

Sunday of Zacchaeus



On this day, we officially begin to think about the upcoming fasting season of Great Lent.

Orthodox Christians, as well as Roman Catholics and many Protestant denominations, all over the world continue to observe the Lenten Season in some fashion just as was the custom of early Christians. We begin to contemplate the righteous man Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10.

Zacchaeus was so intent upon seeing Jesus as He was passing by surrounded by a crowd, that he cared not for what anyone thought and climbed up in a sycamore tree. Jesus noticed and told him to come down, and that He intended to eat at his house, a man whom, the murmuring crowd said, was a sinner. In the Gospel, we see that Zacchaeus was not only a man of pious zeal, but also a man of repentance, almsgiving, forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus said to him, "This day is salvation come to this house ...for The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Lent

The Epistle reading for Zacchaeus Sunday is 1 Timothy 4:9-15, it also admonishes us toward righteous behavior. So let us begin now to examine ourselves, thinking of what sins we need to repent, to whom we may need to extend forgiveness, of whom we may need to ask forgiveness, and in what way the Lord might want us to give to others this Lenten Season.