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FEBRUARY 23, 2020
SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT
MEATFARE SUNDAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

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

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46

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 we can enjoy eating meat at our meals. Tomorrow begins our fasting from meat until Pascha. Eggs and dairy products are permitted during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent. Fr. John can provide guidance for us in our personal fasting disciplines.

House Blessings

Fr. John is available the next few weeks for Home Blessings. See him today to schedule an appointment.

Advance Notice: St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 29

Parishioners are urged to attend the annual meeting in March for discussion on current administrative matters, ministry programs and the future of the Expansion Project. Fr. John will offer a reflection on the spiritual life of our parish. Ron Kecman, Board President, will send out the Agenda and further details.

Welcome to Our Guests

If you are joining us for the first time, we offer you our warm welcome. Please sign the guestbook at the entrance and pick up a Welcome folder. Join us after Liturgy for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 26 - 7-8:30PM

Everyone is invited to Vespers at 7PM. Afterwards Fr. John will lead a study on St. Athanasius of Alexandria from the book, “The Holy Fire” by Robert Payne.

First Sunday of the Month – March 1

- **Food for the Needy:** Please donate boxed and canned nutritious foods for the families assisted by our charity partner, SERVE, in Manassas.
- **Potluck Coffee Hour:** Bring a favorite “meatless” main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share at Coffee Hour next week.

Forgiveness and Cheesefare Sunday – Sunday, March 1

Next week, Forgiveness Sunday Vespers will begin at 1PM in the Chapel. It is a time of prayer and mutual forgiveness to help us spiritually begin the Fast.

The Lenten Spring and Pascha

Monday, March 2	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 8	Sunday of Orthodoxy 5:30PM Vespers St. Sophia Cathedral
Saturday, April 4	Lenten Retreat with Archimandrite Sergius, “Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church”, hosted by St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday
Friday, April 17	Great and Holy Friday
Sunday, April 19	Holy Pascha (Easter)

Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy – March 8

The Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy will be hosted by St. Sophia Cathedral, 36th and Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC at 5:30PM on March 8. Come join with clergy and laity from the many churches in the metropolitan area for prayer, to see the icon procession and celebrate the Triumph of Orthodoxy.

God Grant You Many Years!

We extend warm birthday greetings to Fatouma (Lulu) Hassan and to Miles Fancovic on his third birthday. Mnogaja Ljeta!