

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

The Children's Word

When you see your friends, what do you say? "Hey, what's up?" "How's it going?" We always have something to say, don't we? At church, you might hear people greet each other in a different way. "Christ is in our midst!" Christ is with us! And you can answer, "He is and ever shall be!" He always will be with us! We know that our Lord, Jesus Christ, is with us always: when things are going well and when they're not, when we're in church and when we're somewhere else, when we're with our Christian friends and family and when we're not. But today, in the Gospel reading, we hear about how Christ is with us in a different way too. We hear how God wants us to think about our Lord anytime we see another person! The Gospel says, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me," and more. And for those people, God says, "Inherit the kingdom prepared for you." He invites these people to be with Him in heaven! Then the people wonder when they gave Jesus food or drink or clothes, or when they visited Him. But He answers that as you did it to "the least of these," you did it to Him. So when we help another person, we are really helping Christ too! Let's always remember, "Christ is in our midst!" He is with us! Let's do our best to give Him food and drink and clothes, and love—every time we help another person!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Orthros at 8:45 a.m. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR

February 19, 2017 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)

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The Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, though immortal for our salvation You deigned to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary, without change becoming man, and were crucified Christ our God, trampling death by death; being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and Holy Spirit: save us.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

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When You descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.

The Small Entrance

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Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, to You we sing: Alleluia.

Holy Trinity Dismissal Hymn

Ev-lo-gi-tos i Chri-ste o The-os i-mon, o pan-so-fus tus a-li-is a-na-thi-xas, ka-ta-pem-psas af-tis to pnev-ma to a-gi-on, ke thi af-ton tin i-ku-me-nin sa-gi-nef-sas, fi-lan-thro-pe tho-xa Si!

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Hymn

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Epistle: I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Page 133 - 134 - Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O 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 welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion should come forward, quietly and reverently, at the direction of the ushers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion can be found on pages 40-42.

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Hymn: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from now and to the ages.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Only teachers and students participating in Sunday School have a blessing to leave church after receiving communion. Otherwise, one should remain in the church until the conclusion of the liturgy.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Tuesday, February 21	Breakfast Fellowship	7:30 AM
	Adult Ed Group	11:00 AM
	Parish Council	5:30 PM
Wednesday, February 22	Paraclesis	5:30 PM
	HOPE/JOY Youth Wed.	6:15 PM
Saturday, February 25	Saturday of Souls/Romanian Liturgy	
	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Great Vespers	6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please join us** for refreshments in the coffee hour room right after church.
- **Greek School** informational meeting today at 5:00 pm for interested Greek School participants of all ages. Come meet the teachers and discuss start dates, materials, and more.
- **Philoptochos** will be baking koulourakia this Monday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm for the Spring Bake Sale.
- **We are starting a new book!** *With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man*, the spiritual work of St. Paisios. This is a great time to deepen your own faith and see what this adult ministry is all about... **Breakfast Fellowship** meets this Tuesday at 7:30 am and **Adult Fellowship** meets at 11:00 am.
- **HOPE/JOY Youth Wednesday**, this week at 6:15 pm. Time for heart tag! Come learn what the Virgin Mary has to do with lighthouses and harbors in our salt dough craft, too.
- **Adult Choir** practices this Thursday at 6:00 pm.
- **Save the Date:** March 10-12 the Reverend George Dragas, Professor of Patristics at Holy Cross will be at Holy Trinity in Columbia to lead us in a Lenten weekend. Be sure to mark your calendars now.