

# 37th Sunday After Pentecost

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## February 20, 2024 Tuesday

5:30pm. Panikhida for Simon S.  
6pm. Vespers  
6:30pm. Men's Fellowship

## February 21, 2024 Wednesday

9am. Divine Liturgy  
10:30am. Senior Moment Lunch  
8pm. OCF @ SU

## February 22, 2024 Thursday

9pm. Food Recovery  
9pm. Panera Pick Up

## February 23, 2024 Friday

9:30am. Schools Pick Up Dinners  
10am. Outreach Street Food Ministry  
6pm Baptism Rehearsal

## February 24, 2024 Saturday

3:30pm. Foundations  
5pm. Great Vespers  
5:45pm. Choir Rehearsal

## February 25, 2024 Sunday Publican & Pharisee

8:15am. Ridesharing  
8:30am. Baptism Ellie Astras  
9:20am. 6th Hour  
9:30am. Divine Liturgy  
11:15am. Agape Meal  
11:30am. Church School  
5pm. Fayettevill/Manlius Family Dinner at Brenda Geloff's House.



# The Weekly

## On Zacchaeus



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# Announcements



## Welcome all visitors!

Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Ambrose and others as we would love to meet you! We are delighted to have you here with us.

Please fill out your information at <https://www.sspeterandpaulsyracuse.com/new> as we would love to keep you connected with our events.

If you are not Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the chalice during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please, however, come up and kiss the cross at the end of the service and introduce yourself to Fr. Ambrose.

An agape meal rotation schedule is being put together. If you would like to join the rotation please see Jessica Gressel. Any help with the Coffee Hour / Agape Meals is welcomed!

At Coffee Hour please donate what you can in the donations box. \$2 per meal is suggested. We are in need of plates, cups, coffee, utensils, etc... Please donate!

To make a confession simply come early to any Divine Liturgy, stay after at any vespers service, or make an appointment.

Communion is for Orthodox Christians who have prepared by prayer, fasting from midnight on, reconciliation, and a recent confession. For the reception of communion it's also good to arrive on time to Divine Liturgy and not later than the reading of the Holy Gospel.

If you or someone is admitted into the hospital or needs emergency pastoral assistance, then please call Fr. Ambrose at 315-418-5738. Make sure to put Fr. Ambrose as one of your hospital contacts to ensure that he is easily able to come and visit.

Annual Meeting is Scheduled for Sunday, March 10th after Divine Liturgy.

# Important Upcoming Services and Events



## Pierogi Making Party

Pierogi production will begin again this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1PM to 4 PM and 5 PM until 8 PM.



## Men's Pizza Night

This Tuesday at 6:30pm after Vespers we will have a men's gathering with a pizza potluck. Bring pizza, drinks, dessert or just come and join us!



## Senior Moment Lunch

This Wednesday, after Divine Liturgy. Potluck and discussion.



## Family Dinner

On Monday, February 26th, we will have our next Community Family Dinner. Please see Greg for info. Come and help!



## TownHall Meeting

On February 28th at 6pm we will have our next TownHall Meeting. We will discuss the potential Hall, Security Plan, Beautification projects, ByLaws, and Pierogi Sale, plus more...

## 2024 Stewardship

Ss. Peter and Paul parish is supported entirely through the generosity of its members, friends, and benefactors.

If you are active in your support of Ss. Peter and Paul, thank you! If you are new to Ss. Peter and Paul and/or regularly attend, please consider making a regular offering (weekly or monthly) in support of our parish and its projects.

By contributing to the General Fund in 2024 you are supporting the mission and activities in the parish, which include divine services, outreach, evangelism, church school, parish social activities, community efforts, and many more. There are so many things that are happening at Ss. Peter and Paul and contributing to the General Fund helps to advance this mission.

The best way to give is by check (or cash) placed in an envelope in the offering baskets.. We also have an online giving system (Breeze) as a way to offer your tithes and offerings.

## The Impactful Ministries of Ss. Peter and Paul

- Free Family Dinner for the entire community. 4th Monday of every month.
- Food Recovery Ministry: during the school semester a team of us recover up to 500 lbs of cooked food every week.
- Elementary School Outreach - we then take the recovered food and give it to families at local elementary schools.
- Church School Ministry - every Sunday, after Liturgy, during the school year, we have Church School lessons for grades pre-k through 12th.
- Hospitality Team Ministry
- Choral Ministry
- Senior Moment Lunches
- Altar Server Ministry
- Synaxis Meetings during Fasting Periods..
- Foundation Classes
- Ladies Nights
- Men's Fellowship Dinners and Outings
- Family Potluck Events
- Educational Field Trips for Children
- plus much more....

**Please support the present and future ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church!**

## What's My Weekly Tithe?

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$37	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

## On Zacchaeus by Archimandrite Zachariah of Essex

Remember when the Lord was going through Jericho to Jerusalem for His Holy Passion, a very noble and notable man of Jericho, Zacchaeus, desired to see the Lord, but was unable to do so, because he was “little of stature”, as the Gospel tells us (Luke 19:3). So he made himself a laughing stock, and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to be able to see the Lord. He suffered shame because of his desire to see the Lord, and the Lord noticed him. And not only did He notice him, but He spoke to him saying, “Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house” (Luke 19:5). The Lord visited his house, because He saw Zacchaeus’ suffering of shame as a “kinship” with Him. Zacchaeus put himself in the Way of the Lord, voluntarily suffering shame, and so it was unavoidable that he should meet the Lord; and, as we know, the Lord joined Zacchaeus. And do you remember what happened? Christ visited Zacchaeus, and from the moment of the Lord’s visitation, his heart was enlarged and he was restored to spiritual health, and straightway desired to restore every injustice he had committed. He said, “If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold” (Luke 19:8). This “fourfold” is very significant, for it indicates the four dimensions of the mystery of the Cross and Resurrection of Christ: “the breadth, and length, and depth, and height” (Eph. 3:18), which became the source of every grace, the source of every gift. The depth of this great mystery is “the way down”, to the nethermost parts; its height is “His rising up”, above the Heavens; and its breadth and length is seen in the grace of His Cross reaching all nations: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me,” says the Lord (John 12:32).

Zacchaeus, by putting himself in the Way of the Lord, and bearing a little shame for His sake, found the Lord a companion, a guest in his house, and therefore his heart was enlarged to embrace all people. So, when we put ourselves in the Way of our Lord, and we learn to “go down”, we become partakers of His gift, and this gift enlarges the heart, and then man finds his true destiny. Because each one of us, if we are to be in the image of the new Adam, Christ, should bear in his heart the rest of humanity. Therefore, whoever puts himself in the Way of the Lord receives this enlargement of the Cross and Resurrection of the Lord, and this enlargement makes him universal.



# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT  
6:30PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:  
ST. SOPHRONY'S LIFE HEADING TO MOUNT  
ATHOS

POTLUCK PIZZA PARTY HERE AT THE  
CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS



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