

**Prayers for our Parishioners.** The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that the pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days of precept [holydays of obligation]" (canon 294). This liturgy intention for all parishioners is "For the Intention of Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners who participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue this prayer for one another during the week by remembering several parishioners' families each week. Please pray for these parishioners; German and Matrona Busch, & family, Kenneth Buterbaugh, Elijah and Danielle Cassella & family, Vincent and Jennifer Cassella & family, Paul and Stephanie Ceragioli & family, Daniel and Lisa Clark & family, James and Valerie Clark & family, and from the Mission, Richard and Anita Rhinehart. If a second Sunday Liturgy is offered, an intention can be accepted. Since we have had only one Sunday Divine Liturgy for fourteen Sundays, the Liturgy was for the Intention of our Parishioners. As a result, the intentions requested for the second Liturgy on Sundays have not been offered. The celebrant can pray for additional intentions during the Liturgy, for example, the priest is required to pray for the bishop who ordained him at every Liturgy he offers. The celebrant will pray for the intention parishioners have offered. Please note that this does not persolve the Liturgy intention requested. There is no scheduled liturgy intention for January 17th. Any Sunday liturgy intention previously scheduled will be rescheduled when a priest is assigned which would make two liturgies a possibility again.

**Public Liturgies.** The Commonwealth of Virginia began Phase Three July 1<sup>st</sup>. In his episcopal letter of May 13<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Kurt Burnette announced that churches may reopen for public worship according to the directives of the public health authorities and with the bishop's permission. For churches, Phase Three requirements are the same as Phase One

requirements. This means that the Parish Strategic Plan and the Eparchial Checklist is still applicable. This means churches may open at 50% of capacity provided health department requirements are met. It is important for public health not to slacken in observing the Strategic Plan. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense so those who are at risk or feel unsafe may remain at home. Please keep in mind that Divine Law still requires us to keep the Lord's Day holy by prayer and by refraining from unnecessary work. The bishop cannot dispense Divine Law. Further, the Bishop had encouraged all to make a good confession later in the year when it is safe.

**Live Streaming.** In response to the spiritual needs the Faithful of Epiphany, the Divine Liturgy of the Sunday after Theophany today will be live streamed.

**Praying at Home Together.** If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your homes so that we can be united in praying the same prayers. These are available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, <https://mci.archpitt.org>. The entire People's Molitvennik is available under Publications tab to use when participating in the live streaming Liturgy.

**Messages from the Pastor.** Father John has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these email messages, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed it and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish.

**Friday Fast Resumes.** Fridays resume as a Day of Penance.

**Intentions to be Rescheduled.** If you have offered a Divine Liturgy for an intention to be celebrated during the suspension, you will be contacted to reschedule. Jamie has begun

rescheduling weekday liturgy requests according to the date of the request. If you have scheduled a weekday liturgy, that liturgy will remain on the date requested. However, if you scheduled a liturgy on a Sunday, the intention will not be rescheduled until after the pandemic or until Bishop Kurt is able to assign a second priest to be able to celebrate two Sunday liturgies.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**Federal Holiday.** The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, January 18th, in observance of the Martin Luther King federal holiday. Covid-19 office hours will resume Tuesday, January 19th at 10:00 AM.

**2021 Calendars.** Parishioners, if you not able to pick up a 2021 liturgical calendar since Christmas and wish to request a calendar, please call the parish office. We will put one in the mail to you. We are asking that distribution be limited to one per family.

**Offering Envelopes.** It has come to our attention that several parishioners have not yet received their envelopes for this quarter. Cathedral Corporation, the envelope company, reported the envelopes were sent out December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rectory office had received a set.

**On-line Giving Now Set Up.** Bishop Kurt directed that all parishes have online giving service in place with [www.tithe.ly.com](http://www.tithe.ly.com) by August 31, 2020. Both the parish and the mission now have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online contribution, go to the church web site. On the home page is a link that says Epiphany of our Lord online donation. Click on that and you will be directed to Epiphany's tithe.ly account. Please note that where you see Offertory, that is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for: Sunday offertory, Building Fund, St. Nicholas Fund, or eparchial collections. Please show care in the category Recurring Giving. If it is not a

donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

**EMC Bingo.** Due to the Pandemic, Bingo has been suspended indefinitely. Observance of local, state, Catholic Mutual, and eparchial requirements for safe distancing and sanitizing does not make reopening Bingo economically feasible. We will continue to monitor health and scientific information as it becomes available to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons.

**Parish Bulletin.** The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: [www.eolbcc.org](http://www.eolbcc.org). It will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and photograph of the bulletin can be taken.

**Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols.** In accordance with Bishop Kurt Burnette's and Governor Northam's most recent Orders, the office hours for Epiphany of our Lord continue to be amended to the following: Monday through Friday - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Jamie, the administrative assistant, will cover the office during those hours from home two days of the week. She will be teleworking Tuesday afternoon and all day Thursday. She will be physically in the parish office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Lucie, the financial assistant, is working in the office only three days a week. She will be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Given that response to this crisis is so fluid and schedules can change so quickly, please call the office phone number before venturing out. Parish staff has established safety and health protocols at the parish office, as well. If you have business at the office, please **use the RING doorbell**. We will **respond through the intercom** after verifying your presence at the door. Jamie is able to respond to the door from home as well. Please wear **a mask** and use the hand **sanitizer station** when you come into the office and observe **social distancing**. We are only able to accommodate three adults in the office including two staff members observing safe distancing.

**Mission Update.** Goshen Enterprises, Inc. has finished winterizing the Mission property as requested by Fr. John. James Dillon, the liturgical furnishings contractor, including the iconostas, has refined the concept drawings made which he and Fr. John discussed earlier in the development of this renovation project.

**Book Store.** The Bookstore is open by appointment only. Please contact a Bookstore manager and be prepared to wear a mask and not to use the rest rooms in the Social Hall.

**Restroom Availability FYI.** There are no campus restrooms open to the public, including our vendors. We have only two buildings being cleaned weekly, the church for our parishioners and the parish office for our office staff. The day care bathrooms are for the exclusive use of the day care children and staff and restricted for their safety.

## EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop's Appeal.** The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 1, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2020, must be attributed to the 2021 tax year. The goal for this year's campaign is the same as last year, \$19,800 for the church and \$6,000 for the mission. The parishioners at the church have pledged or given \$16,950. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. This is an incredible response in this difficult time. May God bless you for your sacrificial offerings to our eparchy and for our eparchy's donations to European eparchies. If we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

**ByzanTEENS Night Out.** The monthly virtual meetings of Byzantine Catholic teens continue this year with the general theme of "Roadmap to the Rally" at Mt. St. Mary, Emmitsburg, MD. The next meeting is Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30PM. The teens are from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. Epiphany teens are participants. Each month there are new participants who join. Deacon Tom Schubeck, a deacon at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rahway and a licensed psychologist and a professor at Seton Hall University, is one of the hosts. For information on the virtual Night Out write to him at [frdeacontom@gmail.com](mailto:frdeacontom@gmail.com).

**God With Us Online.** The study series resumes with the offering *Partakers of the Divine Nature: A Patristic Study of Deification*. The course examines the work of God in which humans can become divinized by studying the fathers of the Church. The course is led from Father Nathan Scott Adams and will be presented online for three Wednesdays, January 13 - 27 at 9:00PM. Go to [www.GodWithUsOnline.org](http://www.GodWithUsOnline.org) to register.

**Catechetics Degree.** Father Mark Morozowich, SEOD, dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies of the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and a Ukrainian Catholic priest of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat of Parma, informed Bishop Kurt that CUA School of Theology and Religious Studies is offering an on-line Master of Catechetics degree, an interdisciplinary degree of theology, scripture, spirituality, liturgical catechesis, history and psychology, to prepare professionals to be missionary disciples of the New Evangelization in the field of catechetics for eparchies and dioceses. If you are interested, please contact Father Dr. Morozowich at 202-319-5684 or the Graduate Admissions Specialist, Dr. Elena Martin at [martine@cua.edu](mailto:martine@cua.edu) or 202-319-5482.

### Sunday of Zaccheus

## COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Parish Office Safety Protocols
- ByzanTEEN Night Out
- 2021 Calendars
- Federal Holiday
- Mission Development
- On Line Contributions
- Bishop's Appeal

### EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

## TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$2,455.00
Initial Offering	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$1,945.00
Holy Days	\$215.00
Candles	\$279.30
Christmas	\$160.00
School of Religion	\$2.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$12.01
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**Tithing & Giving.** Above accounting represents weeks 1/3/21 and 1/10/21. The next report will cover weeks 1/17/21 and 1/24/21. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from our online giving account. Our online giving is operational and can be accessed through the parish or mission web sites. Thank you for continuing to use your giving envelopes.

*"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)*

## LITURGY AND LIFE

**Prayer Intentions.** Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Richard Wytko, Tim Ryan, and Fr. Lee Gross. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Steven Goula, Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, and Steve Smith.

January 17, 2021



# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!	January 17, 2021	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!
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## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

Sun. Jan. 17 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners  
*Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost*  
*Postfestive Day of Theophany*  
Tue. Jan. 19 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Msgr. George Dobes  
by Marge Rusnak.  
Sat. Jan. 23 10:00 AM +Joseph Checkon by Mae Checkon & family

### SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Sun. Jan. 24 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 24, 2020

Sun. Jan. 24 One server will be assigned under Phase Three Reopening Plan.

### USHER SCHEDULE – January 24, 2020

Sun. Jan. 24 Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Sunday.

All public services in church in Phase Three in Virginia can have 50% of capacity.  
People in attendance must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

## The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

**Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation** - (Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist). We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is imparted at the same time immediately following baptism

**Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants** – is scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Saturdays or Sundays during the year except certain fast periods. Sponsors must be Catholics in good standing and supply a sponsor card attesting to that from their parish. While two Catholics in good standing is usual, one baptized non-Catholic can function as a Christian Witness with the Catholic sponsor. Both must be at least sixteen years of age. Details are available at the parish office.

**Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults** – follows a period of catechumenate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon.

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage** – According to the Pastoral Policy and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Catholic Church in New Jersey, couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor one year before the date of the wedding and be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Couples will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions – to begin the pre-nuptial investigation, to take FOCCUS, a communications, values and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the pre-nuptial investigation and for a session on the theology of the mystery (sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance** – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. In addition, confessions are heard during the Christmas Fast (Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) at other scheduled times. Visiting confessors are also scheduled at special times during the Great Fast. Confessions are also heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord's Resurrection.

**Anointing of the Sick** – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and anointing of the sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church before entering the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance of interruption for confession and anointing. If you are unable to come to church, please call the rectory. Families of parishioners who have a medical emergency should contact the rectory office so one of the priests can go the hospital.

**Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick** – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home by the deacon on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact the deacon or the rectory office by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

**Funeral Services** – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. The Epiphany Ladies Guild as part of their charity offers a Mercy Meal for families at the Parish Center following the interment. Epiphany of our Lord cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

**Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County** - Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM; Religious Education & Social Hour 11:15-12:15: 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD; (301) 482-0282.

## Parish Administration

*"The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization."*

### Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor  
Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

### Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant  
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

### Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

### Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

**School of Religion** - School of Religion classes meet on Sundays between Liturgies (9:20 AM - 10:20 AM) throughout the school year (September - June). Classes are offered for children grades Preschool & Kindergarten - High School

Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net).

**Registration** - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

<p>Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA <a href="http://www.eolbcc.org">http://www.eolbcc.org</a> Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.</p>
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## PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy  
Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday of Zaccheus  
Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great

### PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy  
GREEN p. 161 Resurrection Tone 8  
RED p. 376 Venerable Man

### ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D

#### EXCEPT:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
  - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 161 GREEN
  - Troparion of the Venerable Father Tone 8 p. 376 RED
  - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 162 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
  - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 162 GREEN
  - Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15
  - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 163 GREEN
  - Gospel: Luke 19:10-19

### ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne,

i 4n a4 Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i 4n a4i-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravjy, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

### SVJATYJ BOŽE – HOLY GOD

Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. (3)  
Slava Otcu, i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amin.  
Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.  
Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.

### IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjassšej Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiň. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Alliluia. Alliluia. Alliluia.

### SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolň nebo i zeml'a slavy Tvojeja: osanna vo vyšnich, blahosloven hrjadjy vo imja Hospodne, osanna vo vyšnich.

### TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

Tebe pojem, Tebe blahoslovim, Teb'i blahodarim, Hospodi, i molimtisja Bože naš.

### DOSTOJNO JEST' – IT IS TRULY PROPER

Dostojno jest' jako voistinnu blažiti t'a bohorodicu, prisnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Česňjšuju Cheruvim i slavňjšuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez ist'inja Boha Slova roždšuju, suščuju Bohorodicu, t'a veličajem.

### OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijdet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zemli. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'ajem dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

### VID'ICHOM SVIT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

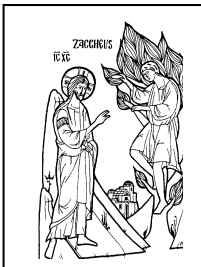
Vid'ichom svit istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itochom v'iru istinnyju, nerazd'ilnij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklanjajemsja, T'a bo nas spasla jest'.

### DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojeho Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'ascim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojeje. Alliluja.

## Meditation on Today's Readings

### Sunday of Zacchaeus



*"Jesus looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.' And he came down quickly and received him with joy...Jesus said to him, 'Today, salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost'"*  
Luke 19:1-10

Jesus is going to Jerusalem for His passion and crucifixion. He has just predicted the coming passion in detail to the Twelve and the disciples for the third time, but the gospel account states they did not understand. He has just healed the blind man who called out to Him. Now He enters Jericho, one of the oldest cities on earth, and begins the ascent to Jerusalem which is about a seventeen mile walk.

Zacchaeus, the chief of the tax collectors of Jericho, wants to see Jesus. Luke the evangelist explains that Zacchaeus was short of stature so he ran ahead of Jesus and climbed a sycamore tree. When Jesus sees Zacchaeus up in the tree, He calls Zacchaeus to come down, and Jesus invites Himself to his home.

God had foreknown that this encounter would take place by a tree on the way to the crucifixion on a tree. Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because they believed the temptation of the serpent that "you will be like god." At Jericho, Zacchaeus desires to see God and tries to see Jesus by his own effort of climbing a tree. However, Jesus calls Zacchaeus down from the tree. Using only human abilities it is impossible to see God or to become like God. We cannot ascend to heaven only by our own efforts. However, God comes to earth to find each one of us; God comes to climb the Tree of the Cross to suffer and die for our sins.

When we desire to see God and witness to God's mighty works for us, we come to the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and to the Sacrament of Penance, because Jesus wants to invite Himself to our house every day and always. When we hear the words of forgiveness and accomplish our penance we hear the words of Jesus reconciling us to God and to His Body the Church just as truly as Zacchaeus heard when Jesus said that salvation had come to Zacchaeus and this salvation from God restored Zacchaeus to be a "son of Abraham" once again.

*This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance. For this we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God who is the savior of all, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity...Attend to yourself and your teaching; persevere in both tasks, for by doing so you will save yourself and those who listen to you.*  
1 Timothy 4:9-16

Timothy was a fellow worker of the Gospel with Saint Paul, who now led the Church at Ephesus. Pagan environment, false teachers and easy-going moral standards of the time are threatening the stability of the young church led by its young bishop. Saint Paul gives an exhortation for Christian living. He had just written "Train yourself for devotion for while physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise for life both for the present and the future." Now he explains the victory to be won in spiritual athletics: it is to save our own self and those who listen to us by training in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. Saint Paul explains to Timothy in verse 13 that this can be acquired by what happens at liturgical worship, that is, reading Sacred Scripture, by preaching and by teaching and that it is possible for him to do these works because Timothy received the grace that was imparted in the sacrament of Holy Priesthood. In today's gospel passage Zacchaeus wants to see the Lord Jesus who is on

his way to be crucified at Jerusalem. He is granted his wish but it changes him for the better. His change benefits those who he will give his charity. This happens to us: because like Zacchaeus we want to see God in heaven forever we have to meet Christ in the sacraments and in His Word now in church. Meeting Christ in church now changes us. The way we should live after being changed by grace is offered in the epistle. When we are changed it not only makes us better it affects those around us for the better. The exciting time of Lent is approaching for us to enter the arena and put the sacraments to work to save ourselves and our family and neighbors.

From the Navarre Bible—New Testament, Navarre Bible-Luke, the Ignatius Study Bible-The Gospel of Luke

### Children's Corner

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers ...

Write the first letter of each picture on the blank above it.

