

## Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

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).

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



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## February 23, 2025 SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

### COMMEMORATIONS:

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OF SMYRNA, PROTERIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF  
ALEXANDRIA, GORGONIA THE RIGHTEOUS,  
SISTER OF GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN,  
DAMIAN THE NEW MARTYR OF MOUNT  
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ABBEY

**Tone 2 - Eothion 2**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46**

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 2 -** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

**KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF 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, 8:15 a.m.**

*Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.*

**DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.**

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

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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:
COFFEE HOUR:	Women of Saint Mariamne	???
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	<i>Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to offer candles to God's Glory</i>	
USHERS:	Dan M. & Bill H.	Steve K. & Radu C.
CLEANING TEAM:	Justin & Kate G., Midena S., Kieth E.	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Mike L., Dave & Darby S., Steven M.	Kendra Moody

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Forgiveness Vespers**  
*Great Lent Begins*  
March 2 @ 1:00 pm

**Great Compline & Great Canon of Repentance**  
March 3, 4, 6 @ 6:30 pm  
March 5 @ 12:00 pm

**Presanctified Liturgies**  
Begins March 3

**Lenten Retreat**  
March 22  
Missions with Fr. Hector Firoglanis  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Choir Concert**  
April 6—1:30 to 2:30  
Passion & Resurrection of Christ  
Invite family and friends!

**Holy Pascha**  
April 20, 2025  
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH  
COLLECTION:**  
**Paper Products**

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Displaced faithful of Southern California.  Denis-Patrick John Nun Sergeia Doris Michael John James Steven Paraskevi Elizabeth Michaela Nicholas Elias	+Claudia  (February Parish Departed)  +Frank +Kristina +John +Steve +John +Hertanse +Thomas +Wendy Susanna  <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <u>Catechumens</u>  Lucretia Ryan Michael Kassandra Rose Jasper Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John Steven Bobby Llara Asher Sarah Andrew
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries  Nathan, John, & all seminarians  Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies  The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	

## This Week:

**Tues, Feb 25:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 pm

**Wed, Feb 26:** Divine Liturgy, 7:00 am  
Confessions, 6:00 pm  
Akathist to St. Raphael, 6:30 pm

**Thurs, Feb 27:** Divine Liturgy (St. Raphael), 9:30 am  
Vespers, 6:30 pm  
Revelation Bible Study, 7:30 pm

**Fri, Feb 28:** Confessions, 6:00 pm  
Paraklesis, 6:30 pm

**Sat, March 1:** Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am  
Catechumen Class, 4:30 pm  
**Great VESPERS, 6:00 pm**  
Confessions, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, Mar 2:** **Sunday of Forgiveness**  
**ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 am**  
*Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 am*  
**DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.  
*Handmaidens hosting an Ice Cream Social between Coffee Hour & Forgiveness Vespers*  
**Forgiveness Vespers, 1:30 pm**

### Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers

This year's Pan-Orthodox Vespers is Sunday, March 9 at 4:00 PM at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Allentown, PA.  
**Our Metropolitan SABA will be preaching!**

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers 2/15 : 72                      Liturgy 2/16: 226  
**OFFERINGS 2/16:** Candles, \$210. Collections, \$987.97. Classical School (SJA), \$225. Building Fund, \$40. Camping, \$100. Teen Fund, \$1,000. Women's Fund, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$2,133. Stewardship, \$14,628.51. Total received, \$21,424.48.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**