SUNDAY OF MEATFARE JUDGMENT SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment

If You Love God, You will Love your Neighbor; If You Love your Neighbor, You will Love God

Surely everyone knows that human beings are social creatures and for that reason are not made for a solitary and uncivilized life. Nothing is better suited to our nature than to have continual relationships to seek one another out and to love one's own kind. The Lord asks no more than the fruit of the seed He has implanted in us, when He says: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34) To lead us to obey this precept He does not want the badge of recognition of disciples to consist in miracles. Rather He asserts: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) And between the commandment to love God and the commandment to love your neighbor, He has established so close a bond that He takes as done to Himself anything done to our brothers or sisters. He says: "I was thirsty and you gave me drink." (Matt. 25:35) And He adds: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matt. 25:40) The keeping of the first commandment includes the keeping of the second, and in the fulfillment of the second the first is fulfilled. Whoever loves God loves his neighbor. The Lord says: "Anyone who loves me will keep my word" (John 14:23) and "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) So then, whoever loves his neighbor loves God, and God reckons our unity with our brothers and sisters is unity with Him. One is reminded of Moses. He loved his brothers and sisters so much that he asked to be blotted out of the book of the living if the people did not receive forgiveness of their sins. (Exod. 32:32).

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Feb. 6-7, 2021 Meatfare Sunday

THIS WEEK we will livestream our Holy Liturgy throughout the Land on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9 am. Be sure to inform all your friends and neighbors, especially your relatives and adult children who live out of town. This is a truly wonderful service that we provide and it would be a shame if your distant friends and relatives were unawares of it.

NEXT WEEKEND OUR Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed via YOUTUBE on Saturday, Feb. 13, 6 pm for all our shut-ins and elderly folks. Please inform all our house-bound faithful about this great opportunity to sing and pray with in the comfort of their homes.

WE SEND OUT TODAY our loving thanks to all the good people who support our vibrant parish by their generous donations, either by mail or in person in the church. Our parish depends on your generosity for its finnncial life. May God bless and keep all of you in good health.

There is still time to register your children in our sunday school for the spring semester. Our beautiful School has classes for all grades from Preschool through Highschool, including First Holy Communion. To register a student, simply log on to our Parish Website to find a registration form, fill it out and submit. We will contact you and invite the student into the proper classroom.

FATHER RONALD HAS PASSED HIS FOURTH Corona Virus test, which he has taken the past 10 months or so. And is now awaiting on line to receive the vaccine for this terrible affliction. If you are apprehensive about the Vaccine, give your doctor a call for advice.

WE STILL HAVE a goodly supply of church calendars, both in English and Ukrainian. Please feel free to take a calendar for someone special in your life. We have special envelopes, if you would like to mail a calendar to a relative or friend out of town.

NEW DONATION ENVELOPES for 2021 can now be found in the church basement for all our parish adults. Please check out these items and take them home for all your family and neighbors today after services.

THE FUNERAL THIS WEEK for +Howard Lyboldt, 79. N. Palm Beach, Florida, was postponed this week because of the snowstorm. We hope to hold this service this coming week.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 6, 6 pm

+Zenny Martyniuk Sr. (Zenny and Dorrie)

+Anna, Mike Santangelo (Son Jimmy)

Sunday, Feb. 7, 9 am

+George, Mary Halas (Elaine, Cindy)

Saturday, Feb. 13, 6 pm

+John, Mary Dudas (Margaret, Daughters)

Sunday, Feb. 14, 9 am

+Elinore Somits (Son Mark, Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

By Your Cross You destroyed death and opened Paradise to the Good Thief; You stopped the sighs

of the Myrrhbearing women, and told them to announce to the Apostles that You rose from the dead, O Christ Our God, for you bestows great mercy upon all the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON ...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Lord, everyone will be afriad when You come in Your Glory. A river of fire will flow before the

judgment seat, as the books will be opened and secrets revealed. O JUst Judge, preserve me when that time comes and save me from the suffering of hell, make me worthy to stand at Your Right Hand in Heaven, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Sing to the Lord sing; Sing to the King, sing.