

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Feb 27)

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/2022/02/27/5-sunday-of-meatfare-of-the-last-judgment>)

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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February 27, 2022 JUDGMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE)

COMMEMORATIONS:

PROCOPIUS THE CONFESSOR OF DECAPOLIS
RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN
STEPHEN THE MONK
GELASIOS THE ACTOR AND MARTYR OF HELIOPOLIS
NESIOS THE MARTYR

Tone 3 - Eothinon 3

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:9-9:2

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF 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 & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Removal of Crowns (McElhinney)

Sunday School, Catechism

Donation Coffee Hour sponsored by Women of St. Mariamne

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

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 6):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin; Baking class	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Dan M. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	George & Lily; Zaria R.	Sdn. Jordan & Natalie; Chris H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Ada; Ephrem	Felicia; Myriam K.; Abraham

Mark Your Calendar:

Lehigh Valley Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers @ 4 p.m.

- ✦ Mar 13 (Sunday of Orthodoxy):
St. Mary UOC Allentown
- ✦ Mar 20: St. Paul AOC Emmaus
- ✦ Mar 27: St. Nicholas OCA
Bethlehem
- ✦ Apr 3: St. Nicholas GOA
Bethlehem
- ✦ Apr 10: Assumption UOC
Northampton

Feast of Annunciation Friday, March 25

Lenten Retreat: “An afternoon with St. John Chrysostom” w/ Dr. David Ford March 26, 2022 2pm-6:15pm w/ Vespers

We live Pascha to Pascha! April 24, 2022

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION: PAPER PRODUCTS

CHALLENGE FOR 2022: “You are the Light of the World”

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Crowned Shaun & Tabatha Nicole	+Robert +N.I. Wendy Susanna
Raymond Sze-Tatiana	(February Parish Diptychs)
Joanne Patrick	+Frank
Doris	+Kristina
John	+John
John	+Steve
James	+John
Lasha B	+Hertanse
Otari B	+Thomas
Mark	Joseph
Nancy-Anna Helen Wadieh Anna Anesia	
Mary	<u>Catechumens</u>
Mary	Christian,
Claudia	Laura,
Gregory	Taylor,
Elizabeth	Tim & Luke,
Faithful of Ukraine	Christina,
	Peter, Sarah,
Priest Thomas,	Alina, William,
Jesse, Nathan and their families	& Elsa
& all Missionaries	Kate,
	Tyson,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina

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

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to the
Camp Scholarship Fund.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

- Mon, Feb 28:** Office open 10am-3pm
- Tues, Mar 1:** Office open 10am-3pm
6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 2:** Office open 10am-3pm
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Discussion 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Mar 3:** Office open 10am-3pm
- Friday, Mar 4:** Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 5:** Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Mar 6:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour

Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.

OFFERINGS 2/20: Candles, \$296.30. Collections, \$286.17.
Youth, \$1. Choir Fund, \$200. Classical School Fund, \$500.
Crafty Kids Fund, \$40. Mission Chapel, \$186. Pastoral
Discretion, \$24.01. Women’s Fund, \$50. Stewardship, \$13,334.
Total received: \$14,917.48.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!