

## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### SUNDAY OF MEATFARE OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

March 10, 2024

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### Troparion – Tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

##### Kontakion – Tone 1

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,// and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

##### Prokeimenon – Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure.

*V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!*

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It 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. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45). Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

#### EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

##### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

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.

### **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."

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED**

Dates are when the name was added to the bulletin; names will remain in four bulletins and then removed. To add the name again, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

#### **For the Sick / Caregiver**

Leon (2/18)

Michael (2/18)

Charlotte (2/18)

Subdeacon Serge (2/18)

Melody (2/18)

Nancy (2/18)

Father Paul (2/25)

Matushka Mary (2/25)

Alexandra (2/25)

Nicholas (3/3)

Julie (3/3)

Kelly (3/3)

Liam (3/3)

Dorothy (3/3)

Carminie (3/10)

Marianne (3/10)

#### **For the Deceased**

Ann (2/25)

Joseph (2/25)

Kyra (3/10)

Frank (3/10)

### **SERVICES**

#### **Service Schedule for the week of March 10**

**Sunday March 10 – MEATFARE SUNDAY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida for Kyra Shafran Griffiths; then the FOCA Club Breakfast Fundraiser in Daria Hall.

**Saturday March 16** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday March 17 – CHEESEFARE SUNDAY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Forgiveness Prayers and the Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness, then Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

### **DONATIONS**

#### **Weekly Giving**

March 3 – 70 adults, 18 youth, \$5,494

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a Panikhida after Divine Liturgy today for the repose of the soul of Kyra Shafran Griffiths, daughter of Father Paul and Matushka Mary, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 13, 2001.

There is a Parish Council Meeting this Wednesday March 13 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

Starting tomorrow, fasting from eating meat begins. GREAT LENT begins March 18 – fasting from eating meat and dairy. The Lenten Service Schedule Calendars are attached to this bulletin, and extra copies are on the table in the back of the church. Please remember to partake in the sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion prior to Pascha.

Also attached is the New Jersey Deanery Lenten Mission Service Schedule.

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society will hold a bazaar/flea market in Daria Hall - open to the public and parish on Saturday June 22 and only for our parish June 23. Please bring gently used items and clothing to be sold; electric items must work; no rust or damaged items please. The items may be placed in the coat room or on the left side only of the stage in Daria Hall. Large empty boxes, newspaper, bubble wrap, and tissue paper are also needed. The ladies are looking for volunteers to help price items and set up, and also to help on Saturday June 22 during the bazaar. We would really appreciate some male volunteers for security detail on Saturday. See Alla with any questions.

Catechumen/Adult Education Classes are under way. If you wish to convert to Orthodoxy, it is mandatory to participate in these educational classes, which will be held in the church basement every Saturday after Vespers. There will be 10 to 11 classes, and in order to finish classes before Pascha - so the Catechumens have an opportunity to be Baptized and/or Chrismated before Pascha - there may be two classes on a few Saturdays, or possibly a class one evening during the week. Scheduled dates other than Saturdays after Vespers will be announced during the classes. The classes are not only for those interested in converting to Orthodoxy, but anyone who wants to further their Orthodox education. Instructors will be Father Volodymyr, Herman Meyer, Alan Berck, John Cassar, and Trudy Ellmore.

As discussed at the annual Parish Meeting on January 28, a goal of \$85,000 for "annual pledges" has been set for this year. We have received 19 pledges to date, and are at 68% of the goal. Please remember to turn in your green pledge card, which was included with your donation envelopes, as soon as you can. The cards not only indicate your pledge for the year, but also your stewardship interests in helping your parish. If you need another card, please see Alex Brasowski. Thank you – your pledges are used to help the Parish Council budget projects for the church.

Summer Camp for parish children will be held the last week of June (June 24-28) – **there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.** Ages 4 through 12 may attend, however children ages 4-6 are required to have a parent/guardian attend with them. There is no charge for camp. We will need several children to commit in order to have the camp.

**Your donations are needed to sustain Coffee Hour. Very little is being donated every Sunday, so please remember to put some money in the basket on the food table so we can continue to have Coffee Hour. Thank you!**

**Coffee Hour Support Persons are needed.** If you would like to volunteer to assist once or twice a month, please see Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Father Volodymyr. We encourage everyone to get involved in this weekly parish event.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! We are interested in your favorite recipes, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Preslee Rossi – March 10

Thomas Sowanick, Jr. – March 13

Michael Tribbey – March 13

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

**SUGGESTED MENU:**

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) **with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event.** The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

- Mar. 10 FOCA Club Breakfast Fundraiser
- Mar. 17 **NO MEAT** Fiyori Habtesilasse, Gebrekvistos Amleset
- Mar. 24 **FAST** Svetlana Sosedov, Guy Radcliffe
- Mar. 31 **FAST** Christine Waite, Alla & Perry Strauss
- Apr. 7 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Vera Pschenyczny
- Apr. 14 **FAST** Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Viktoryia Baranava
- Apr. 21 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Paul & Patty Denko
- Apr. 28 **FAST** Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Anna & Leon Brasowski
- May 5 **PASCHA – NO COFFEE HOUR**
- May 12 Nina Schmidt, Alla & Perry Strauss
- May 19 Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Valeria & Timothy Srock
- May 26 Christina DiDonato, John Cassar
- June 2 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana
- June 9 Melody Stavisky, Cole Johnson
- June 16 FOCA Club
- June 23 Nina Laushell, Lynne Sheedy & Bill Hazelton
- June 30 Ludwig & Paula Koerte, Nina Shafran
- July 7 Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Ramazi Shubitidze
- July 14 **ST. VLADIMIR DAY CELEBRATION**
- July 21 Nicholas & Samantha Torrisi, Herman & Francine Meyer
- July 28 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky
- Aug. 4 **FAST** Luwam Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa
- Aug. 11 **FAST** Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes
- Aug. 18 Ladies Assumption Altar Society
- Aug. 25 Alex Godun, Blake & Jessica Kilgore
- Sept. 1 Tyler Burger, Awet Tesfa
- Sept. 8 Olga & James Bates, Tanya & Walter Tribbey
- Sept. 15 James & Monia Pitra, Anne Cheslock
- Sept. 22 **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**
- Sept. 29 Sami Bachir, Nour Ragab
- Oct. 6 Virgiliu & Gabriela Plesa, Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav
- Oct. 13 Sophia Dumas, Melissa Braun
- Oct. 20 Tony & Chris Villabon, Alan & Mimi Berck

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## LENTEN SERVICES - MARCH/APRIL

### 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH 17</b> <i>CHEESEFARE</i>  <i>SUNDAY</i> 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM  Great Canon of  St. Andrew of Crete	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Great Canon of  St. Andrew of Crete	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Great Canon of  St. Andrew of Crete	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM  Confession -  9:30 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM  Vespers  followed by Confession
<b>24</b> <i>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</i> 10:00 AM  Divine Liturgy w/ Icon procession  followed by Vespers	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM Vesperal Liturgy  <i>FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 PM Confession - 6:30 PM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Confession - 9:30 AM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM <i>MEMORIAL SATURDAY</i> Divine Liturgy  5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession
<b>31</b> <i>ST. GREGORY PALAMAS</i> 10:00 AM  Divine Liturgy	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM Confession - 6:30 PM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Confession - 9:30 AM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM <i>MEMORIAL SATURDAY</i> Divine Liturgy  5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession
<b>7</b> <i>VENERATION OF THE CROSS</i> 10:00 AM  Divine Liturgy  5:00 PM Mission Service followed by  potluck supper	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM Confession - 6:30 PM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 AM Confession - 9:30 AM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession 6:30 PM Vespers w/Litya	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM <i>MEMORIAL SATURDAY</i> Divine Liturgy  5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

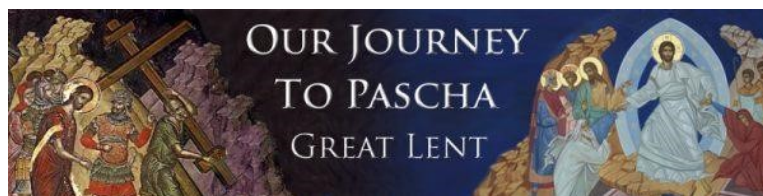
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## LENTEN SERVICES - APRIL/MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL 14</b> <i>ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER</i> 10:00 AM  Divine Liturgy	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM  Confession - 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM  Confession - 9:30 AM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>20</b> 5:00 PM  Vespers followed by Confession
<b>21</b> <i>ST. MARY OF EGYPT</i> 10:00 AM  Divine Liturgy	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Confession - 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30 AM Confession - 9:30 AM  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - <i>LAZARUS SATURDAY</i>  5:00 PM Vespers & blessing of palms followed by Confession
<b>28</b> <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 10:00 AM  Divine Liturgy	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MAY 1</b> 6:30 PM Service of Holy Unction (The Sacrament of Holy Oil)	<b>2</b> <i>HOLY THURSDAY</i>  9:30 AM Vespereal Liturgy 6:30 PM Matins with reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels	<b>3</b> <i>HOLY FRIDAY</i>  2:00 PM  Vespers 7:00 PM Matins with Procession followed by reading of the Psalms	<b>4</b> <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>  9:30 AM  Vespereal Liturgy 11:30 PM Paschal Vigil with Procession followed by Pascha Divine Liturgy. Blessing of baskets in Daria Hall.
<b>5</b>  <i>PASCHA</i> 11:00 AM Paschal Vespers followed by blessing of baskets in Daria Hall	<b>6</b> <i>BRIGHT MONDAY</i> 9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy					

# NEW JERSEY DEANERY

## 2024 LENTEN MISSION SERVICE SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 31, 5:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent - St. Gregory Palamas  
St. John the Baptist Church  
170 Lexington Avenue, Passaic NJ  
*Main Celebrant:* Archbishop MICHAEL

Sunday, April 7, 5:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent - The Precious and Life-giving Cross  
St. Vladimir Church  
812 Grand Street, Trenton, NJ

Sunday, April 14, 5:00pm

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. John Climacus  
Ss. Peter & Paul Church  
98 W28th Street, Bayonne, NJ  
*Main Celebrant:* Archbishop MICHAEL

Sunday, April 21, 5:00pm

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary of Egypt  
Holy Resurrection Church  
285 French Hill Road, Wayne NJ  
*Main Celebrant:* Archbishop MICHAEL

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30pm

Bright Wednesday  
Christ the Saviour Church  
365 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ  
*Main Celebrant:* Archbishop MICHAEL

All services are followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Collections at all services will support the activities of the Deanery. Kindly make checks payable to “New Jersey Deanery”