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MARCH 7, 2021
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!*

Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Kontakion (Triodion)

When Thou, O God, shalt 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, righteous Judge!

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.
Prokeimenon - Psalm 146:5

Meatfare Sunday

At today's meals we may still enjoy eating meat. Tomorrow our fasting from meat begins. Eggs and dairy products are permitted this coming week. The limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent which begins on March 15 and lasts until Pascha on May 2. For those who have not fasted before, you may have to build up over time to the Lenten level. Or if you have medical or other complicating issues, you may need to find a modified form of fasting. Fr. John can provide guidance for us in our personal fasting disciplines.

Excerpt of Matthew 25: 31-46

“Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ... Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, March 10 – Online at 7PM

“Acquiring the Mind of Christ” has been the featured book in our O-201 class. The author, Abbott Sergius, will join us this week for a very special discussion. All are welcome to join in. Fr. John will email a Zoom invite.

Forgiveness Vespers - Sunday, March 14

Next Sunday is Cheesefare Sunday and the eve of Great Lent. As final preparation, Forgiveness Vespers will be served immediately following Divine Liturgy.

OCA Holy Synod Issues a [Pastoral Letter](#) for the Beginning of Great Lent 2021

The bishops reflect on the past year and anticipate the Great Fast and Holy Pascha

Pilgrimage to Pascha: A Daily Devotional by Fr. Steven Belonick is available [here](#).

St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 28 at 3PM

Parishioners are invited to attend the virtual annual meeting on March 28 for discussion on current administrative matters, including the Church Building Project. Fr. John, Board members and ministry group leaders will give reports. President Ron Kecman sent out the agenda last week. If there are questions, contact [Ron](#).

St. Luke Stewardship and Building Fund

Your financial support is a blessing as we carry on together in these challenging times. Secure [online donations](#) can be made by credit card or bank transfer.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Diana Kinker, Irena Whitestone and Jeremy Klein on their birthdays.