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SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3

Sunday of the Last Judgment

Meat Fare Sunday

Commemorating: Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167); Ven Polycarp of Briansk (1621); Ven John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (5th); Ven Alexander, founder of the Monastery of the “Unsleeping Ones” (ca. 430); Ven Damian of Esphigmenou (1280); and, Monastic Martyr Damian of Philotheou (1568).

TODAY'S READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 [The Pastor's Defense against apostasy: Loyalty to Tradition]

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 [The Parable of the Last Judgment]

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your experience in our services.

In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved to those who are baptized and chrismated members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, participation in the divine services, and a timely Confession.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	3 John 1:1-14	Luke 19:29-40,22:7-39
Tuesday:	Jude 1:1-10	Luke 22:39-42,45:-23:1
Wednesday:	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 3:12-21
Thursday:	Jude 1:11-25	Luke 23:2-34,44-56
Friday:	Zechariah 8:7-17	Zechariah 8:19-23
Saturday:	Romans 14:19-26	Matthew 6:1-13
Next Sunday:	Romans 13:11-14:4	Matthew 6:14-21

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH

TODAY: 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

Candlestand: Gene Francello Greeter: Vickie Federoff
Prospora: Mike Wesdell Reader: John Klavzar
Counters: Bill Moision and Terry Miller
Fr Elias: Ed Lump
Luncheon: Nikolaenko, Sheeler, Sladack, Thayer

SATURDAY: 6:00 p.m Great Vespers followed by Confession

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am DIVINE LITURGY followed immediately by Forgiveness Vespers, Church School and Cheesefare Celebration

Candlestand: Art Sladack Greeter: Ed Klavzar
Prospora: Rita Sladack Reader: Robert Stone
Counters: Joseph Sheeler and Mike Wesdell
Fr Elias: Ted Tarris
Special Coffee Hour -- Maslenitsa organized by Klavdia Ivanushkina

SPECIAL OCCASIONS -- Special events this week: **BIRTHDAY** Oliver Cooper, Today, Feb 23rd; and, Joe Ternick, Monday, Feb 24th. May God grant you all His blessings for MANY YEARS!

If we do not have your special occasions, please give the specific information to Matushka Vickie so we can offer our prayers and best wishes on your behalf.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT -- TODAY following the Blessing of the Food for Coffee Hour there will be an important announcement. Make every effort to attend Coffee Hour!

COOKING SESSION, THIS TUESDAY -- We will be making pierogi for the upcoming Easter Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020. We can use your help!

MASLENITSA – NEXT SUNDAY which is the last Sunday before Great Lent is Forgiveness Sunday or what is also called Cheese Fare Sunday. Klavdia Ivanushkina has volunteered to organize the Coffee Hour so we can experience this Cheese Festival!

FORGIVENESS -- Make a special effort to be in Church next Sunday and participate in the beginning of Great Lent. Since we pray for God to “forgive us as we forgive others”, the Church gives us an opportunity to practice what we preach. Be sure to experience and participate in Forgiveness Vespers.

LENTEN CLASS -- Every year during Great Lent our parish holds a class on Saturday afternoon, about the Orthodox Faith. In the early church, Great Lent was the time for catechumens to prepare for Baptism on Holy Saturday. This year’s class will center on the book, *Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology* by Fr Andrew Louth. The class will begin on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 3:30 pm to Vespers.

BUY SCRIP -- The best way to increase profit from selling Scrip is to have more individuals participate and to purchase Scrip on a regular basis. Beth Brown has the scrip.

CANDLESTAND WORKERS – NEXT SUNDAY we will have a meeting during Coffee Hour of everyone who would like to work at the candlestand.

ICON EXCHANGE -- On the first Sunday of Lent, we commemorate Orthodoxy Sunday and the restoration of Icons. We plan to have various icon we have collected available for anyone who would like to take and use them. If you have any icons you would like to include in this give away, please bring them to church.

PRAYER LIST -- The February Prayer List needs to be updated. Contact Birdie Worth with changes.

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 72 Adults 23 children



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