

# Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church

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**GLORY TO JESUS THE CHRIST! SLAVA ISUSUS CHRISTU!**

## Sunday of Zacchaeus

Tone 7 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

<b>Sat 1/13</b>	3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Mystery of Penance</b> (Confessions) + <u>John W. Vladika</u> by wife, <u>MaryAnn</u>
<b>Sun 1/14</b>	11:00a.m.	+ <u>Helen Wartko</u> by daughters, Pamela Walsh & Miriam Yarosh

## Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

<b>Sat 1/20</b>	3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Mystery of Penance</b> (Confessions) + <u>Msgr. John T. Sekellick</u> by parish family
<b>Sun 1/14</b>	11:00 a.m.	+ <u>Helen Geeza</u> by niece, Mary Frame

SANCTUARY CANDLE this week is given in loving memory of the late +Frank Sylvester by wife, Mildred

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR:** If anyone is still looking for their offering envelopes for 2018 it is important to know that they have been moved from the vestibule of the church to the rectory office.

**REGISTRATION CARDS:** Please make sure to fill out and return the registration card that you found in your box of envelopes. This is of extreme importance this year as the parish needs an update of its census. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

**YEARLY FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENTS:** As the parish prepares to make these yearly statements available, anyone wishing to make gifts to be credited to 2017 should do so **no later than January 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**ALL SOULS SATURDAYS:** The first All Souls Saturday this year occurs on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It would be appreciated if your names were handed in **no later than Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** so that the list may be properly prepared.

To The Parish Family of Holy Ghost Church,

Now that we have completed our celebration of the Christmas mysteries, we turn our attention to the Sundays in preparation for the Great Fast (Lent). On this first weekend of preparation we have the familiar story of Zacchaeus. This is presented to remind us of something that is often forgotten. Jesus became a human being for the sake of sinners, not the righteous. This tax collector that Jesus calls down from a tree is the worst of the worst in Jewish society. Jesus goes to his home to eat with him and transform him. The sinner in the Gospel becomes a "saint".

May we remember this if we are ever tempted to think that we are not worthy of God's love and forgiveness.....Father Robert

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** It is the custom in the parish to bless homes by request after the celebration of the Feast of Theophany. Since a new pastor should be assigned within the next few weeks, Father Robert is suggesting that you wait until he is named. In that way those having their homes blessed will have the opportunity to personally greet him.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP: For Jan. 6th & 7th :** Sunday Offering: \$1084.00; Monthly Dues \$664.00; Candles \$61.75; Snow Removal \$135.00; Holy Days \$189.00; ECL \$20.00; School loan \$10.00; Christmas \$145.00; Total \$2308.75 Envelopes Adults – 58; Children - 2

*Thank you for your sacrificial giving and generosity.*

**10 MONTH LOTTERY:** Thank you to all for making our 2017 10-month Lottery a great success! Our new 2018 lottery starts in March, so be sure to buy your "winning" calendar soon.

We have sold over **705** tickets with about 220 outstanding. That leaves us less than 65 to be taken. Please do your best to take 5 or 10. If not for yourself, maybe you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who can buy or sell. Last year 8 people were responsible for over 500 sales. They make great Christmas or Birthday gifts. Contact Gregory Dick (570) 489-8723 or Jean Cucura (570)489-3974.

**45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** will be held on **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. A bus will be available which leaves at 6:45 AM and returns at 11:45 PM. Cost for adults \$40/Students \$20. Contact Deacon Bob for additional info.

**2018 RESPECT LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST:** will be held at Fiorelli's Catering in Peckville **on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$21 each Adult, \$10 Children 6-12 years old. Contact Joseph Alinoski at (570)876-4087 for your reservation.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #41** will be hosting their Homemade Macaroni & Meatball Dinner on **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at the VFW building in Eynon. Serving starts at noon and ends at 5PM. Take-outs are available. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through Deacon Bob. Contact him on his cell at 570-466-9645. Proceeds benefit the troop annual camping week.

**DATED DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS:** Due to the delay in the arrival of a new pastor, dated intentions for 2018 will ONLY be taken for the SATURDAY (4pm) Divine Liturgy. You may call the parish office to make arrangements on a Monday or Tuesday between 9:30 a.m. and 12noon. It would also be appreciated if you would make your offering for the Liturgy at the same time.

**HELP! Needed Please:** Our Secretary is retiring. We are looking for help in the rectory office. Light bookkeeping skills and answering phones are part of the duties. Work hours are usually 9:30AM to 12:30PM, two days a week. If interested, please contact Fr. Bob or Winnie at the parish office for job details. Do YOU have a few hours to spare one day a week!

**Please note: In case of emergency (only)** please contact Father Robert at St.Michael's Church at (570) 344-2521. All other calls should be directed to the office number (570) 489-2353.  
These will be answered/returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

**REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS** – You can express your commitment to our Parish by making a bequest to HOLY GHOST CHURCH. Simply have the following statement included in your will: “I LEAVE TO HOLY GHOST PARISH, JESSUP, PA, THE SUM OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works.” May God abundantly bless you for considering to do this for us!

*WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING TO HELP THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE?  
PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN OUR WORLD. PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.*