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**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. Tone 4.** Sunday of Zacchaeus. Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and Martyrs Porphyrius, Bapthus and three women Martyrs (202). Virgin Martyrs, Valentina and Paula, of Palestine (308). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Novgorod, buried in the Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom (Sophia) in Novgorod: Joachim (1030), Luke (1058), Theodore (1077), Herman (1096), Akkadii (Arcadius) (1163), John (1185), Gabriel (1193), Martyrii (1199), Anthony (1231), Basil (1352), Moses (1362), Simeon (1421), Evfim (Euthymius) (1458). And Aftoni (Aphthonius) (1652). Rt. Blv. Princess Anna of Novgorod (1056). Ven. Prokhor (Prochorus) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves - 1107). Ven. Longin (Longinus of Koryazhensk (Vologda - 1540). The "Aerovindus" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

**Epistle:** 1 Tim. 4:9-15 **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

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**Please Pray for the Health of:**

Child Sydney Foster, Harry Mlynar, Vasily Burlingame, Barbara Rogers, Paul Simpson, Thomas Gall, Vasily Burlingame, Teresa Petroski, Alex Petroski, Carol Wyhowanec, Benjamin Snyder, Julie Diamond, Ted Stevens, Maryann West, Pat Starkey, Sue Evanoff, Jim Jackson, Carl Johnson, Pat Kovachick, Bob Glaston, Sara Lucas & Melissa Trace.

**For the Departed**

Archpriest John Mason, Archpriest Joseph Martin, Protodeacon Dennis & Mat. Helen Lucak, Nicholas Stevens, Paul Pyle, Catherine Molenaur, Armand Pirvu, & Michael Snyder.

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**Schedule of Services**

Saturday February 16.... Great Vespers.....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday February 17.....**Publican and Pharisee** - Church School & Adult Class.....8:55 a.m.  
The Third Hour.....9:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 a.m.

**Epistle:** 2 Tim. 3:10-15 **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14

**Liturgy Book Helps for Today**

Troparia, Kontakia, Prokimena, and Alleluia Verses: Pages: 152 -153

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**Daily Scripture Readings**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Monday	1 Peter 2:21-3:9	Mark 12:13-17
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:10-22	Mark 12:18-27
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:1-11	Matt. 12:28-37
Thursday	1 Peter 4:12-5:5	Mark 12:38-44
Friday	2 Peter 1:1-10	Mark 13:1-8
Saturday	2 Timothy 2:11-19	Luke 18:2-8

## Memorial Candle Offerings!

**Altar Table Candles:** In loving memory of Michael & Mary Sapovchak offered by Michael John, Gloria Molenaar & families.

**Royal Door Vigil:** In memory of Metro Kuzemchak on 30 years of his passing. Memory eternal. Offered by the Kuzemchak family.

**Table of Oblation Candles:** In memory of David Bezbatchesko, offered by Martin & Barb Bezbatchesko.

**Standing Vigil:** In memory of David Bezbatchesko, offered by Mike, Lisa, Quinn & Mia.

**Standing Vigil:** In memory of David Bezbatchesko, offered by Nick, Jammie, Madison & Jackson Bezbatchesko.

**Standing Vigil:** In memory of David Bezbatchesko, offered by Mary E. Bezbatchesko.

## Announcements

### Memorial Service Offering

A memorial service in memory of David Bezbatchesko will be held Thursday, February 14, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray.

### Helping the Homeless

David Trace is currently collecting the following items for local homeless. Please reach out to him with further questions. If you are interested in donating cash, he will use it to buy the items. Target currently has all winter gloves, coats, etc severely discounted. He will use the funds to make the purchases.

Chess boards	Socks
Gloves	Thermal underwear
Charge sticks	Pop tarts
Hand foods	Heaters
Camping equipment	Duffel bags

### St. Nicholas is a Registered Charity on Amazon smile

Amazon smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon smile, the Amazon smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Once you sign up at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose a charity (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Mogadore, Ohio), 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated. The service doesn't cost anything to the charities that sign up or the shopper (for that reason, donations are not tax deductible). All you have to do is start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Amazon smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.

### Greeters Schedule

#### February

February 17	Tony & Deb Kuzemchak
February 24	Mike & Chris LaMonica

### Food For the Soul

#### Sunday of Zacchaeus

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 (Ex. 22:3-12).

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 is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

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.

St Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

### **Hieromartyr Charalampus (Haralambos) the Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly**

The Hieromartyr Charalampus, Bishop of Magnesia, the Martyrs Porphyrius and Baptus and Three Women Martyrs suffered in the year 202.

Saint Charalampus, Bishop of Magnesia (Asia Minor), successfully spread

faith in Christ the Savior, guiding people on the way to salvation. News of his preaching reached Lucian, the governor of the district, and the military commander Lucius. The saint was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed his faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifice to idols.

Despite the bishop's advanced age (he was 113 years old), he was subjected to monstrous tortures. They lacerated his body with iron hooks, and scraped all the skin from his body. During this the saint turned to his tormentors, "I thank you, brethren, that you have restored my spirit, which longs to pass over to a new and everlasting life!"

Seeing the Elder's endurance and his complete lack of malice, two soldiers (Porphyrius and Baptus) openly confessed Christ, for which they were immediately beheaded with a sword. Three women who were watching the sufferings of Saint Charalampus also began to glorify Christ, and were quickly martyred.

The enraged Lucius seized the instruments of torture and began to torture the holy martyr, but suddenly his forearms were cut off as if by a sword. The governor then spat in the face of the saint, and immediately his head was turned around so that he faced backwards.

Then Lucius entreated the saint to show mercy on him, and both torturers were healed through the prayers of Saint Charalampus. During this a multitude of witnesses came to believe in Christ. Among them also was Lucius, who fell at the feet of the holy bishop, asking to be baptized.

Lucian reported these events to the emperor Septimus Severus (193-211), who was then at Pisidian Antioch (western Asia Minor).

The emperor ordered Saint Charalampus to be brought to him in Antioch. Soldiers twisted the saint's beard into a rope, wound it around his neck, and used it to drag him along. They also

drove an iron nail into his body. The emperor then ordered them to torture the bishop more intensely, and they began to burn him with fire, a little at a time. But God protected the saint, and he remained unharmed.

Many miracles were worked through his prayer: he raised a dead youth, and healed a man tormented by devils for thirty-five years, so that many people began to believe in Christ the Savior. Even Galina, the daughter of the emperor, began to believe in Christ, and twice smashed the idols in a pagan temple. On the orders of the emperor they beat the saint about the mouth with stones. They also wanted to set his beard on fire, but the flames burned the torturer.

Full of wickedness, Septimus Severus and an official named Crispus hurled blasphemy at the Lord, mockingly summoning Him to come down to the earth, and boasting of their own power and might. The Lord sent an earthquake, and great fear fell upon all, the impious ones were both suspended in mid-air held by invisible bonds, and only by the prayer of the saint were they put down. The dazed emperor was shaken in his former impiety, but again quickly fell into error and gave orders to torture the saint.

And finally, the emperor sentenced Saint Charalampus to beheading with a sword. During Saint Charalampus' final prayer, the heavens opened and the saint saw the Savior and a multitude of angels. The holy martyr asked Him to grant that the place where his relics would repose would never suffer famine or disease. He also begged that there would be peace, prosperity, and an abundance of fruit, grain, and wine in that place, and that the souls of these people would be saved. The Lord promised to fulfill his request and ascended

to heaven, and the soul of the hieromartyr Charalampus followed after Him. By the mercy of God, the saint died before he could be executed. Galina buried the martyr's body with great honor.

In Greek hagiography and iconography Saint Charalampus is regarded as a priest, while Russian sources seem to regard him as a bishop.

### **Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Novgorod, Buried in the Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia) in Novgorod**

The Synaxis of Novgorod Hierarchs is also celebrated on October 4 and on the third Sunday after Pentecost. On October 4, 1439 Saint John (September 7) appeared to the presiding hierarch Saint Euthymius (March 11) and ordered him to serve a special panikhida in memory of those buried at the Sophia cathedral (the Russian princes and Archbishops of Novgorod, and all Orthodox Christians) on the Feast of the Hieromartyr Hierotheus, first Bishop of Athens.

Then the incorrupt relics of Saint John (September 7) were uncovered. Afterwards, the Synaxis was established to mark the glorification of the Novgorod hierarchs. E.E. Golubinsky says that because these hierarchs remained unknown at the time of their glorification, he determined this date for their common celebration was established in the period between the time of the Moscow Council of 1549 and the time of the formation of the Holy Synod (E.E. Golubinsky, History of the Canonization of Saints in the Russian Church. Moscow, 1903, p. 157).

Included in the Synaxis of Novgorod hierarchs are: Saint Joachim of Korsun, first bishop of Novgorod (988-1030); Saint Luke the Jew, bishop (October 15, 1060); Saint Germanus, bishop (1078-1096); Saint Arcadius, bishop (September 18); Saint Gregory, archbishop (May 24, 1193); Saint Martyrius, archbishop (August 24, 1199); Saint Anthony, archbishop (October 8, 1231); Saint Basil the lame, archbishop (July 3, 1352); Saint Simeon,

archbishop (June 15, 1421); Saint Gennadius, archbishop (December 4); Saint Pimen, archbishop (1553-1571); Saint Aphthonius, metropolitan (April 6, 1653).

The relics of these saints were buried or transferred to Novgorod's Sophia Cathedral (except for Saint Germanus, Saint Gennadius and Saint Pimen) therefore, in some sources their names are not included in the Synaxis.

Besides those mentioned, hierarchs who have separate commemorations are: Saint Nikita the Hermit, bishop (January 31); Saint Niphon, bishop (April 8); Saint John, archbishop (September 7); Saint Theoctistus, archbishop (December 23); Saint Moses, archbishop (January 25); Saint Euthymius, archbishop (March 11); Saint Jonah, archbishop (November 5); Saint Serapion, archbishop (March 16).

The October 4 celebration was established in connection with the memory

of the holy Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich of Novgorod (+ 1052), and the February 10 Synaxis of the Novgorod hierarchs is celebrated in connection with the holy Princess Anna of Novgorod (+ 1056).

### **Virginmartyr Paula of Palestine**

The Holy Virgin Martyrs Ennatha, Valentina and Paula suffered in the year 308 under the emperor Maximian II Galerius (305-311). Saint Ennatha came from the city of Gaza (in the south of Palestine), Saint Valentina was a native of Palestinian Caesarea, and Saint Paula was from the region of Caesarea.

Saint Paula was brought to trial before the governor Firmilian and they subjected her to many torments. With the help of God, however, she endured them with great patience and courage. Before her death Paula gave thanks to the Lord for strengthening her. Bowing to the Christians present, she bent her neck beneath the sword.

## **Facts & Figures - Week of February 3, 2019**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>General Offerings</b>	<b>\$6,594.50</b>
<b>General Offerings Loose &amp; Children's</b>	<b>\$322.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$296.50</b>
<b>Envelope System Expense</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Annual Project (Air Conditioning)</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,403.00</b>

### **This Week**

Collected	Required for Budget	Short /Surplus	Per Envelope
\$6,919.50	\$5,288.46	\$1,631.04	\$12.55

Based On 160 Envelopes: Budgeted Amount Per Envelope Per Week: \$40.68

### **Year To Date**

Collected	Required for Budget	Short/Surplus	Per Envelope
\$19,011.50	\$26,442.31	-\$7,430.81	-\$57.16

# Blessings in a Backpack

## School Year 2018-2019

September brings the beginning of a new season and the beginning of a new school year. It also is the start of another year for Blessings in a Backpack (outreach program at Mogadore School District) for St. Nicholas.

We are waiting to hear from Mogadore School as to how many children we will be helping this year at OH Sommers Elementary. In the meantime we can begin bringing in the following:

- Individual boxes of cereal
- Juice boxes, Capri Sun, Kool-Aid jammers, Little Hugs
- Microwave popcorn
- Microwave packages of macaroni and cheese (not cups)
- Fruit cups
- Boxes of raisins
- Chef Boyardee microwave containers or cans / Spaghetios
- Granola bars
- Individual packs of cookies
- Individual bags of pretzels, Pringles, goldfish, animal crackers, etc.
- Individual hot chocolate packets
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Individual packages of crackers
- Crackers and cheese dip
- Cans of soup (prefer chicken & rice, chicken & stars or chicken noodle
- Ramen noodle soup packages
- Pop tarts
- Individual jello, pudding or applesauce cups
- Fruit chews, fruit roll ups or fruit snacks
- Rice Krispie treats
- Slim jims
- Ziploc gallon bags
- Anything else that is individually wrapped!

**Please be cognizant of the expiration dates.**

Drop the food off in the baskets in the coat room. This will be an ongoing project until the end of May 2019. This program has been extremely successful the past several school years due to your participation and we pray you will keep this momentum going.

Don't forget you can also use your Spiritual Outreach envelope and mark it "Blessings in a Back Pack" and we will do the shopping for you.

**Thank you** for your participation. The children will appreciate your generosity.

