



Liturgics & Calendar

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

*Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America*

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Sunday, February 11, 2018

*To all who are present with us this morning,
Welcome! Thank you for being here!
Please join us for the "Glad Tidings Luncheon"
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.*

You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy beginning on the bottom of page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5" x 11" large, spiral-bound booklet.

At the Kiss of Peace our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the seasonal Christian greeting, "Christ is in our midst!" and responding, "He is and shall be!"

Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means 'in place' of the gifts) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

Being mindful we are in church, let us always remember to...

...be quiet and attentive. Let us sing, pray, stand, sit, kneel and respond where responses are indicated. Let us not talk, look around, text message, play games, etc.. Especially, let us work at this in the Communion line and when in line to venerate the Cross and depart. If we cannot hear the post-Communion prayers being chanted during our church departure, we are way too noisy.

...refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum (most obviously and especially if you will be receiving Holy Communion).

...stay put. Except in rare cases, there are few of us who cannot stay in one location for two hours (actually less, for most of us).



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Greeting: Christ is in our midst!

Response: He is and shall be!

*Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare);
Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebastia and
companions; Theodora the empress; New-martyr
George of Serbia; Vsevolod, prince and
wonderworker of Pskov.*

Sunday Prayer Offerings

THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered...

...by MICHELE Murray in memory of family, friends and parishioners of St. Michael's and for the health of Fr. John and family, family, friends and the parishioners of St. Michael's.

PRAYERS OF OBLATION are offered...

...in memory of our fathers in Christ, Metropolitan PHILIP Saliba and Bishop ANTOUN Khouri, Archimandrites GEORGE M. Corry and JOHN Namie, Archpriests JOHN (and Khourieh JEAN) Chromiak, PETER (and Matushka JOSEPHINE) Felenchak, ANTHONY Bell, JAMES Meena, JOSEPH Chernushin and Priest JOHN Paul Pro.

...for the health of NELLIE Papinchak (abdominal surgery).

...in memory of INA Abraham by Jeff, Helen, Francesca & Enrico Mucci.

...in memory of Kh. STEFANIE Yazge by Mary Winstanley O'Connor.

...in memory of NORMA Nicholas by Nellie Papinchak.

...in memory of DIANA Roberts by Dina Papas.

...in memory of GEORGE and MARIETTE Charabaty by Zeina Maalouf.

...in memory of the Abraham family: GEORGE, PEDRO, EDDIE, MILLER, BILL, ROSE and MARGARET JEAN by Tim Fedele.

...in memory of DANIEL Charley by Ray and Dana Whitesell.

...in memory of the recently departed JEAN Joseph (Bishop THOMAS' mother).

...in memory of FRANK Nataros by Gust and Valerie Flizanes.

...in memory of GEORGE Zakhary by Leila Zakhary.

MANY YEARS and...

...**Happy Birthday to:** TIMOTHY Armanious (2/12), CAROL Cypher (2/12), MICHELE Murray (2/13), BONNIE Koury (2/14), JOHN Mansour (2/14), MARY Masterson (2/14), JENAN Sallit (2/15), RODGER Eddins (2/16), SAMANTHA Green (2/16), KAILEY Mansour (2/17), JEFFREY Topinka (2/17).

...**Happy Anniversary to:** Dn. JAMES and PATRICIA Krisner (2/14).

...**Happy Baptism/Chrismation to:** ROSEMARY Drylie (2/12), SARAH Disaia (2/13).

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION of the ARCHANGELS (Tone 4)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts we beseech thee, though we are unworthy. Pray that we may be encompassed with the shadow of thine unearthly glory; preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly, "Deliver us from oppression!" since ye are the princes of the highest powers.

KONTAKION of the LAST JUDGMENT (Tone 1)

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9: 2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O 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 welcomed Me, 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, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart

from Me, you cursed, into the eternal 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 welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Let those of us who have wisely finished the course of fasting and who celebrate with love the beginning of the suffering of the Passion of the Lord, let us all, my brothers, zealously imitate the purity of self-controlled Joseph; Let us fear the sterility of the fig tree; Let us dry up through almsgiving the sweetness of passion. In order that we may joyously anticipate the Resurrection, let us procure like myrrh pardon from on high because the eye that never sleeps observes all things. — St Romanos the Melodist

Beloved in the Lord:

Blessings and greetings in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you and your families are enjoying good health as we prepare to begin another Lenten journey that culminates in the death and resurrection of our Lord.

As we begin our journey to Pascha, we enter into a time of increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To that end, we write to you today to usher in a program that has become synonymous with this holy period, the Food for Hungry Program. This program, under the guidance of Miss Robin Nicholas, has helped countless numbers of people for decades. What I love about this program is that much of the money that is raised comes from the pennies, nickels, and dimes of the faithful adults and children of our parishes. It is amazing to think how our spare change can add up to so much!

As we begin a new fast, let us continue to strive to help those in need. As we abstain from foods and curtail our eating habits, let us set aside the extra money we would have spent on food and give it to the poor; this will make our fasting complete. As we increase our prayer, both private and in the Church, let us set aside those extra dollars we would have spent at the movies, going out with our friends, socializing, etc.; this will help put our prayer into action. As we strive to control our passions, let us help those whose only passion is to have a small meal to eat, a glass of clean water to drink, or a warm place to rest; this will enable us to see Christ in these, the least of our brethren.

Wishing you all a fruitful and spiritually rewarding fast, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

The Antiochian Women's
Annual Bakeless Sale
mailing has been sent.

Please respond
expediently and
generously.

The Last Judgement (Meat-Fare Sunday)

an excerpt from [Great Lent](#), by Alexander Schmemmann; Chapter 2: Preparation for Lent

It is *love* again that constitutes the theme of "Meat-Fare Sunday." The Gospel lesson for the day is Christ's parable of the Last Judgement (Matt. 25:31-46). When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgement? 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 makes me encounter in my life....

Christian love is the "possible impossibility" to see Christ in 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 which 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 the common and general. It is the discovery in each man of that which is "lovable" in him, of that which is from God.

The parable of the Last Judgement 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 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 love, shall we be judged. For "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me..."

REMEMBER, the *Second Week* on this schedule *may change...*
ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN.

February 11 thru February 17

*Secretary Debbie will be in the office on
Mon., Tues., Fri. from 9 AM to 3 PM*

Sunday, February 11; Meat Fare

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Church School Talent Show
with Luncheon

*(While lunch is provided, you are
invited to bring some dessert—thanks!)
maybe - 12:30 - “Love has feet...”
(Don’t miss this excellent talk.)*

Thursday, February 15 (no meat)

- 9:00 AM - Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 17 (no meat)

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
of Cheese Fare Saturday
- 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM - Red Cross
Blood Drive
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

Stewardship Meeting

We will discuss what step(s) may be taken in our efforts to improve our finances. (We have made good progress and are ‘close’ to paying off the mortgage.) **Come to the Stewardship Meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 9:00AM and bring your ideas.**

Feb. 18 thru Feb. 24

Sunday, February 18; Cheese Fare

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Church School
 - AMEN “Hello” Meeting
 - Choir - “Presanctified”
short rehearsal
- 5:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
of Forgiveness
(Great Lent begins)

Monday, February 19 (strict fast)

- 6 PM - GT CANON of St. Andrew

Tuesday, February 20 (strict fast)

- 6 PM - GT CANON of St. Andrew

Wednesday, February 21 (strict fast)

- 5:30 PM - NINTH HOUR
- 6:00 PM - PRESANCTIFIED
DIVINE LITURGY

Thursday, February 22 (strict fast)

- 6 PM - GT CANON of St. Andrew
soup and bread supper
- 7 PM or so - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 23 (strict fast)

- 6:00 PM - Lenten Covered Dish
- 7:00 PM - AKATHIST to
the Theotokos

Saturday, February 24 (wine & oil)

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
of Theodore Saturday
- 5:15 PM - Vespers Chant Practice
- 6 PM - GREAT VESPERS
and Open House

*This Open House will be a great
opportunity for all of us to
enhance the completion of this
first week of the Great Fast.*

*Come, gather with us for Great
Vespers and invite and
introduce someone to
experience the beauty of
Orthodox Christian worship.*
