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MEATFARE SUNDAY—Tone 3—SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

The Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Ven. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis; Ven. Thalelaeus the Hermit of Syria; Ven. Titus the Presbyter of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Titus the Soldier of the Kiev Caves

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Hebrews 13:17-21 (St. Raphael)

Gospels: Matthew 25:31-46
John 10:9-16 (St. Raphael)

♦ SERVICE & STUDY SCHEDULE ♦

Sat, Mar 5	10:00 a.m.	Panihida for Natalie Demidenko (40 th day) offered by the family
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession (<i>This will be the LAST General Confession before Lent.</i>)
Sun, Mar 6		CHEESEFARE SUNDAY—Tone 4—FORGIVENESS SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.		The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise; The Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Rom 13:11-14:4	Gospel: Matt 6:14-21
	<i>(Immediately following the Liturgy, Forgiveness Vespers will be served at which begins HOLY & GREAT LENT.)</i>	

♦ LIFE OF THE PARISH ♦

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church **this Tues, March 1**, at 7 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

Coffee Hour is a time of fellowship and socializing—a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Our parish has a wonderful tradition of connection and hospitality and Coffee Hour is a very integral part of that camaraderie. For this ministry to resume, starting **Sunday, Mar 13**, we need volunteers to host. It's so simple—it includes coffee and bagels and anything else you want to bring. There is a sign-up sheet and guidelines posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Let's keep this custom going!

A **Lenten Retreat** of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) will be hosted by **our parish** on **Saturday, April 9**. All young adults, ages 18-25, are invited to attend a day of lectures, discussion and fellowship. Save the date—more info will be forthcoming.

♦ NEWS YOU CAN USE ♦

FOR THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was 71.

MANY THANKS to the following individuals for their monetary gifts to the *Church General Fund*: Galina Andreyev (in memory of Sergei Andreyev), Robert & Sandra Hoff (in memory of Elaine & Paul Boshko) and Eva Naumiuk (in memory of Luke Naumiuk). We also acknowledge a candle offering from Ronald & Paula Mindzak. We are deeply grateful for all these donations—God bless!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED We are looking to become more connected as a parish by sending out important announcements, updates, death and sickness notices and other pertinent information via E-mail. If you have not already provided your E-mail address, we invite you to do so; just send a blank E-mail to Father David at dfmg@aol.com with "E-mail List" as the subject. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as for all the deceased, suffering, wounded, grieving or displaced people affected by the current hostilities in Ukraine:

Departed

Archpriest John Bohush	Natalie Demidenko	Priest Sean Levine
Anthony Illenye	Jean (Spedding) Joyce	Todd Adams
Ralph (Bodgie) Meade	Lucia Bennett	Mark Lopez
Paul Pachucki	Terese Wisniewski	Nathaniel Simpson
Frederick Basara	Patricia Earp	

Servicemen

Sick

Kaitlyn Fox	Beth Giordano	Kelsey Fischer
Jay Pelleriti	Victor A. Rugala Jr.	Michael Dargento
Barbara Trojan	Donna Truglio	Ellen Dargento
Marisa Stryker	Wil Bowser	Mario Troyani
John Bihuniak	Edward Boshko	Gertrude Samuel
Debbie Williams	Veronica Genito	Kathleen Keimer
Beth Van Orden	Richard Bumgardner	Jonathan Dzoba
Jamie Arango	Marianne Ford	Aidan Brown
Karyn Migut	Andrea Londensky	Gregory Staples
Virginia Staples	Christine Marie Parker	Lynn Clair
Riley Dolan	John Makarewicz	Joyce Major
Alan Diaz	Doris Gorman	Alan Zenkert
Michelle Telesca	Buddy Watson	Stefania Lazor
Bronwyn Smith	Carol Luongo	Suellen Shimski
Daria Bishara	Joshua Torosyan	Robin Sueling
David Sommers	Theodore Gentili	Karen Meade
Robert DiPaolo	Margaret DeVito	Alexey Nerush
Peter Pero	Nikolai Schijan	Janice Sadlon
Thomas Pituk	Ann Jenkins-Frison	Jay Sommers
Concetta Canon	Joseph Turick	Lynn Bush
Jacques Roscel	Joseph McIlhinney	Sandra Saurman
Julianna Bihuniak	Laurissa Solar	Stanley Rakowski
Leon Brasowski	Maryann DeFrancesco	Gloria Celkupa
Brian Carter	Lexi Porambo	Teri Szelli
Robert Lombardo	Theodore Brown	Janet Lombardo
Ronald Hendricks	Wayne Modzelewski	Carly Byrne
Wesley Worley	David Longo	Bruce Longo

Contact Fr. David or Starosta if you'd like to add or remove a name from this list, remembering the words of St. James in his Epistle (5:16): "Pray for one another, that you may be healed."

LIFE EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS Do you have a special day that you'd like announced in the bulletin and/or from the ambo, like a milestone wedding anniversary or birthday? If so, please inform either Fr. David or Starosta in advance. Thanks.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS One of the most venerable traditions in the Holy Orthodox Church is the commemoration of the departed in our liturgical prayers. Since Apostolic times, the Holy Fathers have constantly taught us that our intercessions, offerings and good deeds can help those who have fallen asleep. It is also of great consolation for us, the surviving friends and relatives, to be able to pray for them and, thus, remain in a bond of everlasting love. We remember the deceased at every Liturgy. In our liturgical calendar, Saturdays are dedicated, in a special way, to prayer for the dead, since on that day God not only rested from His work, but Christ lay in the tomb. In accord with this, the Church has established special days of universal commemoration commonly known as *Memorial (Soul) Saturdays*. This year's Lenten Soul Saturdays will be **March 19** and **April 2**. Liturgy on these days will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned was included in the Feb 6 bulletin; if you did not get one, there are extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. St. Gregory the Theologian, after celebrating the funeral service for his dear brother Caesarius, concluded his eulogy with the following words: "Part of my funeral gift is now completed. The remainder we will pay by offering every year, as long as we live, our honors and memorials for him!" We should emulate St. Gregory by remembering our departed ones, especially on these Memorial Saturdays, and pray that those who come after us will continue this beautiful and most praiseworthy custom by including us, as well.

2021 DONATION STATEMENTS will be issued this year **BY REQUEST ONLY**. Any parishioner who would like one for tax purposes should put his/her name on the sign-up sheet located at the Candle Desk. Any questions? Please contact Jay Pelleriti by E-mail (poetheart7753@aol.com) or telephone (732-216-8121). We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued stewardship.

HOUSE BLESSINGS will be scheduled this year **by request only**, due to the continuing pandemic. If you have a day that would be best to invite Fr. David and Basil Kozak for this annual blessing, leave a message with Father via phone or E-mail.

MASK MANDATE LIFTED The mask mandate issued by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, will be lifted **next Monday, March 7**. Parishioners and guests will no longer be required to wear a mask inside the church and parish hall at any time, regardless of vaccination status; however, anyone is welcome to continue this practice, if he/she is more comfortable doing so.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out this week to **Matushka Faith Kuharsky** and **Christina Popsuy**. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Walt Deerson** who celebrated his 95th birthday last week. May God continue to bless them with grace and every good gift for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

OUR THANKS to the **Men's Club** for graciously hosting its *25-Week Club Appreciation Dinner* this past Thursday. The time and efforts expended by its members in providing a warm and welcoming environment to, once again, meet in fellowship with parishioners and others in the community were appreciated.

IOCC CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE During the six months since Hurricane Ida devastated southeast Louisiana, assistance has been given to survivors through the efforts of **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**. Aid delivered in the days and weeks following the disaster sustained life with the help of medicines and medical equipment, tents, food and water, fuel, blankets and mattresses. Since the hurricane, IOCC teams have been working non-stop to address the long-term need for clean water/sanitation, permanent housing and other basic necessities. Donations to IOCC have truly "made a difference." For more info on this ongoing relief effort or to make a contribution online, visit www.iocc.org. Offerings may also be made directly to IOCC by mail (110 West Road – Suite 360, Baltimore, MD 21204) or by phone (1-877-803-4622). May the Lord bless you all for your generosity, care and concern for those who are still suffering.

READER CORNER If you would like to learn to read the Hours and/or Epistle, see or contact Basil Kozak (917-697-8058).

BULLETIN DEADLINE All notices must be submitted to either Fr. David or Starosta James P. Kornafel by no later than **Thursday evening** in order to be in next Sunday's bulletin. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515).



*Today is known as **Meatfare Sunday**—the last day on which it is still permissible to eat meat before Lent. We begin to limit our intake of food in anticipation of the Fast because we humbly recognize that we are weak Christians and need to become strong through this small effort on our part and by the Lord's powerful grace. Through the discipline of fasting, we show our obedience to Him and His Church and our reliance on Him for our very sustenance. Our giving up meat is a spiritual exercise that assists us in turning away from sin, repenting and turning toward God.*

So, during this last preparatory week, let us remember that our Lord is not only infinitely merciful, but also infinitely just; therefore, we must not allow foods to rule over us. Fasting gives us the opportunity to change our way of life and focus less on the body and more on the soul; it is a "JUST SAY NO" campaign against sin!



Great Lent will officially begin **next Sunday** with **Forgiveness Vespers**.

Forgiveness Vespers is one of the most important services of Lent, if not the entire year. It is the time when, as a community, we gather together to ask each other for mutual forgiveness. No family is perfect and our church family is no different. If you feel you have wronged someone or, if someone has wronged you, this is the perfect opportunity to ask for, receive and offer forgiveness. The Church, in Her wisdom, established this rite so that we can all enter the Fast with clean consciences and pure hearts, able to focus on Christ's ultimate sacrifice and the forgiveness and love found in Him alone.

Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in Forgiveness Vespers. We should all view this service as more important than an Annual Meeting or an Easter Bazaar/Fall Festival. If you wish to truly experience all that Lent has to offer and to reaffirm your good spiritual standing as a member of this parish, make every attempt and sacrifice in order to stay **after Liturgy** next Sunday.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!