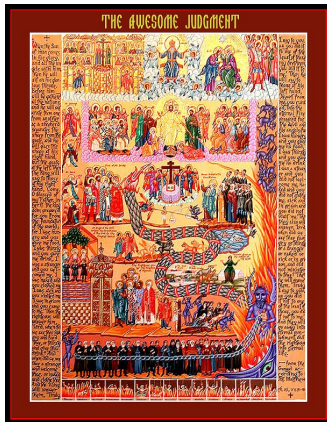


Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment (March 7)

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).



The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt. 25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt. 25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/03/07/5-sunday-of-meatfare-of-the-last-judgment>)



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March 7, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEATFARE)

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HIEROMARTYRS OF CHERSON: BASIL, EPHRAIM,
EUGENE, KAPITON, ELPIDIOS, AGATHODOROS AND
AETHERIOS
VENERABLE LAURENCE
VENERABLE PAUL THE SIMPLE, DISCIPLE OF ANTHONY
THE GREAT

Tone 6 - Eothion 6

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

KONTAKION FOR THE LAST JUDGMENT - Tone 1 - When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Catechism
Donation Luncheon

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 14):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Dan M. & Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	The Gohls & Olena M.	Serge, Alex & Sarah K.
COFFEE TO-GO TEAM:		

Mark Your Calendar:

Forgiveness Sunday
March 14 - Forgiveness Vespers 11:45 am

Beginning of Lent
March 15, 2021

Bible Study on Sacrifice
Saturdays, 5 pm
Mar 20-Apr 17

Feast of the Annunciation
Wednesday, March 24
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Orthros 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25
Liturgy 10 am
(fish, wine, oil permitted)

We live Pascha to Pascha!
May 2, 2021

OFFERINGS: *To be reported next week.*

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly Illumined	+George
Penelope	+Katharine
Dn. Luke & Family	+Luke
George, Victoria, & family	+Christopher
AP Boris	
HM Sylvester	+Najib
Fr. Sergius	+Lorraine
AP Serge	+Julia
Doris & John	+Helen
Apr. Gregory & Family	+Dina
James	+Robert
Lasha B	+Adele
Otari B	
Daniel H	
John	
Peter	
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
Pulcheria	
Natalia	
Anna	
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	

Catechumens

Matthew,
Michael,
Shaun,
Tina,
Asena,
Sara,
Barry,
Ryan,
Laura,
Taylor

For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity

All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic

This Week:

Office Open – 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

Masks encouraged for all services.

Monday, Mar 8: Office open

Tuesday, Mar 9: Liturgy for 40 Martyrs of Sebaste 10 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wed, Mar 10: Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Live Not By Lies Reading Group 7:15 p.m.

Thurs, Mar 11: Office open

Friday, Mar 12: Office open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Mar 13: Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Catechumen Prayers—Tim & Luke R.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar 14: Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Forgiveness Vespers 11:45 a.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Baby Care Items

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

SAINT PHILIP’S is a place of prayer and repentance and a “Pan-Orthodox” parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and let us know if there is any way we can serve you. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to receive a blessing, anointing, and Blessed Bread at the end of the Liturgy.