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January 25, 2026
33rd Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday of Zacchaeus.
New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia
St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389)

Schedule

Sat Jan 24, 4pm – NO VESPERS
Sun Jan 25, 9am – Divine Liturgy (for those in walking distance).
Please be careful and do not drive to get here.

Thurs-Fri Jan 29-30 – Annual Diocesan Assembly, Old Forge, PA
Fri-Sun, Jan 30 - Feb 1 – DOEPA Winter Teen Retreat, Stevens, PA

Sat Jan 31, 4pm – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sun Feb 1, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship, *followed by Great Vespers for the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple*
Mon Feb 2, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy for the Meeting of the Lord

Sat Feb 7, **4:30**pm – Great Vespers at Holy Trinity Pottstown, 1236 Juniper St, Pottstown *(followed by a Dinner Dance fundraiser, which is a paid/ticketed event. More information next week.)*
Sun Feb 8, 9am – Divine Liturgy. **Annual Meeting** (rescheduled from 1/18)

Announcements

Our Annual Parish Meeting is rescheduled to Sunday February 8. This is the 1st announcement of the new date.

Hymns of the Day

For the Resurrection (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

New Martyrs (Tone 4)

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy, / praising her new martyrs and confessors; / hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, / venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. / Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, / they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. // By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

(Kontakion) For the Resurrection (Tone 8)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

***Glory** … (Kontakion) New Martyrs (Tone 3)*

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, / and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: / "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, / and power, and strength be to our God // unto the ages of ages. Amen."

***Now & ever** … For the Mother of God (Tone 6)*

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Prayers

For the repose of: *Newly-departed:* Archpriest Andrew Moulton (1/9), Apr. Stephen Plumlee (1/14), Apr. John Pawelchak (1/17), Mat. Julia Romanchak (1/11), Diane Hutnyan (12/20/2025), Kyra Kopestonsky (12/23).

For the health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula. ***Our catechumens:*** Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."