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SUNDAY – January 29, 2017 – **Sunday of Zacchaeus**

9:30 a.m.— Divine Liturgy – **For + Stephen and +Elizabeth Marosy**
requested by Olga Kikoski

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11:00 a.m.— Divine Liturgy – **For + Monsignor John Sekellick**

TODAY'S READINGS: Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

PASTORAL MESSAGE: Please continue praying for our Armed Forces throughout the world and all civil authorities. Thank you for your patience, support, cooperation, and understanding throughout my activation to full-time military duty. There are many projects that need accomplishing in our parishes and they will be completed during 2017. The pace has been very busy being the Shepherd of our two Byzantine Catholic parishes in addition to the Roman Catholic parish of Saint Francis of Assisi at Joint Base McGuire-Fort Dix-Lakehurst, and the duties of a Military Chaplain. The days begin very early as an Air Force Officer and end very late as a pastor. There really are no days off, but God has blessed me with the strength to do all the work. I always have time for all parishioners. If you need to see me for pastoral counseling, I am available in the evening or immediately after the 11 o'clock Divine Liturgy. Do not feel that you are ever imposing.

ALL SOULS: Please submit the names for All Souls Intentions. You can submit them in writing to Father Rella or send them to the email addresses.

MUSEUM OR PARISH: Pope Saint John XXIII said about the Catholic Church "We are not on earth to guard a museum, but to tend a blooming garden full of life." I ask that you help me renew our parishes. The only way to do that is pick up the phone to friends and family, especially those that we saw last year at the 100th Anniversary dinner, those we saw at the Parish Christmas Parties, those that we have not seen since, and ask them to join us at least once a month to keep our parishes alive. If they could make the trip for dinner celebrations, they can make the effort for the greatest dinner celebration---the Holy Eucharist. If not, we will become a Museum and not a Garden. As stated previously, we do not need anyone's money, but we need everyone's attendance to worship the Father.

The SANCTUARY LAMP: burns this week for **People of the Parish.**

PARISH RENEWAL: Ministry is not a "money maker," it's a "money taker." Some things in life are not supposed to earn money. God has blessed with an abundance. When we cast our bread upon the waters today, it is always found in the future. Always be ready to do a good turn even if you don't receive a reward.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick, **Josephine Abate** at Monmouth County Care Center, **Anne Kucharski** at Regency, and **Susan Lakat** at the Independence Manor in Flemington, **Carol Timko** at Bridgeway Care Center, and **Elizabeth Bessenyi** at Somerset Hills Assisted Living. Also, pray for our Trustee **Mary Kucek**, and **parishioners Veronica Szegesky, Concetta Rella**, mother of Father Rella, **Daniel Arnott, Carole Bartunek**, mother of Pani Tammy Rella, **Marie Mangano**, and **Heather Lindsay**, cousin of Father Rella.

ROSARY: The recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 10:45 next Sunday, **February 5, 2017.** Maureen Hewett has requested the Rosary be recited before Divine Liturgy throughout Great Lent.

REMEMBER OUR ARMED FORCES: Most especially the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio and his Priests and Deacons. Also, those parishioners currently serving in the military--- Airman First Class **Rose Rella**, Senior Airman **Maria Rella**, Petty Officer Second Class **Erin Wimmer**, 1st Lieutenant **Tammy Rella**, and our parish priest, Chaplain (Captain) **Francis Rella** who is currently serving on Active Duty. Also, remember the Veterans of our parishes who served in every armed conflict since World War I, especially **George Sabornick, James Burkhart**, and **Steven Labos.**

TAX LETTERS: Are available upon request for 2016. Please contact Lori Grobelny by either of the phone numbers above or by the parish emails.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy when we receive Holy Communion. Roman Catholics also fulfill their Sunday Obligation by attending and receiving Holy Communion in a Byzantine Catholic Parish since we are in Full Communion with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the Apostolic See of Rome. If this the first time you are receiving in the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church, the Priest will say a blessing and give you the Sacred Eucharist with a spoon from the Holy Chalice. There is no need for a response of Amen. "Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. However, per Roman Catholic discipline, "the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches."

PARISH STAFF

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