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MARCH 3rd, 2019 – Sunday of The Final Judgment – Tone 7 **(Meat-Fare Sunday-Remembering Saints – Leo Of Rome/Flavian of Constantinople)**

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 8: 8-9:2

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 20: 1-10/**LITURGY:** Mt. 25: 31-46

Sunday Troparion: “By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Kontakion (Tn.1): 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!”

Spiritual Food For Thought: As we draw ever closer to the Beginning of the Holy Lenten Season, perhaps it is a good time to prioritize our lives so as to get the maximum benefit from this Holy time, in this context:

- (1) Remember that your soul needs nourishment** – in other words, do NOT just devote your time to serving the physical ‘need’ of the Church (ie, our important Fish-frys, nut-roll and strudel-making), but also our WEEKLY Pre-Sanctified Liturgies with our Pot-luck dinners, our Saturday night Great Vespers, and the Pittsburgh Deanery Lenten Vespers on Sunday nights at 5 PM. It is NOT that the former items are not necessary – they obviously are – **but they are NOT more important than the Spiritual events** noted here – so try and find that happy medium between the two – your soul depends on it!
- (2) Remember that what we listen to, watch, talk about, or read** will have an effect on how we journey through this Holy Season – so avoid the temptations that Social media presents and find good SPIRITUAL resources to help in your journey!
(If you need help, check with Fr. Stevo)

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

(1) TUESDAY – we will be making nut-rolls for our Fish-Frys – 9 AM!

(1-A) Our Fish-Fry begins this **FRIDAY** from 12 to 6 PM – You are needed!

(1-B) NEXT THURSDAY (14th): Choir Practice for Bishop's Visit - & Pre-Sanctified – 7 PM!

(1-C) THIS SATURDAY Night: do not forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

(2) Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:

Nick Trbovic Donna Moss-NH Katie Repasky Violet Petrovich
Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Sandy Miller Keith Bedell
Margaret Ivkovich Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch V. Rev. Paul Lazor
V. Rev. Joseph Cervo Mark Vojnovich-NH Helen Mochan Vlade Baskot
Melva Dandrea Matthew Schaffer

(3) Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:

+ Stella Stipanovich +Lucy Pcholiniski +V.Revs. Dr. Filipovic & +Dennis Pavichevich
+Carl Magdic +Martha Zivkovich- +Ray Moss +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich
+Dan Ikach +Sophie Vranesevic +Alex Hutsko +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich
+Nick Pilipovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Amy Pacura
+Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich,/
+Vaso Sokolovic/Zvonko Kotorcevic +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +Helen Medic

(4) Please SHARE with your friends regarding our ONCD Program that: NOW is the Time to start signing up to be a part of the Focus Groups for Phase Two! Sign up at the Tutors' Desk...or go to our St Sava Web-page at): stsavapa.org/oncd.html

(5) MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CONFIRMED of His Grace's Visit – **March 30th/31st!**
(Schedule "Clean & Decorate The Church Day" – **Saturday March 23rd – 10 to 2 PM**)

- **Sunday, March 10th – FORGIVENESS SUNDAY** – Vespers here at 5 PM – JOIN US!
- **March 17th:** Sunday Of Orthodoxy – Pan-Orthodox Vespers in Monroeville at 4:30PM!
- **March 24th:** 2nd Sunday Of Lent – Lenten Vespers in Youngwood, Pa – 5 PM!
- **MARCH 30th/31st:** HIS GRACE Here for Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy!
(Please pass the word to family and friends to be here to greet His Grace on his Inaugural Visit to our Community – and try to receive Holy Communion then!)
- **Sunday, April 14th:** Bus Trip To Johnstown Vespers – Bus leaves here at 2:45PM!
(Sign-Up Sheet Forthcoming at The Tutors' Desk!)

(6) St. Cyril of White Lake Food Drive: bring in donated goods – basket in foyer of Entrance!

A SLAVE BECOMES AN APOSTLE

In today's Church Bulletin, we see the image of a man who experienced a tremendous SPIRITUAL and SOCIAL transformation. ONESIMUS was the personal slave of a distinguished citizen of Colossae named Philemon in the days of the early Church. After stealing from his master's treasury, it is said that Onesimus fled to Rome. It was in this ancient capital of the Empire that his life would be changed forever!

While in Rome, Onesimus first heard about Jesus through the preaching of the Apostle Paul, who was imprisoned there. Soon he was baptized into Christianity and became a companion of the famous "Apostle of the Gentiles."

Knowing of Onesimus' background, Paul was faced with a moral dilemma. He himself preached that ". . . in Christ, there is neither slave nor free man." (Gal. 3:28) According to Roman law, however, Onesimus still belonged to Philemon! Scriptures tell us that St. Paul sent Onesimus back to Colossae with a special letter to Philemon, which would later become a part of the canonical books of the New Testament. In his Epistle, Paul urged Philemon to receive Onesimus with forgiveness as a brother of the Lord. "Perhaps he departed for awhile for this purpose," Paul writes, "that you might receive Him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave - A beloved brother." Deeply moved by Paul's words, Philemon gave freedom to his former slave.

According to Church tradition, Onesimus later became Bishop of Ephesus. He suffered martyrdom in Rome, like his mentor St. Paul, in 109 A.D.