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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 3, 2019
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of March 3 - 10, 2019
Celebrating our 92nd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, March 3 – Meatfare Sunday – Tone 7

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankahyda: +Maria Otamas (2nd Yr. An.) & +Vasyl Tarnavsky (8 Yr. An.) –
Ivan and Lydia Otamas

Panakhyda: +Richard Simons – Anthony and Daphne Pantelopulos
Special Meatloaf Dinner

Monday, March 4

6:30 PM – Akathist to Our Lady, Softener of Evil Hearts

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Thursday, March 7

6:30 PM – Sisterhood Board Meeting

Saturday, March 9

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

TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Sunday, March 10 – Cheesefare Sunday – Tone 8 – SCOUT SUNDAY

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Melnychenko Family: +Nazar, +Antonina, +Walentyna,
+Hryhorij, +Michael Victor, +Maria Onyschko, +Olga Mahaney,
+Eleanora Leleko, +Nadia Chomyk, +Bill Duffy, +Bill Uranko,
+Oscar Orr & +Norman Kristic – Victor Melnychenko

Special Macaroni and Cheese Dinner

5:00 PM – Lenten Vespers

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Meatfare Sunday – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46

Monday – Three Holy Hierarchs – Matins: John 10:9-16; Liturgy: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

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

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

Thursday – Presentation of Our Lord – Matins: Luke 2:25-32; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40

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: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21

Meatfare Sunday:

THE VESPER service for the Sunday of Meat-Fare introduces us to the Gospel message of the Sunday, the Last Judgment: "O my soul, the time is near at hand; make haste before it is too late, and cry aloud in faith: 'I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against You. But I know your love for mankind and Your compassion'."

Last Sunday, the Gospel spoke of God as a merciful Father in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. After a sinful life in which he squandered his fortune, he returned repentant to a loving and merciful father. Today, the Church presents the Gospel of the Last Judgment for our prayerful meditation because it realizes there are those who still hesitate to repent and return to the arms of their heavenly Father. For this reason, the Church reminds us: "The time is near at hand, make haste before it is too late."

Many people feel they have plenty of time in which to change their way of living. But the Gospel tells us no one knows either the day or the hour when God will claim our soul. What is required is true repentance-now!

Repentance means avoiding evil. People normally do not plan to commit sin. More often they just don't look far enough ahead to see where their actions lead them. There is no shortcut to avoid sin. It takes a firm resolution, prayer, sacrifice and perseverance. ,

Repentance means doing good. Avoiding evil is not enough. Sinful habits have to be replaced with virtuous one. Begin at home! Only in concrete, positive ways can we bear fruit and produce a harvest of good deeds.

Repentance means a change of heart. Any real change in our lives requires more than good intentions. It means a change of attitude. It means making Christ the center of our lives.

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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: . May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SISTERHOOD MEATLOAF DINNER – is today after Liturgy. Donation is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children. Please plan to attend and support our Parish. If possible, save me a piece of meatloaf!!!

NEXT WEEK FOR CHEESEFARE SUNDAY – Macaroni and Cheese Dinner!

UOL ESSAY CONTEST

This Essay Contest is following the theme of the 72nd UOL Convention Theme: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 26:6. All entries will be judged for content, creativity and neatness. All entries must be submitted in English and should be mailed to: UOL Essay Contest, C/O Teresa Linck, 413 Juniper Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410 – or email them to: tlinck.essays@gmail.com. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2019 or for email entries they must be time stamped no later than 7:00 PM, April 30. All participants will receive a certificate of participation . All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced at the UOL Convention at All Saints Camp. Questions? Please either email (see above) or call 732-824-2047.

Please remember, there can be **no names on the front of any entry**. All entries must have a cover page with the following information: Participants first and last name; age and grade in school; the name and address of the participant’s Parish, including city and state. **Drawings** can be no larger than 12” X 18” and **NO NAME ON THE FRONT OF THE DRAWING**. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** (see above) or use the back of the drawing for the above information. All drawings **MUST BE MAILED**.

Written entries must be on 8 1/2” X 11” paper including the cover page with the info above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed. Please do not take or send pictures of any entries. If you must send a hand printyed essay, please mail it or scan it and then email it.

Topics: **Pre-K and Kindergarten:** Draw a picture of something you like to do with your family.

Grades 1 & 2: One of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit is compassion. Write 2 – 3 sentences explaining what compassion is and draw a picture of someone showing compassion to something or someone.

Grades 3 & 4: In Proverbs 1:8-9, the Bible says: “Hear my son, your father’s instructions, and forsake not your mother’s teaching...” Write 50 – 100 words explaining what this passage means to you.

Grades 5 & 6: One of the seven acts of Spiritual Mercy is to forgive all who injure us. Write 100-150 words on how you were taught to do this and how you continue to follow that teaching.

Grades 7 & 8: In Proverbs 20:11 the Bible says: “Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.” Write 150-200 words on how this relates to this year’s convention theme: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” from Proverbs 26:6 and accepting responsibility for ones actions.

Grades 9 & 10: In John 1:4 the Bible says: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." Write 200 -250 words on how this relates to this year's Convention theme: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 26:6.

Grades 11&12: Please write 250-500 words on the following topic: As you look forward into the upcoming years and getting ready for college, how do you plan on using what you have learned from your parents and from church teachings in your new environment? How do you plan on staying involved with the Church?

Adults 18 and over: Write 500 or more words on the following topic: This year's Convention theme comes from Proverbs 26:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We have been taught about the Seven Capital Sins and their Opposite Virtues, which are: 1. Pride/Humility; 2. Greed/Kindness; 3. Lust/Chastity (body and soul); 4. Envy, charity; 5. Gluttony/Liberality; 6. Anger/Patience and 7. Sloth/Diligence in service and praise of God. In today's world where pride, love of money and a self-centered universe are the norm, how do we use these virtues as a guideline for training up our children?

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – PLEASE SEE Linda Hnatow if you would like to volunteer for a Sunday coffee hour. Please remember that scheduling a Panakhyda with Father Stephen **DOES NOT** also give you the availability to bring things for coffee hour. You must clear it with Linda. Also when there is a Parish Fund Raiser scheduled, then coffee hour is already spoken for and you should then reschedule your service for an open coffee hour date. Thank you!

SCOUT SUNDAY – will be next Sunday, March 10. Please come and welcome our Boy Scouts, Troop #70, the "Peacemakers" and our new Cub Scout Pack 527 (see the next announcement).

WE ARE SPONSORING A NEW CUB SCOUT PACK – Cub Scout Pack 527 consists of about 30 Scouts who will continue to meet at Forwood Elementary School. As their sponsoring organization, we will be responsible for signing their annual charter and providing guidance and oversight as necessary. They will need minimal storage space and our existing Boy Scout Troop 70 has agreed to share their space with the Pack in the existing space they use in the garage. What this relationship will provide is new boy scouts joining Troop 70 when the Cubs are ready to move up into Boy Scouts. The Cub Master of Pack 527 is already an active member along with his own children in our Troop 70. Special thanks to Mark Andreas, our Parish Boy Scout liaison for all his hard work. Welcome is expressed to our new Cub Scout Pack 527!!!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are expressed to Milton Zankowsky and his family and Elaine Repsher and the Zankowsky Family on the falling asleep in the Lord of his sister, Elaine's Aunt, +Mary Zankowsky last week. Funeral Services were celebrated this past Thursday. Let us pray asking God to place the soul of His newly departed servant, +Mary, in the abode of the Saints where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are expressed to Daphne and Anthony Pantelopulos on the falling asleep in the Lord of Daphne's brother, +Richard Simmons, last week. A Panakhyda will be celebrated today for the repose of his soul. Let us pray asking God to place the soul of His newly departed servant, +Mary, in the abode of the Saints where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588

Monday – Tuesday

March 18 & 19

MAKING & PICKUP

Friday

March 22

A NEW FREEZER – was purchased by our Sisterhood for the needs of the Parish and to be able to make more food for our Parish Bazaars and generate a greater cash flow in support of the Parish. The cost of the freezer is \$3,500.00. Anyone wishing to help contribute to the cost of the freezer can see Kathy Duncan or Lorraine Neff. Thanks for your support!

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 28.

DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT – The Icon of Our Lady of Taylor, PA will visit our Parish on Saturday, June 15th. More later.

MEETINGS - MINISTRIES

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 PM

SISTERHOOD BOARD - Thursday, March 7 @ 6:30 PM – Library

UOL GENRAL MEETING – Saturday, March 30 @10:30 AM – Continental Breakfast

BREADS IN THE FREEZER – Special price: \$4.00. See Kathy!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

March 10 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

March 17 - John and Sandy Cramer

March 24 - David & Eve Lazaration

99th ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE

6:00 PM Service – Light Lenten Supper to Follow

ALL SERVICES ARE ON WEDNESDAYS

March 13 – Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

March 20 – Aldersgate United Methodist

2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington

Rev. Christopher Pennington, Pastor

March 27 – St. Joseph on the Brandywine Roman Catholic Church

10 Old Church Road, Wilmington

Msgr. Joseph Rebman, Pastor

April 3 – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

801 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington

Father Volodymyr Klanichka, Pastor

April 10 - Chester-Bethel United Methodist Church

2619 Foulk Road, Wilmington

Rev. Karen Hoff, Pastor

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.

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 Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 3 - Jean Roeth

March 10 - Linda Hnatow

March 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 24 - Jean Roeth

March 31 - Thomas Kasprzak

April 7 - John Plachta

April 14 - Irene Maskaly

April 21 - Andrew Duncan

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

March 3 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

March 10 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

March 17 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

March 24 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

March 31 – Linda Hntaow and Lorraine Neff

April 7 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

April 14 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR – we have much to prepare for with the number of people we had at the last Bazaar. Here is the schedule of work parties that are scheduled so far:

Making holubtsi – Saturday, March 16 @ 9:30 AM

DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR – of Coke products and water as well as Bounty (Paper Towels) and Bathroom tissue will be graciously accepted.

ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN MISSIONS

(All Services Begin at 4:00 PM)

March 17 – Orthodox Sunday – St. Michael Parish (OCA) – Wilmington, DE

March 24 – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (Romanian) – Elkins Park, PA

March 31 – St. George (Antiochian) – Upper Darby, PA

April 7 – Holy Assumption (OCA) – Philadelphia, PA

April 14 – To Be Announced

UOL ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT – focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent: Our Spiritual Journey One Step at a Time, April 13, 2019. Speakers: His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory & Fr. Anthony Perkins. St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridal Path Road, Bethlehem, PA. Registration: \$45 (\$10 Late Fee), Adolescents \$25 (\$10 Late Fee) children under 12 \$7 which includes breakfast, lunch and supper. For more info call Oleh or Natalie @ (610) 892-7315.

Tentative 2019 Schedule

Monday, March 11 – First Day of the Fast

Wednesday, March 13 – Community Lenten Service (here)

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day Dinner

Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Dinner

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle’s Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of March 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 12 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of March 19 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of March 26 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of April 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnioy, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szewec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

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.



A SLAVE BECOMES AN APOSTLE

In today's Church Bulletin, we see the image of a man who experienced a tremendous SPIRITUAL and SOCIAL transformation. ONESIMUS was the personal slave of a distinguished citizen of Colossae named Philemon in the days of the early Church. After stealing from his master's treasury, it is said that Onesimus fled to Rome. It was in this ancient capital of the Empire that his life would be changed forever!

While in Rome, Onesimus first heard about Jesus through the preaching of the Apostle Paul, who was imprisoned there. Soon he was baptized into Christianity and became a companion of the famous "Apostle of the Gentiles."

Knowing of Onesimus' background, Paul was faced with a moral dilemma. He himself preached that ". . . in Christ, there is neither slave nor free man." (Gal. 3:28) According to Roman law, however, Onesimus still belonged to Philemon! Scriptures tell us that St. Paul sent Onesimus back to Colossae with a special letter to Philemon, which would later become a part of the canonical books of the New Testament. In his Epistle, Paul urged Philemon to receive Onesimus with forgiveness as a brother of the Lord. "Perhaps he departed for awhile for this purpose," Paul writes, "that you might receive Him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave - A beloved brother." Deeply moved by Paul's words, Philemon gave freedom to his former slave.

According to Church tradition, Onesimus later became Bishop of Ephesus. He suffered martyrdom in Rome, like his mentor St. Paul, in 109 A.D.