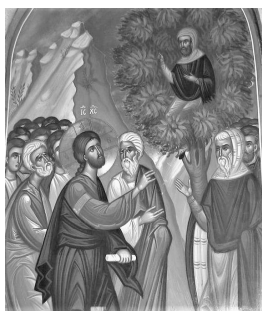


SICOMORUL – CEL MAI ÎNALT LOC DIN IERIHON. O PERSPECTIVĂ FILOCALICĂ ASUPRA CONVERTIRII LUI ZAHEU, VAMEȘUL

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„[...] Dacă este cineva în Hristos, este făptură nouă! [...]”
(II Cor. 5, 17)



Abstract

The icon¹ of Saint Zacchaeus the Apostle, one of the 70 disciples of the Lord (20th of April), involves another icon – of the meeting of Jesus with the chief publican in Jericho (Lk 19, 1-10). Jesus makes his way through one of the oldest settlements in the world to be welcomed in the heart of one of the most hated persons among the inhabitants of that city. Through repentance and the experience of seeing God, Zacchaeus the publican becomes Zacchaeus the Theologian, while the sycamore turns into the highest place in Jericho. We are not referring to the majestic crown of the tree, but to the surpassing of creation through spiritual contemplation, a state that enables the converted Zacchaeus to descend in his heart, before the Lord.

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Cel ce dorește să-și odihnească inima în paginile Sfintei Scripturi va observa cu ușurință că, uneori, textul sacru menționează numele

¹Sursa celor două icoane ale Sfântului Apostol Zaheu: <https://doxologia.ro/sfantul-apostol-zaheu>, accesat la 28 martie 2024.