



HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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JANUARY 25, 2026 – 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, JANUARY 26 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 Mark 12:13-17</p> <p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 1 Peter 4:1-11 Mark 12:28-37</p> <p>THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 1 Peter 4:12-5:5 Mark 12:38-44</p> <p>FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 2 Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8</p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8</p> <hr/> <p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 33rd Sunday After Pentecost Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting.....11:45 a.m. <i>(Postponed from last Sunday)</i> “Ask the Priest” session during coffee fellowship Sunday of Zacchaeus New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia St Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee Beginning of the Lenten Triodion Fore-feast of the Meeting Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Practice (following Liturgy)</p> <p>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. (Blessing of Candles) Meeting of the Lord in the Temple</p>

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. 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 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 20th.

1 Timothy 4:9-15

(Epistle)

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This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

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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.

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These things command and teach.

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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.

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Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

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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.

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Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

(Epistle, Saint)

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But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

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for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

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to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

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to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

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But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Luke 19:1-10

(Gospel)

1

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

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Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

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And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

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So, he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

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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."

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So, he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

Luke 19:1-10

(Gospel Cont'd.)

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But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

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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.”

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And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

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for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

John 10:9-16

(Gospel, Saint)

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I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

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The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

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But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

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The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

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I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

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As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

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And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

EXTREME COLD WEATHER ... is predicted for this weekend, so please plan on dressing warmly in church for Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

January 25 – LoveAnn Curran

February 1 – Tim Savisky

If you cannot make your scheduled date, please switch with another member.

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW ... This week’s cleanup crew is Group K through O. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Jerry Kopko for instructions.

HOUSE BLESSINGS 2026 ... It is our tradition to have house blessings in the days and weeks following the great Feast of Theophany on January 6. Please sign up for a house blessing on the sheet provided at the candle desk, or respond to Fr Mark's email, sent on December 22.

POSTPONED FROM LAST SUNDAY -- SWEARING-IN OF PARISH COUNCIL ... His Grace, Bishop Benedict, approved our slate of elections for the Parish Council, so the council can be sworn in **today!**

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MTG ... is scheduled for **today** (postponed from last Sunday due to the snow storm).

ASK THE PRIEST



The “Ask *the Priest*” session is scheduled for **today**. Get your questions ready for Fr Mark!

SPACE HEATERS FOR SALE ... We have 3 space heaters left at the \$50 per unit cost. Please see Jerry Kopko; checks should be made out to Holy Ghost Orthodox Church.

LENTEN SOUP FUNDRAISER ... starts on February 22nd. Sue Maugeri is looking for cooks! A sign-up sheet will be available in the basement on Sunday. Thank you!

TAX DONATIONS ... If anyone needs a donation form for the 2025 tax season, please see Sue Maugeri or email her at suemaugeri@snet.net.

PARKING LOT & WALKWAY SNOW REMOVAL ... Many thanks to all those volunteers, led by Jerry Kopko, who pitched-in to help clear away the snow and ice from the parking lot and walkways last Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE, FEBRUARY 7! ... St. John’s Orthodox Church on Mill Hill Avenue in Bridgeport has invited Holy Ghost and St. John’s from Broadbridge Avenue to join them for a roast beef dinner. See attached flyer for more information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ...

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Total Actual</u>
Total Income	\$21,247.49	\$17,532.53	\$69,642.99
Total Expenditures	<u>12,530.97</u>	<u>19,098.06</u>	<u>66,878.29</u>
Net Oper. Gain	<u>\$ 8,716.52</u>	<u>(\$1,565.53)</u>	<u>\$ 2,764.70</u>

PARISH METRICS (JANUARY 25 THRU JANUARY 31)

BIRTHDAYS

None listed

ANNIVERSARIES

None listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

JANUARY 25 – Andrew Bobko, 1899 (2); Alipsy Moisevich, 1929 (42); Elizabeth Moorash, 1958 (41); Mary Pistey, 1984 (82); Anna Gallan Fecko, 1996 (89); Anastasia Samonek, 2018 (92)

JANUARY 26 – Anna Kochiss, 1915 (6 months); Catherine Gerpak, 1918 (6); Sophie Osedach, 1962 (71); Anna Ziamba, 1990 (64)

JANUARY 27 – Elena Kostik, 1901 (15 months); Spiridon Spiritos, 1907 (23); Helen Pavlova Volkova, 1947; John Turko, 1953 (47); Susanna Katrenich, 1954 (80); Tikhon Senchuk, 1959 (63); Nicholas Ermolovich, 1970 (75); Elizabeth Alesevich, 1999 (82); Stephen Ivanoff, 2002; Olga Walsh, 2005

JANUARY 28 – Nicholas Andreychak, 1908 (10); Michael Gonchar, 1917 (5 months); Major General Dimitry Koronatovich 1920 (63); John Shostak, 1971 (57); Michael Zavatsky, 1981 (72); Stephen Jankura, 1986 (90); Agnes Pistey Rukan, 1995 (87);

JANUARY 29 – Anastasia Molchan, 1924 (2 months); Prokopy Behun, 1966 (85); Peter Sumpel, 1969 (68); George Shehovsky, 1973 (70); Lydia H. Jankura, 2011 (86)

JANUARY 30 – Maria Lison, 1924 (72); Evdokia Bichkov, 1929 (61); John Tsop, 1937 (67); John Chervenok, 1945 (60); Susan Pistey, 1952 (71); Anna Kollar, 1953 (48); Nicholas Samoskevich, 1953 (60); Joseph Kleban, 1958 (61); John Darak, 1986 (75); Helen Chervenak Malyska, 1986 (69); Ann Beane, 1990 (60); John Babina, 1993 (60); Anna (Shostak) Howard, 1997 (70)

JANUARY 31 – Constantine Belomizi, 1921 (33); George Hamilla, 1935 (58); Michael J. Pistey, 1944; Mary Radachowsky, 1969 (96); Anastasia Hardy, 1987 (93); Joseph Falaro, 1994 (84)

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

