

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, March 7, 2021 | Meatfare Sunday

Tone 6 – Sunday of the Last Judgment

The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius,
and Agathodorus (4th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

37 years ago on Feb 25, Father Mark was ordained to the priesthood.
May God Grant You, Father Mark, Many Happy, Healthy Years!!!

Saturday: March 13 – Saturday Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM!**
(This will be the last Saturday Liturgy scheduled except for the Memorial
Saturday services scheduled during Lent.)

Saturday: March 13 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: March 14 – Forgiveness Sunday | Cheesefare Sunday
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
(CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!)

Sunday: March 14 – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers immediately
to be served after Divine Liturgy!

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 6)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 1 – Lenten Triodion)

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy 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 Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; / His understanding is beyond measure!
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Epistle Reading: 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.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

- v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: 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.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)



Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

2021 Lenten Schedule (Beginning of Lent up to Palm Sunday Vespers)

*****Please Note:*** This schedule is subject to change depending on schedule of the clergy or the community concerns from our civil authorities. Please listen to the announcements, check your emails, parish website, and parish Facebook page regularly for updated changes to this schedule. Thank You!!!**

1st Week of Lent

Monday, March 15, 2021 - Canon of St. Andrew of Crete - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 - Canon of St. Andrew of Crete - 6:00 PM
Friday, March 19, 2021 - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 6:00 PM
Saturday, March 20, 2021 - Great Vespers - 4:00 PM

2nd Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 - Akathist - 6:00 PM
Thursday, March 25, 2020 - Vesperal Divine Liturgy for Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos - 10:00 AM
Saturday, March 27, 2021 - Baptism of Basil David Stafford 1:00 PM
Saturday, March 27, 2021 - Great Vespers - 4:00 PM

3rd Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 6:00 PM
Friday, April 2, 2021 - Akathist - 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 3, 2021 - Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Saturday, April 3, 2021 - Great Vespers - 4:00 PM

4th Week of Lent

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 10, 2021 - Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Saturday, April 10, 2021 - Great Vespers - 4:00 PM

5th Week of Lent

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 6:00 PM
Friday, April 16, 2021 - Akathist - 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 17, 2021 - Great Vespers - 4:00 PM

6th Week of Lent

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 6:00 PM
Friday, April 23, 2021 - Vespers of Lazarus Saturday - 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 11, 2020 - Lazarus Saturday - Divine Liturgy - 10:00AM
Saturday, April 11, 2020 - Great Vespers at 4:00 PM (after Vespers - Blessing of Pussywillows and Palms)

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 2/28/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

All of those who reside in the Southeastern portion of this country, especially in Texas, who have been inconvenienced with the inclement winter weather storms!

+ Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak (Feb 5); Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich (recovery); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); + Helen Wanenchak (on the anniversary of her falling asleep); Fania Wanenchak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of February 28):

Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (February)

Week of Sun Feb 21 to Sat Feb 27

February Month to Date

Attendance:	46	25 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,328.00	\$ 5,206.87
Funds Out:	\$ 761.64	\$18,936.33
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,566.36	(\$13,729.46)

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
- 2nd Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
- 3rd Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 4th Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Mar 7)</u>	<u>Next Week (Mar 14)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Simon Herbert	David Albrecht
6 th Hour:	David Pellack	Anthony Colona
Epistle:	Michael Spack	Matthew Andrews

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

As a result of new Covid restrictions set by City of Philadelphia officials on Monday, November 16 which went into effect on Friday, November 20, the formal coffee hour event held after Sunday Divine Liturgy has been suspended until further notice.

Once city officials ease restrictions relating to Covid, coffee hour will then resume.

When the coffee hour resumes (currently not until at least April 2021), a new coffee schedule with new team parishioners will be in the rotation as per the action taken during the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, November 1.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in March 2021.

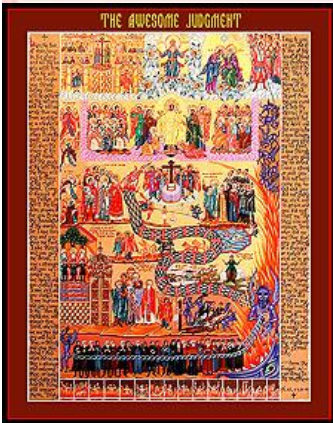
Saturdays in MARCH 2021 – Father Mark will determine Divine Liturgy

The Annual Pork and Roast Beef Sandwich Luncheon on Meatfare Sunday (March 7) after Divine Liturgy has been **CANCELLED!!!**

Tuesday, March 9 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement and on the ZOOM Media platform. Social distancing will be adhered to.

Sunday, March 14 - Forgiveness Sunday Vespers immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The parish traditionally serves this vespers right after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan to stay and attend this beautiful service and asking forgiveness from your fellow parishioners and from God! It is during this service (during the reading “Vouchsafe, O Lord”) that the Great Lenten Fast Begins!

Monday, March 15 – Beginning of Great Lenten Fast



Sunday of the Last Judgment, Meatfare Sunday [March 7th]

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God.

Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.