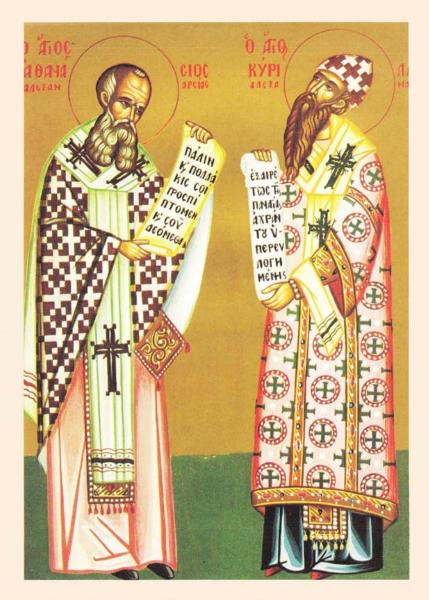
# SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



Icon of the Saints Athanatius and Cyril – January 18th

# *January 17, 2010* 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of Zacchaeus

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18 – JANUARY 24

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2310:00 AM DIVINE LITURGYLESIA LOZNYCKY; BILL & DARLENE LOZNYCKYSUNDAY, JANUARY 24 - SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGYFOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### a Remember in your prayers e



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to

join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Kimberly Hartman, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Gregorio Ortiz Peña, Sophia Skop and Sonya Villa Señor. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

<u>"The Future Of Our Church Begins Today"</u> We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.

## **House Blessings**

It is the custom among many Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. James.

#### **Remember Those In The Armed Forces**

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira



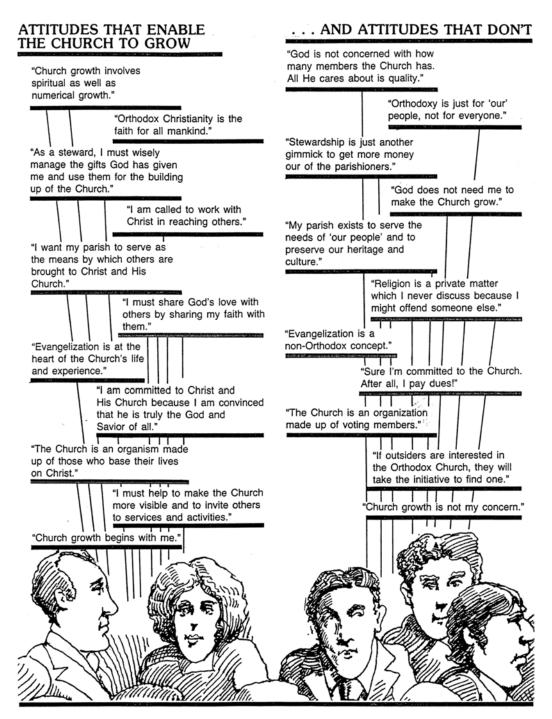
Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. *Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.* 

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our Parish's 50th anniversary. There is lots of work to be done in the way of planning, sending out of invitations and various other tasks.

### Storage unit

We need help to empty out the storage unit behind the Business Center since the City of La Mesa requires that we remove it from the property. We will be donating the unit to Fr. Joe's Village. We will have a work session next Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM to clear out the unit.



Food for thought: Does my attitude enable Church growth?

Святкуємо 50-років!

**Celebrating 50 Years!** 

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#### Countdown to the Great Fast

The first announcement of Lent, the first reminder, comes through a short gospel story about an entirely unremarkable man, "small of stature," whose occupation as a tax collector marked him, in that time and society, as greedy, cruel and dishonest. Zacchaeus wanted to see Christ; he wanted this so much that his desire attracted the attention of Jesus. Desire is the beginning of everything. As the gospel says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mt 6:21). Everything in our life begins with desire, since what we desire is also what we love, what draws us from within, what we surrender to.

This gospel story poses a question to each of us: what do you love, what do you desire – not superficially, but deeply? Stop for a moment, pay attention, enter your heart, listen to your own inner person, and you will find within yourself the very same strange and wonderful desire Zacchaeus encountered, which no human being can live without, yet which almost everyone fears and suppresses with the noise and vanity of everything external.

Desire. The soul taking a deep breath. Everything becomes – has already become – different, new, boundlessly meaningful. The little man, with his eyes to the ground focusing on earthly desires, now ceases to be little as his victory over himself begins. Here is the start, the first step from exterior to interior, toward that mysterious homeland which all human beings, unknown often to themselves, long for and desire.

Fr. Alexander Schmemann