

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

The Second to Last Sunday before the beginning of Great Lent is called Meatfare Sunday

It commemorates Christ's parable of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46). We are reminded this day that it is not enough for us to see Jesus [like Zacchaeus], to see ourselves as we are [as did the repentant Publican], and to come home to God as his prodigal sons. We must also *be* his sons by following Christ, His only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in every man and by serving Christ through them. Our salvation and final judgment will depend upon our deeds, not merely on our intentions or even on the mercies of God devoid of our own personal cooperation and obedience.

... 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 in prison and you visited me. For truly I say to you, if you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me (Mt 25).

Today's Gospel — the parable of the Last Judgment — 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.



Weekly Liturgy Schedule			
Weekend		Week Day	
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	6:00PM Revloc
	5:00PM Northern Cambria		

Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of
February 7 to 14, 2021



Welcome to our Parish

Christ is among us! He is and always will be!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, Feb 7	35th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Meatfare	+ Richard Powell
Feb 8	No Liturgy	
Feb 9	No Liturgy	
Feb 10	No Liturgy	
Feb 11	No Liturgy	
Feb 12	No Liturgy	
Feb 13	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Feb 14	36th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Cheesefare	+ Jeff Gummo

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Sunday of Meatfare - The Last Judgment

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Kondakion (Tone 1)

Glory be ... When You came on earth, O God, in glory and the universe trembles, while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgment, and the books are opened and all the secrets disclosed, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Judge who are most just.

Prokeimen (Tone 7)

Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

Verse Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him.

Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia. (3)

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YouTube: Catholic Explorer

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - January 31, 2020 - \$405.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Activities - All activities are cancelled except for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday

Safety Precautions - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be Saturday, February 13, 2021.

10:00AM - Anyone 12 to adult 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Presanctified Liturgy - TBA

National Marriage Day - Our Eparchy is celebrating the gift and blessing of marriage on February 14.

Great Fast - The Great Fast (Lent) will begin on February 15. Remember it is a strict fast day. NO meat or dairy on this day.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

Joke of the Day

A priest was using gardening terms to illustrate his message.

“We are a lot like flowers — and God knows just how to make each of us grow,” he said. “For example, roses must be planted in the sun but impatiens thrive in the shade.”

Afterwards, the priest was approached by a lady: “Your sermon did me some good,” The priest was happy that his sermon moved this lady.

But she continued, “I always wondered what was wrong with my impatiens!”

