



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



## FEBRUARY BULLETIN SPONSOR

*In memory of my grand-mother Justina Popodich– Given By V.R. Andrew Bartek*

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, February 18– Zacchaeus Sunday

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Social

#### Tuesday, February 20

11:00 AM: Orthodoxy 101 Class

#### Saturday, February 24

4:00 PM: Bible Study

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

#### Sunday, February 25

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / B-day social



### February 2024 Monthly Charity

Rescue Mission in Youngstown

### 40 Day Remembrance

Feb. 11 – Mother Elizabeth

Feb. 18 – AP Moses Berry

Feb. 25 – Irene Horodnic

### FEBRUARY SOCIALS

February, 18 - Sisterhood

February, 25 - B-day / Anniversary Celebration

### Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 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.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” 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.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

### 1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 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. These things command and teach. 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. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 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. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

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**PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS– UPDATED 1-18-24**

Send a “Thinking of You” card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please contact Fr. Andrew.

**FEBRUARY FINANCIALS**

Expenses ..... \$8,184.96  
 Income..... \$4,914.00  
**TOTAL.....(\$3,270.96)**

Weekly Tithe ..... \$4,747  
 Weekly Candles ..... \$157  
 Advent Social ..... \$ 10

**Monthly Charity Income**

OCMC..... \$568



**First Travels of the Tikhvin Icon Marking the 20th Anniversary Her Return**

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the return of the Miraculous Wonderworking Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God from Chicago to Russia. This significant event in the life of the diocese will be celebrated throughout the year by the travels of the replica Tikhvin-Chicago Icon throughout the country, and by a large celebration at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, June 25-26.

The very first trip that the icon will make will be to the Cleveland Deanery from February 22-23. The icon was invited by the Archpriest Nicholas Wyslutsky, Dean of the Cleveland Deanery.

According to ancient tradition, the Tikhvin icon of the Mother of God is one of several painted by Saint Luke the Evangelist. In the fifth century, the icon was taken from Jerusalem to Constantinople, where it was enshrined in the Church of Blachernae, which was built especially for this purpose. In 1383, seventy years before the fall of Constantinople, fishermen on Lake Ladoga in the principality of Novgorod in northern Russia witnessed the icon miraculously hovering over the lake’s waters amidst a radiant light. Shortly thereafter, the icon appeared in several neighboring **Con’t Pg 5**

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 2-14-24

**PARISHIONERS:** Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Donna Chiarelli / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / George Horodnic / Anthony Jesko, Jr. / Paula Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Ronald (Thomas) Moore / Mary Jane Puskas / Kenny Ruff / Joanna Shepelevich / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Marion Zwinski

**HIERARCHS & CLERGY:** Archbishop Benjamin / Archbishop Alexander / Archbishop Melchizedek / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / Fr. Michael Rustic (Fr.) / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr.)

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Chrissy (Fr.) / David (Willison) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Genna & her un-born baby (Koval) / Bruce Harris (Sabol) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Jonathan Leso (Fr.) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Eugene (Pallai) / Ksenia and her unborn child (Petrochko) / Teri Petroff (Fr.) / Matushka Helen (Psinka) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Kristianna & infant Mary Louise (Robinson) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Roxanne Yannito / Julia Shirilla / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Drew (Willison) / Emilia Yannitto / Charlette Zenko / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / Zoland Zile (Fr.)

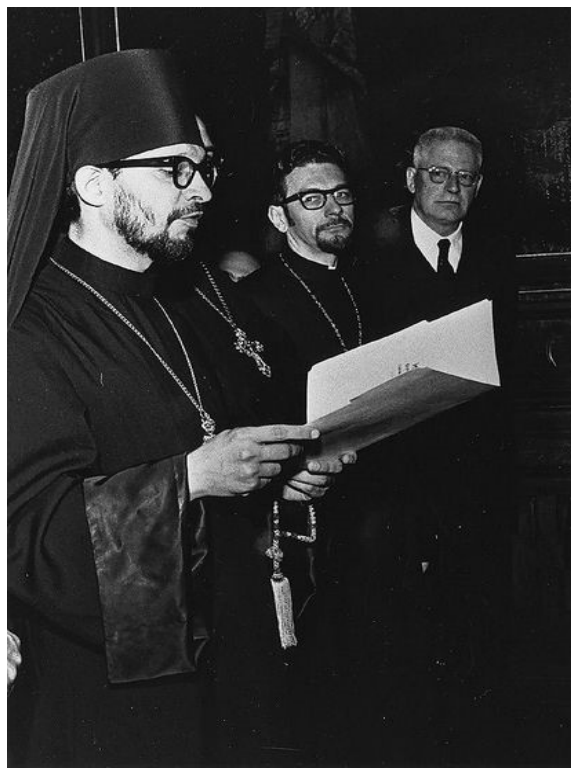
**MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

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### A pictorial remembrance of Father Daniel Hubiak on the anniversary of his repose

February 5 marks the third anniversary of the repose of Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak who entered eternal rest in 2021 at age 94. During the nearly seven decades of his priesthood, Father Daniel had served most notably as Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America (1973-88) and as OCA Representative to the Moscow Patriarchate (1992-2001). Over his long years of service, Father Daniel participated in or witnessed many significant historical events in the life of the Church, including the reception of the Tomos of Autocephaly in 1970, as a member of the OCA delegation that traveled to Moscow; the glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska in Kodiak; and the uncovering of the relics of Saint Tikhon in Russia. In his administrative work for the Church, he is the only person to have occupied all three officer positions (Chancellor, Secretary, Treasurer). Photos highlighting events in Father Daniel's life can be seen on the National OCA Website [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)



*Father Daniel as a member of the OCA delegation that received the Tomos of Autocephaly in Moscow in May 1970.*

## February Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

**Bulletin:** In memory of my grand-mother Justina Popodich– Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek  
**Wine:** for the health of the Graban, Elash & rogers Family– Given by Cindy Ferrick  
**Incense:** In Memory of Steven & Eileen Elash, Stephan Elash, Eileen & Tim Nolder and all members of the Elash & Graban Families.– Given by Cindy Ferrick  
**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** *available*  
**Altar Candles:** *available*  
**Tetrapod Candles:** In memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Orestes & my family & friends– Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek  
**St. Herman Candles:** Commemorating all who participate in maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers & those who participate in social events. Praying for everyone to love one another.  
**St. Panteleimon Icon Candles–** For the Health of my Spiritual Father, V.R. James Gleason & Basil Glovinski & all my family & friends- Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek  
**Protection Icon Candles:** *available*  
**St. John the Baptist Candles:** *available*  
**Flowers:** *available*

<u>\$50 per month</u>	<u>\$30 per month</u>	<u>\$25 per month</u>
*Wine	*St. Herman candles	Incense
*Bulletin	*St. Panteleimon Icon candles	
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	<u>Flowers</u> - \$50 per week
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - February	2023	2024
<b>1st week</b>		
Feb. 1– Feast Day	22 - Liturgy	6 V vespers 10 Liturgy
Saturday	10 Vespers	8 Vespers
Sunday	73 / 43 Communicants	63 / 43 Communicants
<b>2nd week</b>		
Saturday	11 Vespers	9 Vespers
Sunday	71 / 41 communicants	60 / 46 Communicants
<b>3rd week</b>		
Saturday	14 Vespers	
Sunday	76 / 46 communicants	
<b>4th week</b>		
Saturday	10 Vespers	
Sunday	58 / 46 Communicants	

### Visit of the Mother of God Tikhvin Sovereign Lady, Queen Icon & Protectress of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest

Thursday, February 22  
(6:30pm-8:30pm)  
St. Nicholas Church  
755 Cleveland Ave  
Mogadore, OH  
6:30 pm Akathist to Tikhvin Icon followed by Reception

Friday, September 23 (9 am-noon)  
St Theodosius Cathedral  
733 Starkweather Ave  
Cleveland, OH  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleiben

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Beginning this month (February) the cost of flowers will be \$50 per week. Please make note.  
 Flower purchases are for the week, not the month. Thank You !



## REPOSED LIST FOR FEBRUARY

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| 1- Jane Sablak (2004) ©               | 15- Alfteria Jaetanis (1930) ©        |
| 1- John Jay Truhan (2004) ©           | 15- Anna Sirilla (1955) ©             |
| 1- Helen Gozur (2006) ©               | 15- Mary Shirilla (1962) ©            |
| 1- Thomas Livosky (1951) ©            | 16- Albert Bartek (1952)              |
| 3- Ann Sature (2012)                  | 16- Paul Cole (1997) ©                |
| 3- Nicholas Tsaknis (1952) ©          | 16- John Stamatinas (1946) ©          |
| 3- Mary Lisko (1953) ©                | 16- Infant Klimis (1 hr old) (1956) © |
| 3- Mike Alesafis (1960) ©             | 16- Ann Leschinsky (1956) ©           |
| 4- Michael Livosky (2003) ©           | 17- Metropolitan Orestes (1977)       |
| 5- Mike Alesafis (1960) ©             | 17- Myron Bilchik (1982) ©            |
| 6- Bessie Poulos (1961) ©             | 17- Emmanuel Balale (1956) ©          |
| 7- Rossetas Kallis (1958) ©           | 17- Robert Fischer (1995) ©           |
| 8- Joseph Durshaw (1972) ©            | 18- Virginia Nosik (2004) ©           |
| 8- Andrew Libertin (1985) ©           | 18- George Caleris (1957) ©           |
| 8- Anna Graban (1937) ©               | 19- Elizabeth Antas (1921) ©          |
| 8- Steve Hamanzi (1946) ©             | 19- George Berezovsky (1922) ©        |
| 8- Maxim Berezoussky (1964) ©         | 19- Michael Voyis (1949) ©            |
| 9- George Cross (2020) ©              | 19- Ann Allshouse (1984) ©            |
| 10- George Bobosh (1984) ©            | 20- Daniel Shirilla (1992) ©          |
| 10- Steve Elash (1998) ©              | 21- Fr. Michael Shuster (2020)        |
| 10- T. Rago (1924) © (no name)        | 22- Fr. Andrew Hutnyan (2004)         |
| 10- Helen Holubanich (1924) ©         | 22- Manuel Smyrmios (1944) ©          |
| 10- Steve Stavridis (1935) ©          | 22- Carol Ann Feltovich (2016) ©      |
| 12- V. Rev. Nicholas Vansuch (1987) © | 23- Rose Dobrovolski (1995) ©         |
| 12- John Holibonich (2004) ©          | 24- Nicholas Andrew Shirilla (2012) © |
| 12- Theodore Kalos (1932) ©           | 24- Still born Volchko (1924) ©       |
| 13- Bishop Varlaam (2020)             | 24- Eva Wolfe (1925) ©                |
| 13- Vera Kristian (1980) ©            | 24- Elizabeth Cvercko (1929) ©        |
| 14- Emmanuel Balale (1956) ©          | 25- Vasil Heib (1920) ©               |
| 14- Bertha Ginnis (1961) ©            | 25- John Kotuka (1960) ©              |
| 14- John Macala (1963) ©              | 25- Veronica Shirilla (1995) ©        |
| 14- Nicholas Angelides (1963) ©       | 27- Steve Basala (1985)               |
| 15- Justina Popodich                  | 27- Mike Kazonis (1950) ©             |
| 15- George Billik (1998) ©            | 28- Mike Babiak (1922) ©              |
| 15- John Timkovich (2004) ©           | 29- Milan Miller Batalo (1920) ©      |
| 15- Thelma Psaras (1930) ©            |                                       |

### *Tikhvin Icon con't from pg 2*

towns, including the village of Motchenitsy on the bank of the Tikhvinka River, before it finally appeared near the town of Tikhvin. A wooden church dedicated to the Dormition of the Mother of God was built on the site. In 1560, by order of Tsar Ivan the Terrible, a men's monastery was established near the church. Over the centuries, the icon's fame spread far and wide, with copies of the original adorning countless churches throughout Russia and beyond.

During the World War II German occupation, the Nazis removed the icon from the Tikhvin Monastery, from whence it was taken to Pskov and subsequently to Riga, Latvia. When Riga was evacuated, His Grace, Bishop John [Garklavs] of Riga — later Archbishop of Chicago and Minneapolis — in whose care the icon was placed, took the icon to Bavaria, where it was venerated by Orthodox faithful who had been displaced because of the war. While Soviet agents had spotted the icon, Bishop John was permitted to take the icon to the US in 1949, where it was venerated for many years at Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral. After Archbishop John's repose in 1982, Archpriest Sergei Garklavs, his adopted son and Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, became the icon's guardian. In July 2004, the icon was returned to Russia and once again enshrined in the Tikhvin Monastery.

## Call for Proposals: New Icon of All Saints of America

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, in his primatial capacity, desires to commission a new icon of All Saints of America, and, accordingly, the Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America is issuing this call for proposals. The Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America has made provision for the funding of this new icon.

Any proposal should at least include plans for the depiction of:

In a central position, the Savior, flanked by his Mother and his Forerunner in a posture of supplication (deĕsis);

All presently canonized saints of North America, including saints approved for local veneration in Alaska. A list will be provided.

This newly-commissioned icon will be widely reproduced and disseminated; thus, its composition should lend itself to easy intelligibility. Because this will be an icon for the whole Church, it should be executed in an accessible style whose iconographic qualities are easily recognizable. Both the depiction of individual saints and the composition of the icon should display a thorough cultural and historical sensitivity. In particular, the features, clothing, and attributes of the saints should authentically reflect their diverse cultures, ethnicities, localities, eras, and ecclesiastical orders and ranks.

Additionally, please note that the proposed icon must be finished by the end of this year, 2024.

Within these parameters, His Beatitude's Office is happy to entertain a variety of proposals. A successful proposal will be subject to further discussion between the iconographer and the client; the iconographer is encouraged to collaborate actively in planning the final details of the composition to the satisfaction of the client.

In support of their proposals, iconographers are encouraged to submit additional materials—CVs with relevant professional information, portfolios, recommendations, and so forth.

Finally, proposals should also include a bid. The newly-commissioned icon will be large and complex, and bids should reflect this fact. An approximate size for the new icon is 2.5' x 4' or 4' x 2.5', though the exact size may of course vary depending on final compositional decisions.

Proposals should be sent to the Office of the Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, [chancellor@oca.org](mailto:chancellor@oca.org). Proposals are due by March 15, 2024.

## Sunday of Zacchaeus / Commemorated on February 18

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. On 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.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: "Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy."

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.

Saint Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.



## FEBRUARY Celebrations

3- Sonia Tsvetkoff  
4- Nathaniel Bremer  
5- Zoland Zile  
6- Alex Zarynow  
7- Dorothy Shirilla  
9- Thomas Moore  
10- Mat. Pauline Gemmel / Fr. Eli Bremer  
11- Lidija Arvan / Marcia Kubancsek  
12- Marion Zwinski / V.R. James Gleason  
13- Dc. James Hryb  
14- Mat Ann Lardas  
16- Carol Ruff / Deena Vansuch  
17- Nadine Sabol  
18- Thomas Kristian  
19- Shelly Nicoloff / Vitaly Muzyka  
20- Julianna Kusinski  
22- Joey Rusnak  
25- Sandra Bufalini / Robert Willison  
26- Andy Basile / Pani Bernedette Zarynow  
26- Basil Glovinsky

### *Anniversaries*

1-2020- His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland  
9- AP John Steffaro (Priestly ordination)  
13- John & Maureen Koval  
14-2004- The Most Blessed Tikhon Consecration as  
Bishop



### MEDITATION ON ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY

When we have found love, we eat the heavenly bread and we are sustained without labor and without weariness. Heavenly bread is that which has descended from heaven and which gives the world life; this is the food of Angels. HE that has found love partakes of Christ at all times and becomes immortal from then on... Blessed is he that has eaten from the bread of love which is Jesus... This is wine that gladdens the heart of man... This is the wine which the lustful have drunk and they have become chaste, the sinners and they forgot the ways of the unrighteousness, the drunkards and they became fasters, the rich and they became desirous of poverty, the poor and they became rich in hope, the sick and they became courageous, the fools and they became wise.

St. Isaac the Syrian, Mystical Treatises

### SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS PRAYER

O Christ, You are the light of those in darkness, You are the resurrection of all, You are the life of mortal beings. Having conquered the kingdom of death, O Savior, and shattered the gates of hell, O word of God, You have raised us all through your rising. The dead marvel beholding the miracle and all creation rejoices in your resurrection, O You, who love humanity. All of us, too, glorify and praise Your redeeming work, O our Savior, and the whole world sings Your praises forever. Lord, glory to You!

Resurrection Hymn  
Matins, Tone 2



### MEDITATION

What shall we give in return to the lord for His gifts? For us he became man and on account of our fallen nature the word became flesh and dwelt in our midst. He was the Benefactor to those who were ungrateful, the Liberator to those in bondage and the Sun of Righteousness to those who dwelt in darkness. He who was incorrupt ascended the Cross, the Light descended into Hades, Life suffered death, and He was the Resurrection for those who had fallen. Let us sing to Him: Our God, glory to You!

Resurrection Hymn of Praises, Matins, Grave tone

## MICHAEL HERZAK TO BE HONORED

Saturday, March 9 His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, His Eminence Archbishop Michael and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, along with the St. Tikhon's Mission Choir and reflections from Alumni and students, will be honoring Michael Herzak at:

Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church

5025 East Mill Road, Broadview Heights

5:00 pm: Hierarchal Vespers

6:00 pm: Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm: Dinner and Celebration

Please register by February 25th @

[www.allthegood.stots.edu](http://www.allthegood.stots.edu)

Price: \$85 a piece

### Help us Multiply the Good!

God has done much good at St. Tikhon's, from married student housing to full enrollment. Help us multiply the good, while also celebrating and honoring the impact of our outgoing Board Chair, Michael Herzak, who has played a pivotal role in so much of this Good! Please make a prayerful gift that will honor Mickey and support St. Tikhon's in the years to come. All gifts of \$500 or more will be publicly recognized.

\$35,000— helps to cover the full cost for one student to attend the Seminary.

\$20,000— provides tuition for two Seminarians.

\$15,000— provides for annual maintenance and upkeep for Seminary facilities including married student housing.

\$10,000— provides tuition for one seminarian

\$5,000— provides for annual maintenance and upkeep for the seminary.

Multiply your impact by becoming a Seminary Sustainer and your recurring monthly gift will help the seminary in an on-going way.

\$3,000 = \$250 per month

\$1,200 = \$100 per month

\$600 = \$ 50 per month

Gifts of any amount are impactful!

## ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

### Annual Dues

Maureen Koval is now collecting \$20 for the annual dues. Thank you for your cooperation and all you do.

## GOD'S LIBERATION OF ZACCHAEUS

God's whole purpose in sending Christ to us was to give us abundant life, full life. Jesus said once: "I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). The abundant life of Christ is described in many ways in the New Testament. Here are some of them:

Life    New life    eternal life    new creation

God's Kingdom    the gift of the Spirit    peace

Forgiveness of sins    liberation from darkness

Truth    grace    love

Even a person who does not consider himself of herself "religious" and who does not seem to have deep spiritual interests can experience the miracle of Christ's abundant life. Although a Jew, Zacchaeus was a tax collector for the hated Roman state which practiced oppressive taxation during the times of Jesus. As a tax collector Zacchaeus was regarded by his fellow Jews to be a great sinner and a man completely given over to worldly values. He was a man of the harsh realities of the world—ruthless competition for wealth, exploitation of every opportunity, the aggressive pursuit of selfish interests. Religion was not for him. He probably did not even think of going to the Synagogue or Temple, and even if he did, the religious custom of his time would not have allowed him to enter.

But Zacchaeus was interested in Jesus. It was not mere curiosity but the first stirrings of faith that made him risk embarrassment by climbing a tree in order to see Jesus as He passed through Jericho. Because of that faith God on that day brought about a wonderful change in Zacchaeus, an astonishing liberation from his old self, his previous ways of thinking and the values and life pattern of a tax collector of that time. What caused Zacchaeus' radical transformation of life? The love of God working through Christ did. Christ through his personal presence and divine love touched Zacchaeus and completely changed him. The conversion power of God's love touched Zacchaeus and completely changed him. The conversion power of God's love flowing through Christ transformed Zacchaeus into a new, free and joyful man. The way Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus and the results of Jesus' visit to his home are described by St. Luke in Chapter 19 of his Gospel. Read Luke 19:1-10 & 2nd Corinthians 8:1-9. St. Paul tells how Christ's abundant life is shared in practical as well as spiritual ways. (Taken from A Year of the Lord Liturgical Bible Studies. Vol 2 by Theodore Stylianopoulos)