

# Ambo

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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days  
5:00 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Great Vespers  
Sundays and Feast Days  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Please check weekly schedule  
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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF  
ZACCHAEUS



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** (Feb 18). 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 compas-

sion by Christ’s words to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has 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.

## VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest’s ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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## Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don’t cook, you can now sponsor a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked “coffee hour” and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.

## Parish Game Night!

Join us for a Parish Game Night tonight, February 18th, at 4:00 PM.

Pizza and salad will be provided.

Games will be board games and card games, specific games yet to be determined.

A selection will be available. Come and play games!



# Boys' Night Out!

Gents, it's once again time for the pre-Lenten Boys' Night Out!

**Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 5PM, at**

**The South Side** (in Tremont)

**2207 W 11th St, Cleveland, OH 44113**

**See you there!**



## AN UPDATE ON READER PAUL PANGRACE

Paul is now at Vista Springs Greenbriar Village. Consider paying a visit or giving him a call, he'd love to hear from us.

Vista Springs Greenbriar Village

Main Desk: (440) 340-4000

8668 Day Drive Apt 320

Parma, OH 44129

## A Word from our Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Nicholas Kozak, has mailed out the 2023 donation statements to individuals this past week. If you did not receive a statement for income tax purposes and need one, please contact him. He is happy to provide you with a receipt.

**Saint Leo I the Great, Pope of Rome** (440-461), received a fine and diverse education, which opened for him the possibility of an excellent worldly career. He yearned for the spiritual life, however, and so he chose the path of becoming an archdeacon under holy Pope Sixtus III (432-440), after whose death Saint Leo was chosen as Bishop of Rome in September 440.

These were difficult times for the Church, when heretics assaulted Orthodoxy with their false teachings. Saint Leo combined pastoral solicitude and goodness with an unshakable firmness in the confession of the Faith. He was in particular one of the basic defenders of Orthodoxy against the heresies of Eutyches and Dioscorus, who taught that there was only one nature in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was also a defender against the heresy of Nestorius.

He exerted all his influence to put an end to the unrest by the heretics in the Church, and by his letters to the holy emperors Theodosius II (408-450) and Marcian (450-457), he actively promoted the convening of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, at Chalcedon in 451, to condemn the heresy of the Monophysites.

At the Council at Chalcedon, at which 630 bishops were present, a letter of Saint Leo to the deceased Saint Flavian, Patri-

arch of Constantinople (447-449) was read. Saint Flavian had suffered for Orthodoxy under the "Robber Council" of Ephesus in the year 449. In the letter of Saint Leo the Orthodox teaching about the two natures [the divine and the human] in the Lord Jesus Christ was set forth. All the bishops present at the Council were in agreement with this teaching, and so the heretics Eutyches and Dioscorus were excommunicated from the Church.

Saint Leo was also a defender of his country against the incursions of barbarians. In 452, by the persuasive power of his words, he stopped Attila the Hun from pillaging Italy. Again in the year 455, when the leader of the Vandals [a Germanic tribe], Henzerich, turned towards Rome, he persuaded him not to pillage the city, burn buildings, nor to spill blood.

He knew the time of his death beforehand, and he prepared himself, with forty days of fasting and prayer, to pass from this world into eternity.

He died in the year 461 and was buried at Rome. His literary and theological legacy is comprised of 96 sermons and 143 letters, of which the best known is his Epistle to Saint Flavian.



# SAINT TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

*You are invited to celebrate*

## ALL THE GOOD

*85 years of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary*

honoring Mickey Herzak

Please Join

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon,  
His Eminence Archbishop Michael,  
and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

5:00pm: Hierarchical Vespers

6:00pm: Cocktail Reception

7:00pm: Dinner & Celebration

Featuring The St. Tikhon's Mission Choir, Reflections from Alumni & Students, & More!

Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church  
5025 East Mill Road, Broadview Heights, OH

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit  
**[allthegood.stots.edu](http://allthegood.stots.edu)**

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, February 25

Questions or to purchase tickets over the phone, please contact David Getz, Administrative Assistant to the Dean at (570) 561-1818 x101 or [david.getz@stots.edu](mailto:david.getz@stots.edu).





**VISIT OF THE MOTHER OF  
GOD OF TIKHVIN  
SOVEREIGN LADY, QUEEN,  
AND PROTETRESS OF THE  
DIOCESE OF CHICAGO AND  
THE MIDWEST**

**Marking 20 years of her return to Tikhvin**

On Thursday and Friday, February 22 & 23 the Cleveland Deanery of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest will host a visit of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God. Services will be held at St. Nicholas in Mogadore, and St. Theodosios Cathedral, Cleveland. All are invited to come and join us in prayer.

**Thursday  
February 22**

**6:30pm Akathist**

**St. Nicholas Church  
755 Cleveland Ave  
Mogadore, OH**

**Reception to follow.**

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**Friday  
February 23**

**Divine Liturgy &  
Moleiben 9:00am**

**St. Theodosius  
Cathedral  
733 Starkweather Ave  
Cleveland OH**

**All Welcome**

**Questions**

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GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF  
**Orthodox Clergy**

31 January 2024

Beloved Friends in the Lord,

Greetings! The Orthodox Christian Community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon be honoring the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. A celebration of this triumph of our Faith will take place on the evening of 24 March 2024, at 4:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), located at 733 Starkweather Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Nicolae, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, will preside as well as offer the homily.

Each year, the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) solicits donations to help underwrite this celebration of our Faith, and this year, donations will be given to International Orthodox Christian Charities for humanitarian relief in Gaza. We humbly ask that you consider providing a contribution to the GCCOC; in return, you will be listed as a "Patron" within the handout at this special service.

If you wish to donate, we ask that you make checks payable to the "Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy," or simply the "GCCOC." Checks can either be given to your parish priest, or they can be mailed to the address below no later than 12 March 2024.

In Christ,  
>>>Father Peter Simko  
GCCOC Treasurer

2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION

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GCCOC, c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church, PO Box 38208, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 2/18/2024

### **Deceased**

**Archpriest Moses Berry**

### **Special Intentions:**

**Fr. Micah Chisholm**

**Subdeacon Theodore Lentz**

**Subdeacon Roger Pinta**

**Subdeacon Leon Felon**

**Reader Paul Pangrace**

**Reader Frank Tkacz**

**Stephan Chwalyk**

**Horia Dascalescu** (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane Kearsey** (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Janice Tkacz**

**Eleanor Wachovec** (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel Ohlin** (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin Zawolowycz**

**Jeffrey Parhamovich** (*brother of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret Parhamovich** (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret Peyton** (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Jean Woycitzky Thompson** (*Frank's cousin*)

**Anna Marie Luvison** (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

**Debra Parhamovich** (*sister of Karen Felon*)

**Grace Mary Parhamovich** (*mother of Karen Felon*)

**Lonnie Ellis** (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

**Robert Martin Prock**

**Valentina Zawolowycz** (*mother of Paul Z*)

**Aaron and Nadine Drummond** (Ellis) & newborn child **Isaac**

**Carol Schigel** (*President Nisi's and Matushka Cindy's aunt*)

**Justina Zolikoff**

**Walter Dimitrijevs**

**Kathleen LeVine** (*friend of Lauren*)

**Becky Howland** (*Mother of Susan Steingass*)

**Daniel Steingass**

**Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar**  
[st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com)

Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

## ST. THEODOSIUS IS A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>



### Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

Jan 7 Gayle and Wayne	Feb 18 Sponsored by William Lynk (Mike and Sarah Brennan to host)
Jan 14 Sponsored by Mat. Ludmila Timko (Mat. Jana to host)	Feb 25 Georgi and Lina
Jan 21 Cindy and Nikol	Mar 3 Sarah and Mike Brennan
Jan 28 Sponsored by William Lynk (Joyce & Judy to host)	Mar 10 (Meatfare) Cathy and Tammy
Feb 4 Sponsored by Greg Born (Georgi and Lina to host)	Mar 17 (Cheesefare) Dan & Lavinia
Feb 11 Shawna	Mar 24 (Great Lent) Jana
	Mar 31 Joyce & Judy

### The St. Theodosius Events Committee Requests Your Ideas!

Please share any ideas for events you might have with either Wayne Vidovich or Nicholas Zolikoff. We need your ideas!

#### Sunday, February 18

37th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Sunday of Zacchaeus

St. Leo the Great,

Pope of Rome (461)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM Game Night

#### Monday, February 19

Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.)

#### Tuesday, February 20

St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (ca. 780)

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 21

Saint Makarios of Glinsk Hermitage (19th c.)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



#### Thursday, February 22

Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Matyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423)

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

#### Friday, February 23

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167)

Visit of the Tikhvin Icon

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Saturday, February 24

First (4th c.) and Second (452)

Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John

2:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, February 25

38th Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday of The Publican and the Pharisee**

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour