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Vol. 84 No. 1965 **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

The Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday after Theophany

Zacchaeus Sunday



Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for +***Anna Marie Dudak*** offered by Dave and Melanie Dudak
+***Deacon Robert Conjelko***, +***George Semancik and Ron Belchik*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak;
+***Dolores Muchesko*** offered by Mary Ann Muchesko;
+***Peter Knaze*** offered by grandson Steve Knaze
+***John Mirilovich*** offered by Mirilovich family: Rich, Harriet, Richard, Renee,
Andrew, Kristen, Michael, Nancy & Marie; +***Michael and Anna Zahoran*** offered by Joann Berkey; +***Jan and Mary Koval***; and +***Very Reverend Dr. Nomikos Vaporis*** offered by son, Subdeacon Michael

Resurrection Tone 8
Tropar & Kondak: pages 145-148, 102 & 150
Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13
Gospel Matthew 4:12-17

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Services for the week of January 25th

Wed. 1/28 … +John and Anna Kovalic offered by the Kovalik family……8:00 am

Sat. 1/31 …Great Vespers……4:00 pm

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Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+George Smisko*** offered by Father Robert and Pani Kathy;
+Fred Savering offered by Mary Ann Savering;
+Michael Zahoran offered by the Haschak Family;
+Frank Joseph Miloro offered by the family;
+Pani Mary Panchisin offered by the family and ***+Helen Raylain*** (Perpetual)

Resurrection Tone 1
Tropar & Kondak: pages 81 &175
Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

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Services for the week of February 1st

Wed. 2/04 … +Kevin David Mitchell offered by Deacon Michael E. Pirich……..8:00 am
Moleben to Saint Nectarios with holy anointing…….6:00 pm
Thur. 2/05 … +George Czimbak offered by John Patchen……..8:00 am
Sat. 2/07 … Great Vespers……..……..4:00 pm

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Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School - 10:20 am**

Panachida for ***+Anna Brudnak*** offered by the Brudnak Family; ***+Peg Ryan*** offered by William Ryan and Family; ***+Julia Martin*** offered by Marilyn Burrell; ***+Nicholas Chupka Sr, and wife Helen, Agnes Chupka, and Jane Teplicky*** offered by Kathryn Oravec; ***+Joseph Gomilar, Frances Rogel, and James Neff*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak ***+Anna Homola-Rostochak*** offered by grandson, Steve Knaze; and ***+Fred, Christopher, and Mary Hohl***; and ***+Larry Buksa*** offered by sister, Kathy Feathers
Resurrection Tone 2: Tropar & Kondak: pages 84 &175

Epistle: 1Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered ***Stephanie Kennedy (1/24), Father Frank Miloro (1/26), Andrea Robel (1/26), Thomas Fultz (1/27), Scott Hanak (1/28), Lisa Russic (1/30), Nicole Snyder (1/30), Evelyn Evanisko (1/31), and Anna Podolak (2/1).*** You were remembered in Prokomedia!

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the ***Christ the Saviour Cathedral Parish*** will be held ***Sunday, February 1, 2026*** immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Auditorium. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. This is the ***first official announcement*** of the meeting. Proposals for the Annual Meeting are being accepted in the Cathedral office in written form until ***Sunday, January 18, 2026.***

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THE ETERNAL LAMP - is offered the week of January 26th in memory of ***+Anna Marie Dudak by Dave and Melanie Dudak.***

THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of February 1st in memory of ***+Fred Savering by daughter-in-law Mary Ann Savering.***

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ACRY "Souper Bowl"

The ACRY will be collecting cans of soup for the West End Food bank starting Sunday, January 11, 2026, thru Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026. Please leave your canned good donation on the stage in the Cathedral auditorium for your donations. Thank-you for your continued support!
Volunteers are needed for the Cambria County Back Project at Garfield school for Monday, February 9th at 4pm. Please contact Melanie Dudak if you are able.
The next ACRY Meeting will be held **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm**. Sixteen gift bags will be distributed the first week of February to our shut-ins and those in assisted living homes. Thank you for your support and generosity this past year to our ACRY Chapter

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A MIRACLE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST IN CHIOS

In the year 1740, there was a church dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner in Atsike, Chios, situated near the countryside. It was necessary for the Moslems to pass that way en route to their mosque. Because of the extreme winter cold and rains, a group of seven wealthy Moslems, known as Beys, discussed the feasibility of taking the church by force and converting it to a mosque. Two of them disagreed with the plot, but the other five signed a letter and sent it with a messenger by sea seeking imperial decree to legally confiscate the church. However, God frustrated their plan in the following manner. On the eve of the feast of the Synaxis of St. John the Baptist, six of the Beys met on the first floor of a three story tower near the church to discuss their plot. Suddenly an earthquake collapsed half of the tower upon them killing the five who plotted to take the church. The sixth person, who disagreed with them, was completely unharmed in the rubble. The other half of the tower was filled with women and children, and they too were unharmed. The ship carrying the letter was lost at sea.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

You will never pass God's generosity, even if you hand over your entire substance and yourself in the bargain. Indeed, to receive – in the truest sense – is to give oneself to God.

St. Gregory the Theologian

Our works in this life are the sowing, and the future life is the harvest of what we have sown. Whatever one sows here, that is what he shall reap there. If one hastens to cultivate the field of his heart, to fertilize it and to sow in it the seeds of immortal grain, he can confidently expect to see a corresponding harvest unto eternal rest and delight. He that sows with tears of repentance shall reap with rejoicing and "shall be filled," says the Prophet (Psalms 16:16 and 125:6), for sweet rest follows upon the labors of piety. But rest and refreshment are denied to him who has not labored in the work of piety – he that is idle should not eat, it is said (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

Elder Moses of Optina

If those attacked by many passions of soul and body endure patiently, do not out of negligence surrender their free will, and do not despair, they are saved. Similarly, he who has attained the state of dispassion, freedom from fear and lightness of heart, quickly falls if he does not confess God's grace continually by not judging anyone. Indeed, should he dare to judge someone, he makes it evident that in acquiring his wealth he has relied on his own strength, as St. Maximus states.

St. Peter of Damaskos

It is well known that obedience is the chief among the initiatory virtues; for first it displaces presumption and then it engenders humility within us.

St. Diadochos of Photiki

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Charlie Erisman	Joanne Democko	Brianna Thompson	MaryAnn Savering	
Rachael Costlow	Robert and Barbara Stokes	Elijah Groff	Spenser Kreger	

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You have never really lived
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back



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. 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).

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.

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