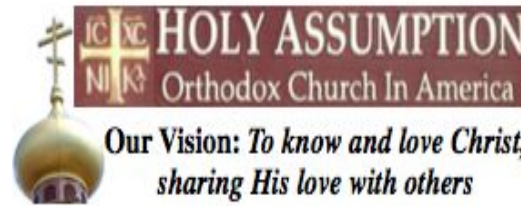


Feb. 19, 2017 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 2.
Sunday of Meatfare/Sunday of the Last Judgment
Apostles of the Seventy: Archippus and Philemon



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Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed 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!”

Tone 1 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

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, O
Righteous Judge!

Sunday of the Last Judgement



Epistle [1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2](#) But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. (Ps 146/147:5)

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v: v: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. (Ps 94/95:2)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you 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 took Me in; '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, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting 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 take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, '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, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Blessings! It is that time of year again! If you would like Father Stacey to come bless your house please put your name and information on the list on the candle desk in the narthex.

TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND TALENT SHOW. Chili votes are a donation to St. Ann's and to Seminarian Fund. Entertainment is presented by any and all who wish to share their talent.

St. Ann's will be donating \$300 of school supplies to Lehman Middle School. If you would like to add to the donation, make checks payable to St. Ann's OR bring in supplies to add to the delivery (see lists on the board)

Parish Council is looking for an Auditor for the 2017 year. Please see Marge if you are interested.

WELCOME VISITORS

We are delighted to have visitors with us and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us. Holy Communion is treated with reverence, respect and preparation in the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians prepare with confession, prayer, and fasting. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to participate with us in any other ways including venerating the icons, Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of Liturgy

UPCOMING

Sunday, Feb. 19

9:10 Hours

9:30 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Coffee Hour/ Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show

Wed.,Feb. 22 Akathist to Theotokos
6:30pm

Saturday, Feb. 25 Great Vespers 5:00

Sunday, Feb. 26

9:10 Hours

9:30 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Coffee Hour

11:30 Sunday School

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Feb. 19 St. Ann's CHILI COOK-OFF

Feb. 26 **Huba**, Richter, Condo, Archer

March 5 **Vorkapich**, Croston, Gates

March 12 **Romano**, Blanchard,
Fedorko, Nikishin

March 19 **Manos**, Manos, Hoffman,
McClellan

March 26 **Wescott**, Haywood,
Frischkorn, Brandon

April 2 - **Mudrak**, Tapyrik, Byrnes

APR. 9 **Monahan**, Kisha, Kisha-Wise,
Mathewson

APR. 16 PASCHA

APR. 23 **Richter**, Miller, Huba,
Vorkapich

WHY DO WE FAST? The purpose of fasting is to remind us of the Scriptural teaching, "Man does not live by bread alone." The needs of the body are nothing compared to the needs of the soul. Above all else, we need God, Who provides everything for both the body and the soul. Fasting teaches us to depend on God more fully. The first sin of our parents, Adam and Eve, was eating from the forbidden tree (*Genesis 3:1-19*). We fast from food, or a food item, as a reminder that we are to fast from sin-ning and doing evil.

There are several benefits of fasting. Fasting helps us pray more easily. Our spirit is lighter when we are not weighed down by too much food or food that is too rich. Through fasting, we also learn to feel compassion for the poor and hungry and to save our own resources so that we can help those in need.

Fasting is more than not eating food. Saint John Chrysostom teaches that it is more important to fast from sin. For example, besides controlling what goes into our mouths, we must control what comes out of our mouths as well. Are our words pleasing to God, or do we curse God or our brother?

The other members of the body also need to fast: our eyes from seeing evil, our ears from hearing evil, our limbs from participating in anything that is not of God. Most important of all, we need to control our thoughts, for thoughts are the source of our actions, whether good or evil.

Fasting is not an end in itself. Our goal is an inner change of heart. The Lenten Fast is called "ascetic." This refers to actions of self-denial and spiritual training which are central to fasting.

Fasting is a spiritual exercise. It is not imposed or forced upon us. In the same way that true repentance cannot be forced upon anyone, each of us makes the choice to turn away from our sinful ways and go toward our loving, forgiving Father in Heaven.

<http://www.antiochian.org/fasting-great-lent>