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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT
MEATFARE SUNDAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Kontakion for the Sunday of the Last Judgment

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 Your right hand, righteous Judge!

Meatfare Sunday

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent. Fr. John is available to answer questions about our personal fasting disciplines.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Sunday, March 10	Forgiveness and Cheesefare Sunday (last day of dairy)
Monday, March 11	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 17	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Sunday, April 28	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Notice: St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social is Sunday, March 31

Parishioners are urged to attend the annual meeting in March to learn about the administrative and spiritual health of our community. See Ron Kecman for info.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

“First Sunday of the Month”

The hospitality of everyone who brought food to share at Coffee Hour is most appreciated. Thanks to all for donations of food for the local Food Pantry that serves the homeless and working-poor families.

Lenten Prayer Partners

Today is the day for interested adults and children to select a Prayer Partner for Lent. If you wish to participate, drop your name in the Prayer Partner basket, and draw a name of the person you will pray for. Keep the name secret until Pascha.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, March 6, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening at 7PM. A group discussion follows on Metropolitan Jonah’s book “Reflections on a Spiritual Journey”.

Forgiveness and Cheesefare Sunday – Sunday, March 10

Next Sunday will be the last day for dairy products. Please return to the Chapel at 1PM for Forgiveness Sunday Vespers to help us spiritually prepare for the Fast.

Service Schedule for the First Week of Great Lent

Mon. March 11 - 7PM - Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Tues. March 12 - 7PM - Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Wed. March 13 - 7PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; Lenten potluck follows
Thurs. March 14- 7PM - Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy – March 17

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 20620 River Road in Potomac, MD on March 17 at 5PM. The guest speaker will be Fr. Nicholas Belcher of the Antiochian Archdiocese. Come to hear his Lenten message and the sacred choral music, and to witness the triumphant Icon Procession.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

We give our happiest birthday wishes to George Minahan on his second birthday. Birthday best wishes are also extended to Diana Kinker and Irene Whitestone.

Prayers for the Sick

Fr. Deacon Patrick had successful orthopedic surgery on Friday, March 1. We pray for his recovery, rehabilitation and return to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us. God bless him and Matushka Anne.

We pray for Robert Trbovich who is now in hospice care surrounded by his loving family. He is resting peacefully and not in pain. Fr. John: "May our loving God watch over our beloved Robert and receive him in His loving arms and comfort and strengthen all his family and loved ones."

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, March 9

All men of our parish are invited to come next Saturday at 9AM for food, faith and fellowship in preparation for Lent.

Daylight Savings Time ~ Sunday, March 10 ~ Set clocks forward one hour.