

MEATFARE SUNDAY
JUDGMENT SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment



The Season of the Great and Holy Fast

begins on Sunday, February 14th, with the Vespers service and concludes with the celebration of Pascha, April 4th. As we know, during this season of

repentance we are called to much more than a mere dietary change; we are called to change our entire way of life so that it conforms to the ways of God. And for this reason we not only cease those things which are spiritually harmful (arguing, gossiping, overeating, judging others, etc.) but we also limit those things which bring no spiritual benefit (television, radio, magazines, etc.). In their stead we apply ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: attending more church services, helping to those in need, spending more time in spiritual reading and reflection, and reforming bad habits. There is no greater opportunity to spiritually “get back on track” than the Great Fast— let us not waste it!

Forgiveness Sunday

Next Sunday, February 14th there will be a “Cheezy Potluck” following the 9:30 AM Liturgy. This is the last opportunity to enjoy dairy products before the Great Fast begins. Please bring a dish (ideally meatless) to share with others. (Please note: there are people in our community with severe and life-threatening allergies so please no nuts or mushrooms.) Immediately following the potluck we will celebrate Forgiveness Vespers in the church to open the Great Fast. This is a beautiful opportunity to begin the fast with mutual forgiveness.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

During the Great Fast which begins on February 15th, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be offered on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 PM. Each Friday following the Presanctified Liturgy there will be a Lenten Meal and a Spiritual Talk. We need volunteers to prepare the soup for the dates of 2/26, 3/12, 3/19, and 3/26. Please talk to Olena Bankston to volunteer.

“Be A Man” Men’s Conference

February 20th at St. Kieran Church with Fr. Larry Richards, Dr. Ray Guerendi, Patrick Coffin and Special Guests.

THE MISSION: This conference will give you the opportunity to recommit your life to God. As men and brothers we need to remain accountable. We must be congruent and commit to a life of service as shown to us by our Lord Jesus Christ through his Apostles and the Church. We must be men of integrity and help one another do the same. **IT’S TIME TO MAN UP! NO FOOTBALL - NO EXCUSE - REGISTER TODAY**

Please speak to Fr. James if you would like to attend. If we can register 10 or more men, you will get a %15 discount.

Our lack of compassion, hardness of heart, and mercilessness towards others form an impenetrable curtain between ourselves and God. It is as if we had covered a plant with a black hood, and then complained because it died from lack of sunlight.

– Fr. Alexander Elchaninov,

Святкуємо 50-років!

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I was Hungry and You Gave me Food

Anyone working, you should know, ought to work not so much for the satisfaction of his own needs by his efforts, as to fulfill the commandment of the Lord who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food." (Mt. 25: 35)

Thinking of oneself only is absolutely forbidden in these words: "Do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" The Gentiles seek all these things." (Mt. 6:31) The aim which everyone ought to have in working is to help the needy, more than to provide for oneself.

In this way we shall avoid the accusation that we are attached to our own personal advantage and we shall receive the blessing that the Lord gives to those who love their brothers and sisters. The Lord said: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Mt. 25:40)

So anyone who works day and night to aid the destitute is nearing perfection.

St. Basil the Great