

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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January 17, 2010. Sunday of Zacchaeus.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21, **p.1339**. Gospel: Luke 19:1-10, **p.1124**. Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15. Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Charles Ajamy (40day)

PRE-NAMY: We will be meeting on Monday, **January 18th**, at 5:30pm. All preteens are welcome to join us!

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, **January 19th**.

VALENTINE'S PARTY: Our young adults group, MAYA, invites you to a Valentine's Day Party, at 8 PM on **Saturday, February 13th**, at the Church of the Virgin Mary, including a DJ and Full Course Italian Buffet. The cost is \$40/adults, \$20/children (under 16 years of age). For reservations please call Amanda Romhen (917) 414-7812, Christine Seikali (917) 402-7470, or Kareem Youssef (347) 680-5633, no later than **February 6, 2010**.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **January 24th**, for Jyrius Ibrahim Allaham (40day); on **January 31st**, for Filomena Trivigno, Charles, Naima and Joseph Kurdy; on **February 14th**, for George Kawas (40day); on **February 21st**, for George Hindy (30Years); on **May 9th**, for Thomas Muratore; on **May 16th**, for Shukrallah Darsi.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon 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 of 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.

For all glory, honor and worship, are your due, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

All: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Reader: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

All: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Epistle: Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews: 13: 17-2 I

Brethren, obey your superiors and be subject to them, for they keep watch as having to render an account of your souls -- so that they may do this with joy, and not with grief, for that would not be fitting for you. Pray for us, for we are confident we have a good conscience, since we wish to live uprightly in all things. But I more especially exhort you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace, who brought forth From the dead the great Pastor of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, in virtue of the blood of an everlasting covenant, fit you with every good thing to do his will, working in you what is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom is glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel of the 15th Sunday of Holy Cross, (Luke 19:1-10) (Zacchaeus' Repentance)

At that time as Jesus was passing through Jericho, behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican, and he was rich. And he was trying to see Jesus, to find out who he 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 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 I must stay in your house today." And he made haste and came down, and welcomed him joyfully. And upon seeing it, all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give one-half of my

possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is the son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

You descended from on high O compassionate One; and consented to burial for three days that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, Glory to You.!

Troparion of Holy Father Anthony

Father Anthony, you equaled Elias in his zeal and followed John the Baptist in his holy way of life: you peopled the wilderness and established the world on the firm foundations of your prayers. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

Troparia of the Patron of the Church

In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion of the Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.