

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Feb 19)

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.

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February 19, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEATFARE)

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY PHILEMON,
APPHIA, ARCHIPPUS, AND ONESIMUS
PHILOTHEI THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR OF ATHENS
NIKETAS THE YOUNGER

Tone 3 - Eothinon 3
Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

RESURRECTIONAL 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.
Sunday School
Donation Coffee Hour, for Syrian Earthquake Relief
Sponsored by the Women of St. Mariamne
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 26):
COFFEE HOUR	WoSM Donation Luncheon	All – Potluck
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Yvonne & Ken Ulrich <small>In Memory of Constantine & Victoria Neno</small>	Bushellis <small>Sophia's 21st Birthday</small>
USHERS:	Rdr Nick & Todd M.	Sdn John & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Moodys; Natalia M; Jocey	Moores; Kim B.; Monica C.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H; Mariya; Abraham	Calvin; Angie; Dale

Mark Your Calendar:

Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers

St. Nicholas OCA, Bethlehem, PA
March 5, 4pm

Men's Retreat:
“Reclaiming Masculinity”
w/ Fr. Hans Jacobse
March 10-11

Prospora Baking Class
March 11

Choir Concert
April 2 (tentative)

Pascha 2023
April 16
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Paper Products**

**CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
“You are the Salt of the Earth”**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Peter	+Christos
N.I. David, Helen, Elianna, Emmalia Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+George
Kh. Joyce	(February Parish Diptychs)
Linda	+Frank
Tadessa	+Kristina
Nicole	+John
Raymond	+Steve
Patrick	+John
Doris	+Hertanse
John	+Thomas
John	+Wendy Susannah
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Midena	
Radu	
Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Christian
	Christina
	Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa
	Kate
	Ryan
	Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
	Taylor & Bethany
	Joanne
	Denis
	Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo
	Michael
	Evan
	Lucretia
	Tiffany

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the

Camp Scholarship Fund

Glory to God, we have ~20 campers planning to attend this year! Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

Mon, Feb 20:	Office open
Tues, Feb 21:	6th Hour Prayers 12 noon Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Feb 22:	Office open Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Feb 23:	----
Friday, Feb 24:	Office open Confessions 6 p.m. Paraklesis 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.
Sat, Feb 25:	Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb 26:	FORGIVENESS SUNDAY ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Sunday School Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.

**PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS
MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.**

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Feb 11: 55 Divine Services Feb 12: 190
OFFERINGS 2/12: Candles, \$170. Collections, \$245. Flowers, \$.
Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$175.51. Building Fund, \$300. Pastoral Discretion, \$391.55. Women's Fund, \$100. Stewardship, \$4,058.53.
Total received: \$5,441.59.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)