

## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>

### The Last Judgement!

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Hebrews 13:17-21**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46; John 10:9-16**

**Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, Mariella, Frank, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic and Sunny Hunsicker. Amen!!!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***



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# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### SUNDAY OF MEATFARE OR THE LAST JUDGEMENT -

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice). The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed. As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

### Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm Saturdays  
**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays  
**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Divine Liturgy – Soul Saturday at 9 am**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**  
**MEATFARE SUNDAY**  
**Rectory Open House after the Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of March**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of March**

**CHEESEFARE SUNDAY**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### Announcements

#### **Visitors Welcome!**

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for the light refreshments and fellowship so we can get to know each other. You are always welcome to share in worship and fellowship at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and include your email address.

#### **49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Holy Priesthood of the Archpriest Joseph Chupeck**

On the Sunday of The Prodigal Son, the parishioners and those worshipping at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church were honored and blessed with Father Joseph Chupeck offering the Hours and Divine Liturgy to commemorate his 49th Anniversary in the Holy Priesthood. May God Bless and Grant Father Joseph, Matushka Ellen and their family many years of good health and happiness.

#### **Rectory Open House!**

On our journey to Pascha and as we draw closer to Lent, Matushka Mihaela and I look forward to welcoming you to our home today, following Divine Liturgy, to share a meal on the Sunday of the Last Judgement or Meatfare Sunday. Today is called Meatfare Sunday because it is the last day to eat meat before the Lenten fast begins. Getting together at the rectory will be a great opportunity to spend some time together.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Souls – Remembering our Beloved Deceased**

Please plan to worship with us on Soul Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Divine Liturgy will be at 9 am and following will be the Memorial Service. This is a day set aside for the commemoration of the dead within liturgical year of the Orthodox Church. This is a special time to remember our family and loved ones. If you have more names for the commemoration (aside of those that you already submitted for the proscamedia) please submit to me, via email: [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com) or prior to Divine Liturgy.

#### **Please keep us informed**

If a person is sick, homebound, or in the hospital, please let us know. Contact Fr. Michael Pejovic via email: [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com) or call him to let him know if you would like a priest to visit and/or bring communion.

#### **Pray for our Catechumens**

Please remember in your prayers Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen and Hazel Steiner in your prayers as they are entering their first Great Lent and preparing for the sacrament of the Holy Chrismation.

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, March 28<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm via ZOOM.

#### **Have an item for the bulletin?**

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