

# God With Us

## ✠ ONLINE ✠

### Liturgy Propers

#### Commemoration of the Second Coming

##### of Jesus Christ as Judge

##### Cheesefare Sunday

SS. Pamphilius, Valentine, Paul, Seleucus,

Porphyrus & Theodulus

The Five Martyrs of Egypt

Our Venerable Father Flavius,

Archbishop of Constantinople

February 16, 2020

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 3 (p. 130)

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Prokeimenon of Meatfare – Tone 3 (p. 217)

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2**

Alleluia of Meatfare – Tone 8 (p. 218)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25-31-46**

Communion Hymn (pp. 78 & 213)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

### Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Feb. 23...** **Sunday of Cheesefare**  
**Mother of God School**  
**10 a.m.**
- Feb. 24...** **[First Full Day of the Great**  
**Fast]**
- March 1...** **1st Sunday of Great Fast /**  
**Orthodoxy Sunday /**  
**Blessing of the Holy**  
**Images**  
**Mother of God School**  
**10 a.m.**

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Lent as a text, we will examine the liturgies of the Great Fast to more deeply experience and benefit from them.

All courses are offered as live webinars and are free of charge. Please go to [www.easterncatholic.org/events](http://www.easterncatholic.org/events) to register.

- **Church Calendars for 2020** – Ecclesiastical calendars for 2020 are now available, please see Marie Shanks if you have not yet received yours (one calendar per household, please).

Your ineffable love for humankind,  
O Christ our God,  
make us worthy of Your voice,  
which we long to hear,  
number us among those  
at Your right hand,  
and have mercy on us.  
Amen.

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.” For now, we still need men and women to help with liturgy setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for **February / March** is available on the information table.

*Thank you!*



Glory to Jesus  
Christ!  
Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!  
Slava na v'iki!

### Announcements

- **Today's Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +Charles and +Mary Oros, Marie's parents. May their memory be eternal.

*“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”*

– Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

- **Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge, also called Meatfare Sunday because traditionally no meat products were consumed after this date until Pascha. It is the fourth of the five pre-lenten Sundays leading up to the Great Fast.

In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus describes in detail the Terrible Judgment. His simple words raised to the divine sphere the most delicate acts of human kindness.

Early philosophers branded compassion and mercy as weaknesses, but in reality they are the signs of a nobility of heart.

Christ has taught us that all those who are filled with love for Him should realize that whatever they do for the poor and the afflicted is done for Him. For a slice of bread and for a glass of water given in His name, our Lord promises heaven.

In describing the Last Judgment, we are led to

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Epiphany of Our Lord  
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#### Our community...

was established in October 1996 to meet the spiritual needs of Byzantine Catholics living in northern Montgomery County, southern Frederick County, and adjoining areas.

#### We celebrate our faith...

in a diverse community. We welcome all, regardless of ethnic or religious background who are committed to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith expressed in the Byzantine tradition and spirituality, and who wish to pray for and work towards the full communion of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches as sister Churches of the One Universal Church of Jesus Christ.

#### We continually resolve...

to gather in His Name, share the truth of our Faith, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone.

## Please Remember

*"Is anyone among you sick? ...the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."*

James 5:14-15 NKJV/OSB

### OUR MISSION COMMUNITY

- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Delores Moldowan.
- Yazmine Nickerson.
- Christine Dennis.
- Peggy Winkelmann.
- Laura Hinkle.
- Doran Coady.
- Ann Tracy.
- Travis Waters.
- Bertha Bergan.
- Arlene Kollar.
- Jamee Kruse.
- Joseph and Nancy Dillmann.
- Paul and Mary Ellen Sorensen.
- Tony Tworkoski.
- Linda Oros.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert and Doris Kreger.
- Lucy Fontenot.
- Patricia Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

### SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Sally Pekarik.
- Fr. Lee Gross.
- Deacon Peter Turko.

## Pray for Our Community

*"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."*



Psalm 80:14-15 NKJV/OSB

## Food Pantry

Our community places a food collection basket near the information table as you enter the gymnasium. Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Nonperishable food items, diapers, baby food, and personal care items are always in demand. The Food Pantry Program, administered by St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, supports the working poor of our area.



*"...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. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."*

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NKJV/OSB

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hope for mercy if we have been charitable to our neighbors. We must realize that our Lord is merciful in the highest degree, but He is also just.

■ **Also Commemorated Today** – On this date, February 16, the Byzantine Church commemorates SS. Pamphilius, Valentine, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyry, Theodulus; and the Five Martyrs of Egypt: Elias, Jeremias, Isaias, Samuel, and Daniel.

Also commemorated is our Venerable Father Flavius, Archbishop of Constantinople.

■ **The Great Fast** – The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, February 24. At the close of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 23 (Cheesefare Sunday), we will pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another. Cheesefare Sunday is also known as Forgiveness Sunday.

■ **Fasting Directives** – All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent. All adults who receive are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of Great Fast (Monday, February 24) and on Holy and Great Friday (April 10). Note that these are minimum requirements; however, the faithful are encouraged to do more.

Pastors and administrators may, for just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families dispensations or commutations of the fasting rules into pious practices.

■ **All Souls Hramoty** – There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church on which we pray the

Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name.

The first All Souls Saturday this year was February 15. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as "diptychs" or "hramoty," please use the appropriate envelop in your offertory envelope box. Place the envelope in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add along with your offering for their remembrance.

New members should list the members of those they wish remembered on the reverse side of the envelop. It is also permissible to simply list "all the departed of the (your family name) family" rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete, or add new names, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Hramoty envelopes must have been received on or before February 5 to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturdays.

■ **Holy Images Blessing** – As is our tradition, we will bless personal icons and other religious items on the First Sunday of the Great Fast, March 1, also known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy (True Worship), which marks the restoration of the icons to the churches on March 11, 843, following the suppression of the Iconoclastic heresy.

■ **God with Us Online** – The spring schedule of Adult Faith and Spiritual Enrichment is now available. The first offering is "Great Lent: A Spiritual Journey to Pascha" is offered by Fr. David Anderson. The online sessions are Wednesdays (Feb. 26, and March 4, 11, and 18 from 8-9 p.m.)

Using Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's *Great*

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