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## SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

February 23, 2020

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1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

**TODAY** Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (†167); Ven. Polycarp of Briansk (†1620-1621); Ven. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Moses, Polychronius and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (†5<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Damian of Esphigmenou (†1280).

READERS: *Hours:* Marlo PERRY; *Epistle:* Brian HILK

GREETER: Kathy WHALEN

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

**Monday, February 24**

**Meat Fast until Holy Pascha (April 18<sup>TH</sup>)**

**Saturday, February 29**

4:50 pm Ninth Hour; Confession

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

**Sunday, March 1 Sunday of Cheesefare;** Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis (ca. †160-170); Ven. Martyrii of Zelenétsk (Pskov—†1603); Martyrs Nestor and Tribimius (†3<sup>RD</sup> c.); Martyr Antonina of Nicæa in Bithynia (†3<sup>RD</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> c.); Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony. Virgin Domnina of Syria (ca. †450-460); Ven. Agapius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

READERS: *Hours:* Marlo PERRY; *Epistle:* Maria LLAMAS

GREETER: Alex OUCHAKOV

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy & Memorial** for: Stephen PLATKO (†MARCH 01, 2016)  
followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

**MANY THANKS TO** BODNARCHUK family for hosting this mornings fellowship hour.

**CHICAGO DEANERY LENTEN VESPERS** All services begin at 6:00 pm. Fellowship with refreshments follow.

- Sunday, March 15<sup>TH</sup> — St. Joseph Church 412 Crescent St., Wheaton, IL
- Sunday, March 22<sup>ND</sup> — St. Panteleimon Church 7549 W 61<sup>ST</sup> Pl., Summit, IL
- Sunday, March 29<sup>TH</sup> — St. Nicholas Church 1018 Barber Ln., Joliet, IL
- Sunday, April 5<sup>TH</sup> — Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church 2505 S 30<sup>TH</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI
- Palm Sunday, April 12<sup>TH</sup> — Bridegroom Matins Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N Leavitt St., Chicago, IL

### YOUR GIFTS LAST WEEK

Last week's income	\$
Weekly Income Budget	\$
YTD Income	\$
YTD to Budget	\$

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS & RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** Please check when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board.

**SCRIP** is available at every Sunday Fellowship Hour.

**PASTORAL MINISTRY** Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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**PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES IN Joliet** During this Great Lent season we will unify in serving our Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgies with our three sister parishes in Joliet alternating Wednesday's always at 6:30pm with a potluck fellowship to follow:

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church      March 4<sup>TH</sup> and March 25<sup>TH</sup>  
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church      March 11<sup>TH</sup> and April 8<sup>TH</sup>  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church      March 18<sup>TH</sup> Hierarchical Pre-sanctified liturgy with Bishop PAUL

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** The Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers service will be held on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 1220 South 60<sup>TH</sup> Court Cicero.

**MANY YEARS...** Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Fr. Mykola BODNARCHUK on February 29<sup>TH</sup>.

**May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Arthur COOK      Tom KOMPARE      Richard JOVANOVIH      Frank WHALEN      Lubov SIROTUK      Lydia ODOM      Jose FELIX  
Katherina BRADLEY      Georgia PATTEN      Matthew FIGURA      June BRADLEY      Peggy BENNETH      Kathy HANNEMAN      John SUTKO

**Today Epistle** (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)

Brethren... 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.

**Today Gospel** (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."

**Апостол Дня** (1-е Коринфянам 8:8-9:2)

Братия... Пища не приближает нас к Богу: ибо, едим ли мы, ничего не приобретаем; не едим ли, ничего не теряем. Берегитесь однако же, чтобы эта свобода ваша не послужила соблазном для немощных. Ибо если кто-нибудь увидит, что ты, имея знание, сидишь за столом в капище, то совесть его, как немощного, не расположит ли и его есть идоложертвенное? И от знания твоего погибнет немощный брат, за которого умер Христос. А согрешая таким образом против братьев и уязвляя немощную совесть их, вы согрешаете против Христа. И потому, если пища соблазняет брата моего, не буду есть мяса вовек, чтобы не соблазнить брата моего. Не Апостол ли я? Не свободен ли я? Не видел ли я Иисуса Христа, Господа нашего? Не мое ли дело вы в Господе? Если для других я не Апостол, то для вас Апостол; ибо печать моего апостольства - вы в Господе.

**Евангелие Дня** (Матфея 25:31-46)

Когда же придет Сын Человеческий во славе Своей и все святые Ангелы с Ним, тогда сядет на престоле славы Своей, и соберутся пред Ним все народы; и отделит одних от других, как пастырь отделяет овец от козлов; и поставит овец по правую Свою сторону, а козлов - по левую. Тогда скажет Царь тем, которые по правую сторону Его: приидите, благословенные Отца Моего, наследуйте Царство, уготованное вам от создания мира: ибо алкал Я, и вы дали Мне есть; жаждал, и вы напоили Меня; был странником, и вы приняли Меня; был наг, и вы одели Меня; был болен, и вы посетили Меня; в темнице был, и вы пришли ко Мне. Тогда праведники скажут Ему в ответ: Господи! когда мы видели Тебя алчущим, и накормили? или жаждущим, и напоили? когда мы видели Тебя странником, и приняли? или нагим, и одели? когда мы видели Тебя больным, или в темнице, и пришли к Тебе? И Царь скажет им в ответ: истинно говорю вам: так как вы сделали это одному из сих братьев Моих меньших, то сделали Мне. Тогда скажет и тем, которые по левую сторону: идите от Меня, проклятые, в огонь вечный, уготованный диаволу и ангелам его: ибо алкал Я, и вы не дали Мне есть; жаждал, и вы не напоили Меня; был странником, и не приняли Меня; был наг, и не одели Меня; болен и в темнице, и не посетили Меня. Тогда и они скажут Ему в ответ: Господи! когда мы видели Тебя алчущим, или жаждущим, или странником, или нагим, или больным, или в темнице, и не послужили Тебе? Тогда скажет им в ответ: истинно говорю вам: так как вы не сделали этого одному из сих меньших, то не сделали Мне. И пойдут сии в муку вечную, а праведники в жизнь вечную.

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