

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church  
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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*Sunday January 29, 2017*

***Zaccheus Sunday***

Martyr Chryse (ca. 41-54) Martyrs Sarbelus (*Thathuil*) and his sister Bebaia, of Edessa (110) Saint Barsimaeus the Confessor, Hieromartyr Bishop of Edessa (114) The Holy Seven Martyrs of Samosata (297): Martyrs Romanus, James, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregorius, at Samosata. Hieromartyrs Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius the Reader (312) Venerable Aphrahates the Persian, Hermit of Antioch (370) Venerable Ascepsimus, monk Saint Ashot Kuropalates of Tao-Klarjeti, Georgia (829) (*see also: January 27*) Saint Caesarius, a deacon in Angoulême in France under its first bishop St Ausonius (1st century) Hieromartyr Constantius of Perugia, first Bishop of Perugia, and Companions (170) Martyr Sabinian of Troyes (275) Martyrs Papias and Maurus, soldiers martyred in Rome under Maximian (ca. 303) Saint Valerius, second Bishop of Trier in Germany (ca. 320) Saint Blath (Flora), a cook at St Brigid's convent in Kildare where she was honoured as a holy woman (523) Saint Gildas the Wise, Abbot, of Rhuys, Brittany (ca. 570)<sup>[4][17][21][22]</sup> Saint Severus (*Sulpitius I of Bourges, Sulpicius Severus*), Bishop of Bourges (591) Saint Dallán Forgaill (of Cluain Dallain), a relative of St Aidan of Ferns, born in Connaught, martyred at Inis-coel by pirates (598) Saint Aquilinus of Mediolanum (Milan), martyred by the Arians (650) Saint Voloc, a bishop from Ireland who worked in Scotland (ca. 724)

*Services for the week of January 29*

Monday, January 30: 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs

Wednesday, February 1: 7:00 pm Vigil for the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. (The Meeting of the Lord)

Thursday, February 2: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation (Meeting of the Lord).

Saturday, February 4: 6:00 pm Great Vespers

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**Parish News**

**WELCOME:** to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

**OFFERING:** January 22: \$998.40

**DIOCESAN ASSESMENTS:** Speaking of Annie, please see her to fulfill the diocesan duty of paying the assessment. This is a way for the diocese to know who is officially of each parish and assists the diocese in many ways.

**PLEASE NOTE** the special festal liturgies this week. On Monday we have an early liturgy (8:00 am) for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs. On Wednesday, we have a vigil service for the Meeting of the Lord with the Liturgy on Thursday (regular time). We also bless candles during this feast. Please make an effort to attend at least one of these important Church Feasts.

**REFLECTION**

The more a man advances in spiritual knowledge and in purification of the heart, the more it appears to him that the depth in which he finds himself is even lower and that the height to which he strives is even higher. When one spiritual giant on his death bed heard that his companions were praising him because of his great asceticism, he began to weep and said, "My children, I have not even begun my spiritual life." When St. Ignatius, that God-bearer, lay chained in the dungeon, he wrote to the Ephesians: "I do not command you as though I stand for something. Even though I am in chains for the Name of Jesus Christ; nevertheless, I still have not perfected myself in Him. Now I am beginning to be His disciple, and I speak to you as a collegium of my teachers."

**CONTEMPLATION**

To contemplate the Lord Jesus on the simplicity of His behavior:

1. How He behaved simply with fishermen as well as with the scribes and princes;
2. How He responds to everyone and enters into the home of everyone who invites Him;
3. How His royal dignity clearly radiates through all the simplicity of His behavior.