

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For health of:**

**Savannah and Hayden** Golden, on their birthdays, offered by their family.

**Robert** Freed on his birthday, son-in-law of Lore Stefy

**Nicole** Zimmerman on her birthday, offered with love by her godmother, Aunt Tammy.

**Andrew** Romanofsky on his birthday, offered by his family.

**For eternal memory of:**

**Barbara and Dorothy**, offered by Trudy Ellmore

**Readings:**

- Matthew 25:31-36 ( Last Judgment)
- 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 ( Last Judgment)

**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.

**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."

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours – 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**Private Confession – Half hour before any service.**

See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month**

**Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room**

**Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Pre-school class meets immediately after the Liturgy every Sunday.**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **Sisterhood Dues** for 2015 are now being collected. All women who are members of the Parish are invited to join. Dues are \$15.00 annually. The next meeting of the Sisterhood will be held March 1, 2015.
- Today, the Sisterhood is sponsoring a **pot luck luncheon for Meatfare Sunday**, and next week a **pot luck luncheon for Cheesefare Sunday**. The cost of the luncheons is \$5.00 each.
- **Home Blessings** – There is a sign-up sheet at the candle stand to inform Father that you wish to have your home blessed this year.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:** [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2015. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- **Volunteers are needed to clean the church.** Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- **Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored;** this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

**The Last Judgment (Meat Fare Sunday) 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF PREPARATION:**

On Meat Fare Saturday (yesterday) the Church prescribes the universal commemoration of all her departed members. **The Church is unity and love in Christ.** We all depend on each other, belong to each other, and are united by the love of Christ. Our repentance, therefore, would not be complete without an act of love towards all those who have departed this life before us. Repentance is primarily the recovery of the spirit of love: *"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another"* (John 13:35). Liturgically this commemoration includes Vespers on Friday, Matins and Divine Liturgy on Saturday.

The Sunday Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46) reminds us of **the third theme of repentance: preparation for Divine Judgment.** A Christian lives under Christ's judgment. This means that we must refer our actions, attitudes, judgments to Christ, to His presence in the world, **that we must see Christ in our fellow men.** For *"inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it to Me..."* The parable of the Last Judgment gives us the "terms of reference" for our self-evaluation as Christians.

We are reminded this day that it is not enough for us to **see Jesus** (Zacchaeus Sunday), to **see ourselves as we are** (Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee), and to **come home to God** as his prodigal sons. **We must also be his sons by following Christ,** his only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in every man and by serving Christ through them. ***Our salvation and final judgment will depend upon our deeds,*** not merely on our intentions or even on the mercies of God devoid of our own personal cooperation and obedience.

On the week following Meat Fare Sunday a limited **fasting** is prescribed. We must train and prepare ourselves for the great effort of Lent. On Wednesday and Friday the Divine Liturgy is not served and the type of worship is already Lenten. On Cheese-Fare Saturday the Church commemorates all men and women who were "illuminated through fasting"-the Holy Ascetics and Fosters. They are the patterns we must follow, our guides in the difficult art of fasting and repentance.

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Sunday of the Last  
Judgment

Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
Forever

*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!*

Troparion — Tone 1

**Today the Church remembers:**

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE • Sunday of the Last Judgment •** Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109) • Ven. Paphnúti (Paphnutius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • Ven. Paphnutius and his daughter, Ven. Euphrosyne, of Alexandria (5th c.) • Ven. Eusebius, Hermit, of Syria (5th c.)

February 15, 2015

36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Tone 3 of the Octoechos

Triodion week 3