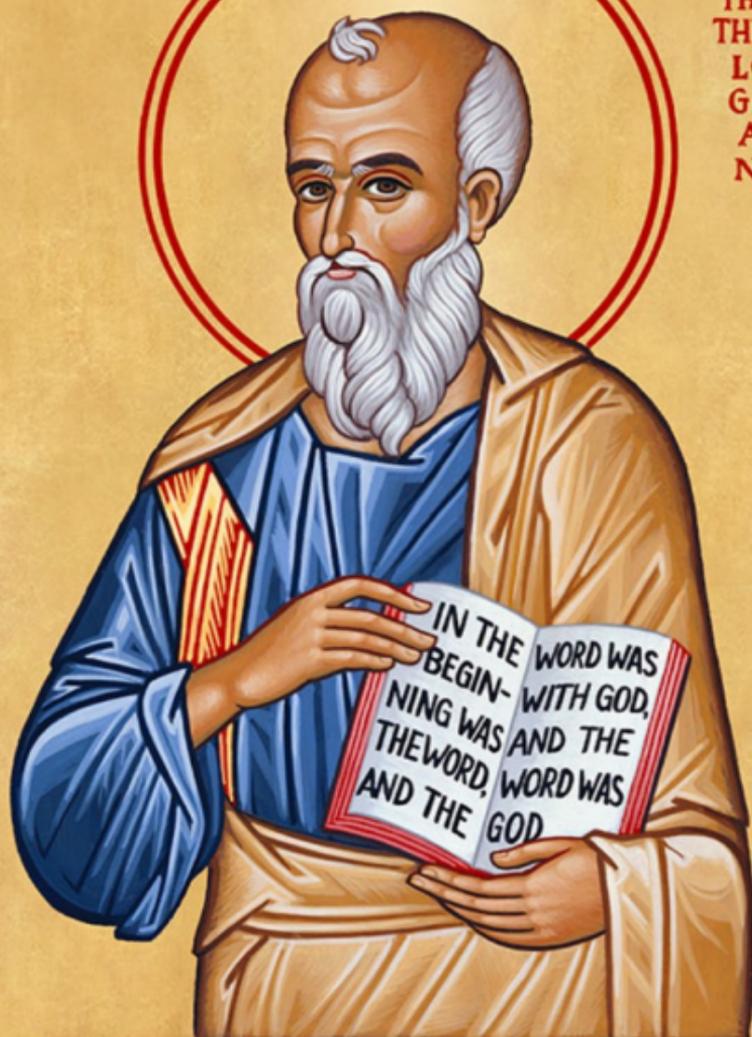


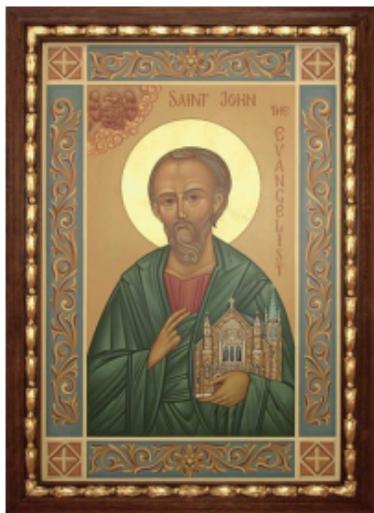
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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

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

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

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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 3

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

**APOSTLE ONESIMOS OF THE SEVENTY; VENERABLE EUSEBIOS OF SYRIA;
MARTYR MAJOR OF GAZA**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

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 depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy Judgment Seat; the Books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed; Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge.

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**Copy of Lenten services are available on
Table in the Narthrex.**

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye peoples.

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

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL (cont.)

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."

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THE SYNAXARION

On February 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria; and Martyr Major of Gaza.

Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verses

*When the Judge of all sitteth to judge the earth,
Come now! Mayest Thou judge me worthy of Thy voice!*

It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today's Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God's ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.

By Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ God, make us worthy of Thy devoted voice, number us among Thy righteous ones and have mercy on us.

FEBRUARY SERVICES

FEB. 14TH SATURDAY— GREAT VESPERS 5PM

**FEB. 15TH SUNDAY — JUDGMENT SUNDAY
MATINS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

IN SANCUARY

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW

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**FEB. 21ST. SATURDAY--Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30am
GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**FEB. 22ND SUNDAY —FORGIVENESS SUNDAY
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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FEB. 23RD MONDAY—GREAT LENT BEGINS

6PM Great Compline with first quarter of Great Canon of St. Andrew

FEB. 24TH TUESDAY

6PM Great Compline with second quarter of Great Canon of Andrew

FEB. 25TH WEDNESDAY

6PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by a light meal.

FEB. 26TH THURSDAY

6PM Great Compline with third quarter of Great Canon of St. Andrew

FEB. 27TH FRIDAY

6PM Little Compline with Akathist

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FEB. 28TH. SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM

**MAR. 1ST. SUNDAY— SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Holden, Justin, Levon, Aiden, and Kayla.

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The Church has many saints but not all of them are called ‘Church Fathers.’ This title is given to a specific group of them. A ‘father’ is a person capable of nurturing people in Christ, of giving birth to them, and/or raising them . Hence, ‘Church Father’ is given to the saint who has fulfilled the conditions of holiness, do to speak — that is, who has been deified, united with God, and become a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. He is included among the Church Fathers if, in addition to holiness, he possesses the ability to teach and defend the faith. Therefore, we find that most of the Church Fathers, the teachers, were highly proficient in the sciences of this world and the life of Christ... Their aim was to help people attain the fullness of Christ’s stature.”

(from Metropolitan Saba, THE CHURCH FATHERS).

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."

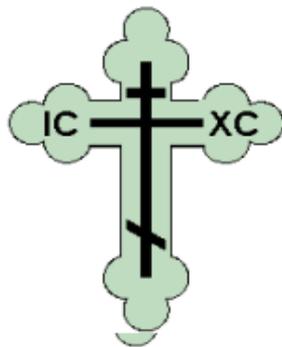
Judgment Day has been portrayed as a terrifying event. Scriptures tell us of the sudden swiftness with which Christ will return, and the stern manner in which He will deal with sinners, condemning them to a place of everlasting fire and eternal punishment. Listen, for example, to the words of the Kondakion for Meatfare Sunday. "When You 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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