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**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

***MEATFARE SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY of the LAST JUDGMENT,  
21 COPTIC MARTYRS, SAINTS INNOCENT AND RAPHAEL***

**Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:31-46

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Troparion** (Coptic Martyrs)

Your holy martyrs O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

**Troparion** (St. Innocent)

O Holy Father Innocent in obedience to the will of God you accepted dangers and tribulations bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. You showed us the way, now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Troparion** (St. Raphael)

Your proclamation has gone forth throughout North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the church. Hearing your voice, they responded to your teaching, and through your writings you instructed them in piety. Now guided by your example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise unto Christ our God. Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all!

**Kontakion** (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!

**Welcome** to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. 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 + Večnaja Pamjat +**

We pray for Scott, brother-in-law of Ron and Cindy Kecman, on the first anniversary of his repose and for newly-departed Frank Sledge and Helen Pavlik Janowiak.

**Lenten Prayer Partners**

Once again this year we will select Prayer Partners for Lent. Adults and children who wish to participate may drop their names in the Prayer Partner basket today. We will draw a name of the person to pray for next Sunday keeping the name secret until Pascha.

**"Re-Learning Christianity from a Jewish Convert" – Today at 5PM**

St. Mary's (7223 Roosevelt Ave., Falls Church, VA) will host a lecture on the insights of Fr. Nicolae Steinhardt by Fr. Bogdan Bucur (SVS). Info: Fr. David Subu - 703-280-0770

**Addictions Recovery Support Network – Monday, February 24, 7PM on Zoom**

Join the monthly Orthodox Ministry conversation on addiction problems and solutions. Meeting ID: 210 068 7480 Password: 208156. [samanthacath@yahoo.com](mailto:samanthacath@yahoo.com) 703-919-6334.

**Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, February 26 at 7PM on Zoom**

Fr. John will email the Zoom link and notes on Psalms 17(18) - 19(20) for our study of "Christ in the Psalms". Everyone is welcome to attend.

**First-Saturday-of-the-Month – March 1**

- 9AM Men's Prayer Breakfast: Come for a morning meal and spiritual encouragement.
- 5PM Great Vespers: Come for hymns and prayers on the eve of Forgiveness Sunday.

**First-Sunday-of-the-Month – March 2**

Next week please bring food for our Potluck Coffee Hour and Charity Food Drive.

**The Lenten Spring**

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| Sunday, March 2 | Cheesefare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers at 1PM<br>OCMC Missions Sunday   |
| Monday, March 3 | Great Lent begins – Receive daily meditations from St. Vladimir's:<br><a href="https://www.svots.edu/Great-Lent-meditations-2025">https://www.svots.edu/Great-Lent-meditations-2025</a> |
| Sunday, March 9 | Sunday of Orthodoxy 5PM Vespers at St. Katherine's in Falls Church<br>His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will give the homily.  |

**St. Tikhon's Summer Camp – June 29-July 5** <https://www.sttikhonscamp.org/>

Our Archdiocese of Washington DC offers \$150 partial scholarships to 7-17 year olds.

**God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!**

May God bless Matushka Anne Gariano and Kelly Pavela on their birthdays this week.