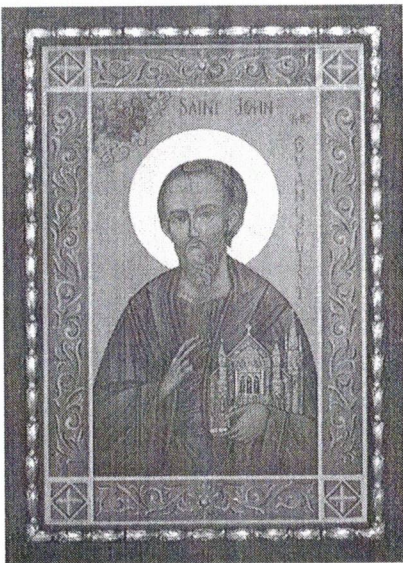


MEATFARE
SUNDAY



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of CHRIST in your world



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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests praying with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Steven***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 10, 2024

Tone 7 / Eothinon 7

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Martyr Kodratos of Corinth and his five companions; Anastasia the patrician of Alexandria

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN

Apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore to disperse the darkness of ignorance, and pray for peace and great mercy to be shown upon us.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

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.

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ATTENTION FOR ALL:

Sign up sheet in Narthax for March 30th Saturday of Souls Please write down the names of those who have reposed in your family so Fr. Seraphim can pray for them at this service. .

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God,
ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

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TRISAGION ON MARCH 24TH for

NICK and CATHERINE (Yvonne Bennett's parents)

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to
St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty, and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MARCH Services & Events

**March 10th Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
Parish Council Meeting at 12 Noon
(Judgment Sunday) (Meatfare)**

March 16th—Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM

March 16th Saturday - Great Vespers 5PM

**March 17th Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
Great Vespers to follow Divine Liturgy.
(Forgiveness Sunday) (Cheesefare)**

MONDAY MARCH 18TH—GREAT LENT BEGINS TODAY

**Great Compline on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st
at 6 PM— with readings from the Great Canon of
Repentance by St. Andrew of Crete**

Wed. March 20th—Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ 6pm

Friday , March 22nd—Little Compline with Akathist Canon @ 6pm

March 23rd Saturday - Great Vespers 5PM

**March 24th Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Sunday of Orthodoxy)**

**Monday, March 25th—Annunciation of the Theotokos
Vesperal Liturgy @ 6pm**

**March 30th Saturday—Divine Liturgy @ 9AM
(Saturday of the Souls)**

March 30th Saturday—Great Vespers 5PM

**March 31st Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Gregory Palamas)**

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Evie, Kh. Paraskeva, Michael, Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Ann, Carol, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, William (Cancer), Donald, Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health), Perry, Adalena, Rhonda, Karen, Cindy, Immanuel, Gloria, Jospehine, Carlos, Alfie, Dan, Charlene, Trudy and John.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria, Janis, AP Moses, Raymond, Eleanor, Dn Innocent, Apostolis Mandalakas and Patricia.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As a flower withers and a dream passes away, so is each man's flesh dissolved at death. But at the sounds of the trumpet all the dead as in an earthquake shall rise up again to meet Thee,

Christ our God.

Orthos of Saturday of Souls.

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**Trisagion Today
for Metropolitan Phillip on the 10th anniversary
of his repose March 19.**

JUDGING BOTH THE LIVING & THE DEAD

When our Lord came down from heaven initially, He entered the world as a helpless Babe. He promised, however, that His "second coming" would be entirely different. When He returns to us, Christ will come to pass judgment on all mankind. In the words of St. Paul: "We must all appear before the dread judgment seat of Christ."

Judgment Day has been portrayed as a terrifying event. Scriptures tell us of the sudden swiftness with which Christ will return, and the stern manner in which He will deal with sinners, condemning them to a place of everlasting fire and eternal punishment. Listen, for example, to the words of the Kondakion for Meatfare Sunday: "When You will come to earth in glory, O God, all things will tremble before You. The river of fire will flow before Your judgment seat, and the books will be opened and all hidden things will be revealed."

Faithful followers of Christ, however, need not fear His return! On the contrary, we should all eagerly await this blessed day, for it will afford us the opportunity to achieve our ultimate spiritual goal: to be with the Lord in His heavenly kingdom.

What will determine whether our Lord will invite us to "come, inherit the kingdom" or "depart, you accursed ones?" Ultimately, WE will decide our own fate with our actions during our lifetime. Have we cared for the needy? Have we helped the poor and oppressed? Have we answered the cries for assistance from those less fortunate? After all, how can we claim to love the Lord if we have not been charitable to even the least of His brethren?

May we all prepare for the final day every day of our life! If we live in accordance with Christ's commandments in this world, we will certainly be with Him in the world to come.

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