

SAINT LUKE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA - ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
6801 GEORGETOWN PIKE, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA 22101
www.oca.org www.wdcoca.org www.stlukemclean.org
ARCHPRIEST JOHN VITKO – (925) 667-6451 (c), (703) 893-1759 (Church office)
DEACON STEFAN GLOMAZIC - (617) 784-0939

FEBRUARY 19, 2023
MEATFARE SUNDAY
SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT
AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD
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)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His 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 to the world great mercy.

Troparion (Feast)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder; you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who grants us the Resurrection.

Kontakion (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!

Kontakion (Feast)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Meatfare Sunday

This is the last day to eat meat until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day this week. Fr. John can answer questions about our personal fasting disciplines.

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memory Eternal

We offer memorial prayers for Rada Carmichael's brother, Alexander, on the second anniversary of his repose, and for Helene Watts' mother, Mileva Tatalovich on her eighth anniversary. O Lord, grant them rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose.

Lenten Spring and Pascha

Sunday, Feb. 26	Cheesefare Sunday (last day of dairy) Forgiveness Sunday Vespers after Coffee Hour OCMC Mission Sunday to pray for and honor missionaries
Monday, Feb. 27	Great Lent begins
Sunday, March 5	Sunday of Orthodoxy – 5PM Vespers Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Silver Spring, MD
Sunday, April 16	Holy Pascha (Easter)

IOCC's Emergency Response to the February 6 Earthquakes in Syria and Turkey

- IOCC thanks everyone who donated to their Earthquake Relief Fund. The \$250,000 goal was met! They are working with the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese and local partners to provide food, water, clothing and bedding.
- Metropolitan Tikhon calls for prayers for everyone affected by this tragedy and, when possible, continuing donations for long-term relief: <https://iocc.org/earthquake23>.

Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

Fr. John has resumed Home Blessings this year. He invites us to schedule a time with him if possible before Lent begins on the 27th. This is the way we bless our homes as holy sites.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 22 – 7PM on Zoom

The final chapter of Fr. Lawrence Farley's book on the Gospel of Luke will be discussed this Wednesday at 7PM. Topic: Christ's Ascension. Fr. John will send the link and his notes.

St. Luke "Info List" for Announcements and Event Photos

Did you see the photos Jim Karabin sent out from the recent Slava and Baptism? If not, please join our e-mail list. Fill out the form at <https://www.stlukemclean.org/contact>.

St. Nicholas Cathedral Easter Bake Sale

Advance orders are being accepted for the Cathedral's famous Kulich breads and pastries. Deadline is March 4; Pick-up dates are April 9th & 16th. Flyer: our bulletin board or [online](#).

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Genet (Lulu) Hassan on her birthday and Miles Fancovic on his 6th birthday.