

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Jan 17, 32nd **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 7. Sunday of Zacchaeus.**

Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356).

Epistle:

Gospel:

1 Tim. 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

Heb. 13:17-21 (Saint)

Luke 6:17-23 (Saint)

Monthly Parish Council Meeting, following coffee and fellowship

Thursday, Jan 21, St. Maximus the Confessor

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Jan 23

Fr. Mark attend the installation of Igumen Sergius as Abbot of

St. Tikhon's Monastery

Deacon's Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Jan 24, **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE - Tone 8. (Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.)** St. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5th c.). St. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19th c.).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**

Epistle:

Gospel:

2 Tim. 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT

With the coming of Zacchaeus Sunday, we begin our "descent" toward Great Lent. The Lord's call to Zacchaeus in the tree becomes a call to us, as well. It is a call to come down for Jesus will come to our house, the house of our soul, to begin the work which only the "school of repentance" can do. Zacchaeus "ascent" into the tree becomes our ascent toward the Great Pascha of Our Lord. Zacchaeus represents for us, desire - Desire to see Jesus; desire to repent and change; desire to grow more and more into Jesus, his ways and his love; desire to do God's commandments.

May we begin our Lenten preparations with great expectation that this will be the year we will change and repent. May this be our desire to see Jesus.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings have begun and will continue through the beginning of Great Lent. Please sign up at the candle stand to let Fr. Mark know that you would like your house to be blessed.

40-DAY PANIKHIDA FOR +ARCHBISHOP JOB

On Thursday, January 28, at 6:30p.m a 40-day Panikhida for the repose of Archbishop Job will be served by clergy from the Boston Deanery at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 165 Park Drive, Boston. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

A NOTE FROM THE ST. NICHOLAS BAKERS

As we pack up our Christmas decorations and review our new year's resolutions to do better in 2010, the St. Nicholas Bakers are preparing for the 2010 Pascha Bread and Roll season. Baking dates are set, shopping lists are written, and we are making our annual request to you for help to cover ever-increasing ingredient costs. We thank you for your past generous support and hope that you can help again. Many thanks and God bless you!

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT 2010

As we begin the New Year, we again provide information about our Annual Assessment for the year. We part of the New England Diocese, which in turn is part of a National Orthodox Church, the Orthodox Church in America. Both the Diocese and National Church have expenses, for which they assess the Churches each year. For 2009, our combined assessment is \$14,807. For reference purpose, this works out to be roughly:

National Church and Diocese of New England Assessment - \$175 per member

This, of course, does not include the operating costs for St. Nicholas Church, which makes the amount needed per member higher. But we feel it is good for all to be reminded that, as a member of our Church, we are not members of the local Church alone, but also the New England Diocese and the National Orthodox Church in America. Our Church practice is to pay our assessment in monthly installments throughout the year.
