

THE HOLY SHROUD

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS - Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

March 7, 2021

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Schedule of Services and Activities

Week of March 7 - 13, 2021

Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, March 7 – Meatfare Sunday – Tone 6

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Baptism: Lucas Wayne Holcomb

Meatloaf Dinner

Monday, March 8

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 PM – Community Lenten Service (Sts. Peter and Paul)

Thursday, March 11

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 13

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Sunday, March 14 – Cheesefare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday – Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise - Tone 7

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankahyda: +Alla Rudawsky (40th Day)

Panakhyda: +Andrew Bachovin (40th Day) – Carl and Denise Krauthauser

Coffee Hour - Parish Planning Committee

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Meatfare Sunday – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46

Monday – 3 John 1:1-15; Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tuesday – Jude 1:1-10; Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1

Wednesday – Joel 2:12-26; Joel 4:12-21

Thursday – Jude 1:11-25; Luke 23:1-34, 44-56

Friday – Zechariah 8:7-17; Zechariah 8:19-23

Saturday – All the venerable fathers lit up with good deeds: Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 11:27-30; Day: Romans 14:19-26; Matthew 6:1-13

Cheesefare Sunday: Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21

In preparation for and for our own spiritual edification during the season of the Great Fast, our bulletin will include excerpts from the book, **GREAT LENT: A JOURNEY TO PASCHA** by Father Alexander Schmemmann. I would suggest this book to be read by all of our parishioners for the insights and spiritual awakening of the season of the Fast.

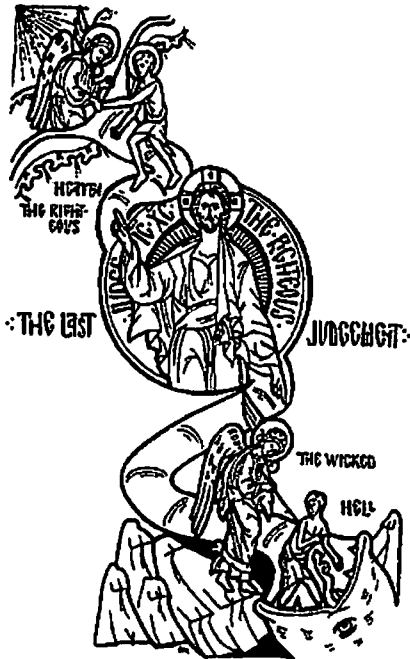
THE LAST JUDGMENT

(Meatfare Sunday)

Today is called "Meatfare" because during the week following it a limited fasting - abstention from meat - is prescribed by the Church. This prescription is to be understood in the light of what has been said (in previous bulletins) about the meaning of preparation. The Church begins now to "adjust" us to the great effort which she will expect from us seven days later. She gradually takes us into that effort - knowing our frailty, foreseeing our spiritual weakness.

On the eve of that day (Meatfare Saturday), the Church invites us to a universal commemoration of all those who have "fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection and eternal life." This is indeed the Church's great day of prayer for her departed members. To understand the meaning of this connection between Lent and the

prayer for the dead, one must remember that Christianity is the religion of **LOVE**. Christ left with His disciples not a doctrine of individual salvation but a new commandment "that they love one another," and He added: "By this will all know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." Love is thus the foundation, the very life of the Church, which is,



in the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch, the "unity of faith and love." Sin is always absence of love, and therefore separation, isolation, war of all against all. The new life given by Christ and conveyed to us by the Church is, first of all, a life of reconciliation, of "gathering into oneness of those who were dispersed," the restoration of love broken by sin. But how can we even begin our return to God and our reconciliation with Him if in ourselves we do not return to the unique new commandment of love? Praying for the dead is an essential expression of the Church as **LOVE**. We ask God to remember those whom we remember and we remember them because we love them. Praying for them we meet them in Christ who is Love and who, because He is Love, overcomes death which is the ultimate victory of separation and lovelessness. In Christ there is no difference between living and dead because all are alive in Him. He is the Life and that Life is the light of man. Loving Christ, we love all those who are in Him; loving those who are in Him, we love Christ: this is the law of the Church and the obvious reason for her of prayer for the dead. It is truly our love in Christ that keeps them alive because it keeps them "in Christ", and how wrong, how hopelessly wrong are those Western Christians who either reduce prayer for the dead to a juridical doctrine of "merits" and compensations" or simply reject it as useless. The great Vigil for the Dead of Meatfare Saturday serves as a pattern for all other commemorations of the departed and it is repeated on the second, third and fourth Saturdays of Lent.

It is **LOVE** again that constitutes the theme of "Meatfare Sunday". The Gospel lesson for the day is Christ's parable of the Last Judgment (Matt. 25: 31-46). When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable answers: **LOVE** - not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous "poor", but concrete and personal love for the human person, any human person, that God helps me encounter in my life. This distinction is important because today more and more Christians tend to identify Christian love with political, economic and social concerns; in other words, they shift from the unique **PERSON** and its unique personal destiny, to anonymous entities such as "class", "race", etc. Not that these concerns are wrong. It is obvious that in their respective walks of life, in their responsibilities as citizens, professional men and women, etc. Christians are called to care, to the best of their possibilities and understanding, for a just, equal and in general more humane society. All this, to be sure, stems from Christianity and may be inspired by Christian love. But Christian love as such is something different, and this difference is to be understood and maintained if the church is to preserve her unique mission and not become a mere "social agency", which definitely she is not.

Christian love is the "possible impossibility" to see Christ as another man, whoever he is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a "good deed" or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. For indeed, what is love if not that mysterious power that transcends the accidental and the external in the "other" - his physical appearance, social rank, ethnic origin, intellectual capacity - and reaches the SOUL, the unique and uniquely personal "root" of a human being, truly the part of God in him? If God loves every man it is because He alone knows the priceless and absolutely unique treasure, the "soul" or "person" He gave every man. Christian love then is the participation in that divine knowledge and the gift of that divine love. There is no "impersonal" love because love IS the wonderful discovery of the "person" in "man", of the personal and unique in common and general. It is the discovery in each man of that which is "lovable" in him, of that which is from God.

In this respect, Christian love is sometimes the opposite of "social activism" with which one so often identifies Christianity today. To a "social activist" the object of love is not "person" but "man", an abstract unit of a not less abstract "humanity". But for Christianity, man is "lovable" because he is Person. There person is reduced to man; here man is seen only as person. The "social activist" has not interest for the personal and easily sacrifices it to the "common interest". Christianity may seem to be, and in some ways, actually is, rather skeptical about the abstract "humanity", but it commits a mortal sin against itself each time it gives up its concern and love for the person. Social activism is always "futuristic" in its approach; it always acts in the name of justice, order, happiness to come, to be achieved. Christianity cares little about that problematic future but puts the whole emphasis on the NOW - the only decisive time for love. The two attitudes are not mutually exclusive, but they must not be confused. Christians, to be sure, have responsibilities toward "this world" and they must fulfill them. This is the area of "social activism" which belongs entirely to "this world". It is itself a ray, a manifestation of the Kingdom of God; it transcends and overcomes all limitations, all "conditions" of this world because its motivation as well as its goals and consummation is in God. And we know that even in this world, which, "lies in evil", the only lasting and transforming victories are those of love. To remind man of this personal love and vocation, to fill the sinful world with this love - this is the true mission of the Church.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for "humanity", yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all men ultimately need this **PERSONAL LOVE** - the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that men are in prison and are sick and are thirsty and hungry because that

personal love has been denied them. And finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to have loved, shall we be judged. For "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it for Me."

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

After several weeks of preparation for Great Lent we come to the Sunday of Meatfare and its awesome Gospel of the Last Judgment. The resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust will precede that event. Jesus tells us, "Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and will come out; those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 6:28-29).

We are called to look at the end for, on that day, the Son of Man will come in His glory; all the holy angels will be with Him; all nations will be assembled before Him; all the ages of time will be over. Nothing remains but to pass judgment on all. This will take place in the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself; the truth of each person's relationship to God will be exposed. One's attitude toward our neighbor will reveal acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love. On that last day Jesus will say, "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40).

What do we learn from it all? The end of all things will be shown in their proper light: a review of lives and motives. Did one succeed or fail in that which was all important to one's destiny? There will be those who did fulfill God's will. There will be those who did not.

The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all injustices and that God's love is stronger than death. The message of the last Judgment calls people to conversion while God gives them time to prepare for that awesome day. It inspires in people a holy fear, and for a spiritual renewal to transform themselves and the world in Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Barbara Szewczyk, 3/7; Sophia Beaudan, 3/10; Ella Claire Roch, 3/10 & Oksana Iwaskiw, 3/12. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

KOVASSA AND SAUERKRAUT LUNCHEON – FAREWELL FOR FATHER STEPHEN AND PANI IRENE - Special thanks to Linda Hnatow, Chairperson, and all who helped make this such a great success!! Also special thanks to John Plachuta for donating that beautiful accordion and to all who gave gifts to our guests. They will be celebrating today in Jones, Oklahoma.

MEATLOAF DINNER – Today (Meatfare Sunday) we will have a special “Saying Goodbye to Meat” meal: a Meatloaf Dinner. Kathy Duncan is the Chairperson. Donation is \$5. Please plan to attend and support our Parish.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of March 8 – Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of March 15 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 22 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of March 29 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 7 – David and Eve Lazaration

March 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

March 21 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

March 28 - John and Sandy Cramer

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we’ve tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

MUGS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE – For every \$50 donation, you will receive a beautiful, specially designed coffee/soup mug. This mug will identify you as a donor, and a supporter of the ministerial efforts of the Church. Please help us help the Orphans, the Elderly and the Disabled. We invite you to be part of our common charity service – to share the blessings of your life with others. Help us fulfill Christ’s commandment to love and assist those in need, and thereby serve the Lord Himself.

UOL NEWS – On Friday, March 19, our UOL will be preparing meals for Emmanuel Dining Room after Presanctified Liturgy. They will be delivered on Saturday, March 20. We could use help!!!

SPECIAL THANKS – are offered to our UOL for their “Souper Bowl Sunday” fund raiser. Even though we had bad weather, a total of \$430.00 was donated to Saint Andrew Society. Great job!!!

MEETINGS

PARISH PLANNING COMMITTEE – Sunday, March 7 after Liturgy

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tues., March 9 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom & In- Person)

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 7 - Andrew Duncan

March 14 - Linda Hnatow

March 21 - Jean Roeth

March 28 – John Plachuta

April 4 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

101St Annual Ecumenical Lenten Series
Wednesday Evenings beginning at 7:00 PM
All Services will be virtual

Wednesday, March 10 – Sts. Peter and Paul UO Church

Link for Service: <http://www.sspeterandpauluoc.org/>

Wednesday, March 17 – St. Nicholas UC Church

Father Volodymyr Klanichka: Link for Service: <https://stnicholaschurchde.org/>

Wednesday, March 24 – Chester-Bethel United Methodist Church

Rev. Neil Gutmaker: Link for Service: <http://www.chesterbethel.org/index.html>

Lenten Series Offering to benefit the Emmanuel Dining Room

The Ministry of Caring

115 east 14th Street

Wilmington, DE 19801-3209

<https://www.signup82north.com/MinistryOfCaring/>

NEW PYROHY SCHEDULE

ORDERS TAKEN

PICK UP

March 8 & 9

Saturday, March 27 11AM – 3PM Appt. Needed

In order to fill the orders, we will be making pyrohy on the following dates: If needed Saturday, March 20.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

March 7 – Loraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

March 14 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

March 21 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

March 28 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

April 4 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

April 11 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

“PATRONS PATH”: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church has created, **PATRONS PATH**, a lasting remembrance to all who have generously built, supported and sustained our little Parish in Wilmington, Delaware over the years. This tribute will be placed in front of the Holodomor Memorial and surrounding area to be admired and added to for generations. The funds generated from the sale of pavers will be used to offset operational and capital improvement costs. These pavers may be imprinted with special messages, dates, names or combination of such. A special presentation may be seen on our Facebook page (SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church) and Website (www.sspeterandpauluoc.org). Please look at the website for the Patron’s Path:

<http://polarengraving.com/saintspeterandpaulukrainianorthodoxchurch> It is our hope that you join us and be part of this new foundation on which to build for ages to come.

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE**: if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** Contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. We shall continue to stream all services until the pandemic is over. **HOLY COMMUNION – YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions.** * After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. * **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!** * If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **CALL ME** (302) 798-4455. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Matka OPksana Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Linda Oryhon, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Paul Andreas, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniiov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Robert Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Anthony Saldutti, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Swzec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Michael Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT

Our busy lives are often filled with appointments. It may be at work, with a doctor or even an auto mechanic. But sometimes, these earthly meetings are cancelled or postponed. However, there is one appointment that every Christian must keep. It is more important than any other and will not be rescheduled. It is at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

For this, we must stand before the One Who saved us. It is an appointment for all, where no one will be excused. Just think about Who we will be meeting. Jesus is the One Who came down from heaven to save us. He endured the Cross for us. He rose for us and takes away our sins. He is always there to hear our prayers. We ought to live our lives with this important meeting in mind.

We will be standing before Someone Who knows everything about us. Nothing can be hidden from Christ; there is no way to bluff our way through this. He knows what occupies our hearts and minds. He is aware of what we read and how we manage our affairs. Are there adjustments we should make before this meeting? What changes of priorities and goals need to be done?

This important appointment is getting closer each day. A Crown of Righteousness awaits those who are willing to combine faith with action.