



An Ancient Mosaic of the Last Judgment.
Christ is enthroned, separating the sheep from the goats.

MEATFARE SUNDAY

Take this time to reflect
on the ways you are serving the less fortunate
mentioned by Jesus in the Gospel

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February 23rd – 36th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3 (Meat-Fare)
(The Last Judgment Sunday – Commemorating the Hiero-Martyr Charalampus)

Today's Epistle Reading: **Today's Gospel Readings:**
EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 8: 8-9:2 **MATINS:** Mk. 16: 9-20 **LITURGY:** Mt. 25: 31-46

Troparion: "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His mighty arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell; and has granted the world great mercy!"

Kontakion: "When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Your 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!"

CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:
THIS Tuesday the 25th: Technology – 7 PM! Then, on **Sunday, May 17th:** A special Presentation of ALL Ministry Teams and their specific Ministry Tasks to our Parish and our College Students who will be invited to be with us that day – a BIG day in our journey to a stronger, spiritually healthier future – BE THERE!

REMINDER: Our beautiful **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** will begin on **Wednesday March 4th,** With Confessions at 5:45 PM, and the Liturgy at 6:30 PM – JOIN US IN PRAYER!
(If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please avoid eating from Noon till the service)

TODAY: Join us downstairs for a luncheon of chicken tenders with mac and cheese!
NEXT WEEK: Fr. Stevo will be away at the Church's Assembly in Florida – from Tuesday thru Saturday; **Fr. Michael Zak** () is available for EMERGENCY Calls ONLY Please!

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Jim and Diane Brady – in their Stewardship of making New Vesper Books for our Parish – God Grant You Many Years!

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

- (1) While we will NOT be hosting a Pittsburgh Deanery Vespers **NEXT Sunday** (Forgiveness Sunday March 1st) – we will have our own Rite of Forgiveness here, then the 40-day Parastos for +George Rocknage, followed by a Cheese-Fare luncheon in the Hall – JOIN US!
(We will be hosting the 4th Sunday of Lent Vespers here, March 29th – 5 PM!)
- (2) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
William Packosky Nancy Belich Marianne Hantz Helen Trkula Gary Popovich
Danileja Belo Katie Elizabeth Repasky Mary Sayers
Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic-NH Margaret Ivkovich
Melva Buzzelli-NH Protá Adam Yonitch Protá Paul Lazor Protá Joseph Cervo
Vlade Baskot Timothy & Gregory Melva Dandrea Eugene Gould John Ratesic
- (3) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Dan Petrovich + George Belancik +George Rocknage & +Mika Rocknage
+Barbara Tomac +Joseph Stercula +Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic
+Protas: Dr. Filipovic, Den Pavichevich,, +Rast.Trbuhovich,, +Vaso Sokolovic,
+Carl Magdic +Ray & Donna Moss +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich
+Dan Ikach +Ann Suzich +Anka Kresovich +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich
+Nick Pilipovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Sharon Young +Amy Pacura
+Sophie Vranesevic +Dorothy Shumkaroff +Peter Miljus +George Medich
+Keith Bedell +Arlene Crnkovich +Hubert Witte +Seya Maybee
- (4) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
- Our Fish Fry days begin **THIS Friday the 28th.....** of February!
(SPECIAL PLEA: For our first Fish-Fry (the 28th), a key core of our main workers will NOT be available – they will be in Florida for the Church Sabor – so we REALLY need YOU to come forward that day and TAKE ON the responsibility of handling that day – ok? Let Dee-Dee Baskot know of your availability!
- (5) **Stewardship Pledges For 2020** – Have You Turned Yours in yet?????
- (6) **”SERB-FEST” NEWS:** Our Chairperson, Jim Brady, is excited that several people have volunteered to head various sub-committees. Many details still need to be worked on, especially finalizing the date – so join us at the **next meeting, scheduled for TOMORROW at 7:00 PM** in the Church Hall - all are welcome - please get involved!
- (7) **OUR PARISH IS HOSTING:** A Western PA **Youth Retreat, on Saturday, April 4th,** “The Game of Life – Navigating Today’s Twists and Turns” – and we anticipate a fine turn-out of Orthodox Youth here that day!

WHAT A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME!



In this **MEATFARE SUNDAY**, we are presented with an inspiring message of profound importance. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus instructs us of His standard of judgment. He informs us: **“Whatsoever you did to the least of these My brothers and sisters, you did to Me.”**

Who are these **“least brethren”** that we are to minister to? The Lord identifies them in the Gospel narrative: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger (homeless), the naked, the sick, the imprisoned – folks in our neighborhood and in our world. How are we to minister to them? By meeting their needs – with food, water, shelter, by comforting, by visitation – in a word, by caring and doing what we can to alleviate their dire needs.

Helping such people is a satisfying work in itself. Such ministration to others leaves a warm feeling in our souls. But, there is much more to this activity. What we do to people in such circumstances, we do unto Christ Himself! Imagine the impact of that identification. Our Lord, in a way, identifies Himself with the poor, the homeless, the sick, the suffering. And, even more, the result of such a caring, praying life, is to be embraced by the Lord in eternity.

Christ is the One who set an example for us. We have been given our instructions: **“Love one another, as I have loved you.”** Will we follow them?

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