I am the Way” and we can remain ‘on-track’ when we faithfully spend time in daily prayer and Bible reading, and in fellowship with God. Think about where you would like to be, and beside Whom you desire to walk.*

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FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2018

@ 7:00PM

ST. ELIAS HALL (Basement)

Guest Speaker:

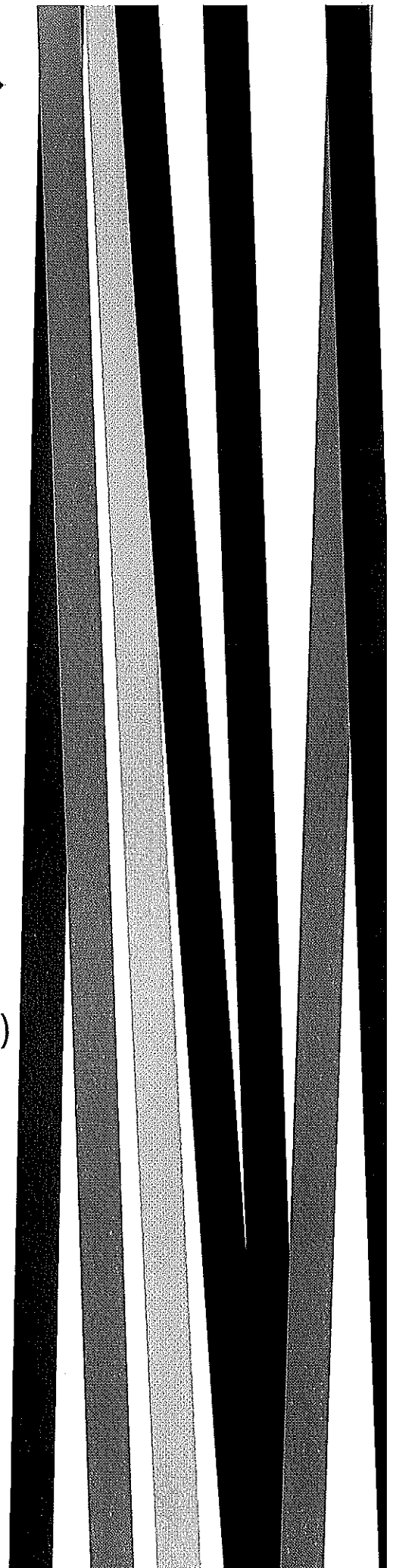
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**Before I formed you in the
womb I knew you;
Before you were born I
sanctified you**

JEREMIAH 1:5



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