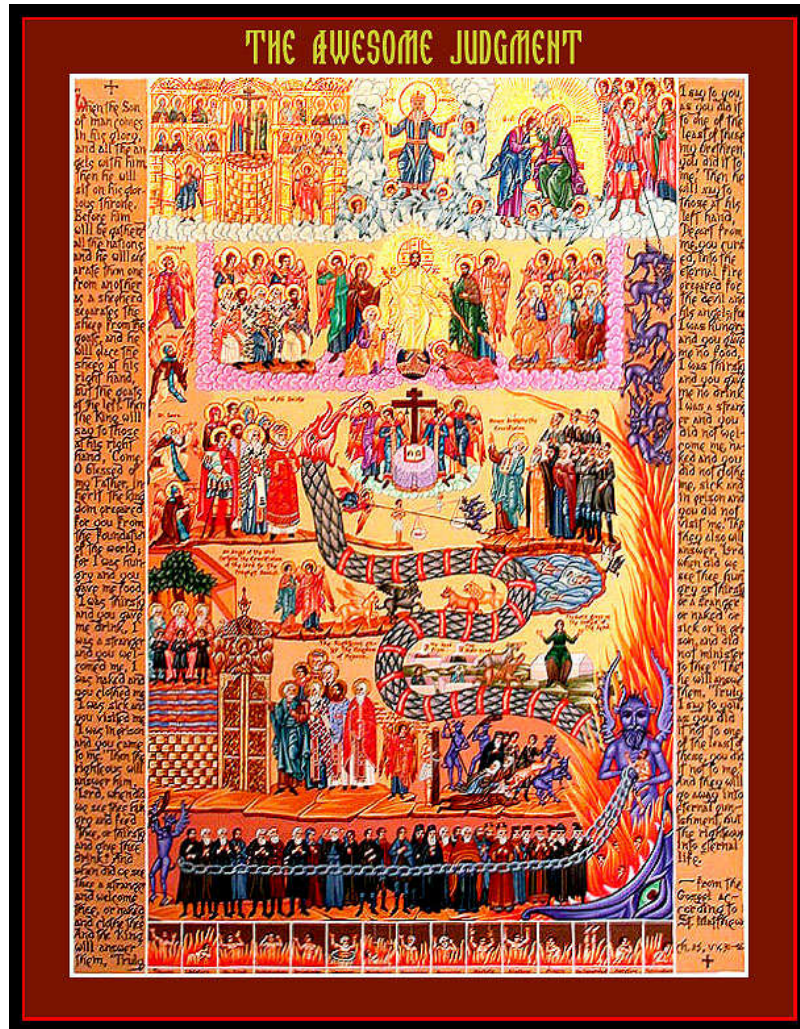


Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.



Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Commemorated on March 3

Troparion — Tone 1

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble / and the river of fire shall flow before Your 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 Your right hand, righteous Judge!



Sunday, March 3, 2019

Tone 7

Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 31-46

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

40th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Last Judgment / Meatfare Sunday

Martrs. Eutropius, Cleonicus & Basiliscus

March Bulletin Sponsor: Basil

In loving memory of wife, Jean

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, March 3- Last Day for Meat

9:05 am: Hours followed by D. L. / Pot Luck
Meat Social / Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 4

6:00 pm Orthodoxy 101 Class

Saturday, March 9 (Change Clocks tonight)

4:00 pm: Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, March 10

9:05 am: Hours followed by D.L. Followed by
Forgiveness Vespers / Pot-luck Social (No Meat)

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR MARCH

Chandelier: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of
Metropolitan Nicholas

Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: in memory of his
father George

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Open

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Diane Tyron:
In loving memory of her brother Richard

Bulletin: (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of wife Jean

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

March 3: Two military soldiers killed in
Afghanistan / Officer Sean from AL /
Jane Naiser

March 10: Pani Patricia Patrick / Archpriest
John Mason / Police officer William from
OH ; Border patrol Agent Donna

March 17: State Trooper Lucas from VA / Po-
lice officer Matthew from Milwaukee

March 24: Police officer Alfred from P.R.

April 7: Police officer Nicholas from TN; Police
officer Steve TN

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VIGILS- FEBRUARY 24

Tim Glovinsky (1) Birthday blessing for dad

Susan Guzy (2) For health and recovery of mom;
In memory of Robert. Vichnaya Pamyat.

Sandy Martin (1) Special intention

Darlene, Nick & Gabe Mazurik (1) Special
Intentions

Ron and Roberta Royhab (2) For health of Julia
and Rita

Janice Timko (1) In blessed and loving memory
of my precious parents, Sophia and Peter Monak -
mother's birthday 2/28; and Blessed and loving
memory of husband Phil, 2/25, 12 years God
took him home. "Vechnaya Pamyat"

Twarek family(6) Health and recovery of Julia;
Peace and healing to Todd; Safe travel for family
and friends; Health of Diane, Brad, Ida, Betty,
Steve, John, Stella, Doris, Ron, Jake, Helen;
Special intention; Special intention

MARCH

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
3	Mary Hiser	Tim	Pot-luck
10	Stephanie & Cooper	David	Pot-Luck
17	Sandy	Ron	Open
24	Greg M	Wayne	Open
31	David & Roddie	Natalie	Open



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Prayer List (Updated March 3)

Clergy: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; William Bass; Ted Bobosh, John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; John Jones; Josef Von Klarr; Vladimir Lecko; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko; Deacon Paul Mitchell; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii: Pani Patricia Duranko; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Sonya Tutko; Marsha Mitchell

Parishioners / & their Family: Carol Chevenger (*Roddie's mom*); Kristi Clabaugh (*Andy's mom*); Christopher Dixon (*son-in-law of Mary H.*); Victoria Dixon (*Mary H. Daughter*); John Richard Elcishko; Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's Nephew*); Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); Margi Habegger (*Laura's sister*); James Heffernan (*father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Judy Heffernan; Maria (*Terrie's mom*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); David Martin; Greg Mazur; Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Helen Jean Rofnar (*Cousin to Rose's*); John Rofnar (*Cousin to the Rose's*); Joe Rose; Margaret Rose (*daughter*); Steven Schirtzinger (*Christi's brother*); Nancy Sitzler (*mother of Amber Twarek*); Baby Stella Miller (*Chico's granddaughter*); Mason (*granson of the Cassell's*); Peter Truta (*cousin of Jean H.*) Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Larry Twarek (*Greg's T. Uncle*); Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*); Eleanor W; Lauren Jerome & her unborn baby (*Daughter of Jean H*); Nikki and her unborn baby; Brianna and her unborn baby (*Trudy's daughter*)

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); David Bobb (*friend of Nikki*); Steven Brancho (*friend of Fr*); Anna Burch (*friend of Wayne*); Frank Cannon; Diane Cannon (*Friends of Halupki festival*); Linda Crockett (*Vendor*); Danielle (*friend of the Cassell's*); Shawntee Day (*Friend of Christi*); Chris Fallon (*Bishop Matthias's sister-in-law*); Ben Franklin (*friend of Laura Kovach*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Tom Hutnyan (*Brother of Fr. Emil*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Donald Gresh (*neighbor to Basil*); Elliott Joy (*Police chief's son*); Alicia Kelly (*friend of Tammy B.*); Tommy Leonchick (*Friend of Fr's*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie*); Michael Lucak (*son of the Protodeacon Dennis*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); Jim Mahler (*neighbour of Laura*); Dan Mallory (*neighbor of Basil*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr.'s*); Todd Pollick (*Friend of the Twarek's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Ethan Ross (*co-worker to Joe S.*); (Emily Sarisky (*Fr's friend*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Matthew Sterling (*neighbor of Diane T*); Janice Timko; Becky Vermillion (*friend of Laura*); Donald Williams (*Friend of Joe S.*); Alisha Zura & new born Evelyn (*friend of Natalie*); Cheyenne Welch & her two unborn babies (*wife of Former Sgt. of Marblehead Police Dept*); Katie & her unborn baby (*manager at Bruno's*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Nathan Brown

Captives: Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 3

22 Total (19 members, 2 children, 1 guest; 14 Communicants; Vespers - no attendance taken)

Sunday, February 10

23 Total (18 members; 2 non-regulars; 2 children; 1 guest; 15 Communicants; Vespers - 10)

Sunday, February 17

16 Total (15 members; 1 child; 11 Communicants; No Vespers)

Sunday, February 24

16 Total (15 members; 1 child; 11 Communicants; 10 attended Vespers)

WEEKLY TITHING ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, Feb. 3:	\$644
Sunday, Feb. 10:	\$834
Sunday, Feb. 17:	\$435
Sunday, Feb. 24:	\$1,133

TOTAL OF OTHER INCOME FOR MONTH

Altar Candles:	\$ 50
Candles:	\$ 75
Vigils:	\$350
Eternal Light:	\$ 35
Chandelier:	<u>\$100</u>
TOTAL CANDLES:	\$610

Restoration:	\$260
Bulletin:	\$100
Office Supplies:	\$ 50
Stamps:	\$ 50
Food Pantry:	\$335

The Prodigal Son: Re-Centering Until Our Last Breath by Fr. Steven Kostoff

"God requires of us to go on repenting until our last breath" [Saint Isaias the Solitary].

"Repentance.... It means not self-pity or remorse, but conversion, the re-centering of our whole life upon the Trinity ... It is to see, not what we have failed to be, but what by divine grace we can now become; and it is to act upon what we see" [Metropolitan Kallistos Ware].

I believe that we should think of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son extending itself throughout the week, thus giving us the Week of the Prodigal Son and the possibility of meditating upon this extraordinary parable carefully and thoughtfully. This parable is perhaps "the parable of parables," and thus deserving of a great deal of attention on our part. Sundays come and go perhaps too rapidly and we find ourselves back in our "routines," living in a world far different than the one we are given a glimpse into through the Liturgy. That fleeting glimpse, which is actually a vision of life that is Christ-centered and Spirit-guided, may thus appear to be "ideal," but not "real." However, it may actually be the vision of the one underlying reality of all that exists and which makes everything else not only tolerable or endurable, but meaningful and embraceable. If our liturgical and eucharistic experience is forgotten the moment it is over, as we move on to Sunday's entertainment, and then prepare to endure Monday morning's responsibilities, perhaps then we are "cheating" ourselves of "the one thing needful." And in the process we lose sight of the riches of the Gospel if we only absentmindedly await next Sunday's. That certainly applies to the Parable of the Prodigal Son!

Yet, before briefly looking into some of the riches of this well-known parable, perhaps we should place it within the wider context of its setting in the Gospel According to Saint Luke. For the Evangelist Luke places the Parable of the Prodigal Son as the climax of a series of three parables in chapter 15 that reveal the "joy in heaven" when sinners are "found," following an implied or clearly stated repentance.

In fact, these parables are told to a group of "tax collectors and sinners" who "were drawing near to hear Him" [Luke 15:1]. *Con't Pg 7*

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthday		Namesday
2- Lori Batura 3- Tony Monastra 7- Tamera Blackford 8- Rachel Adamcio 11- Jason Monschein	23- Mason Monschein 30- Bobbie Royhab 30- Fred Cassell 31- Greg Mazur	3-1: Bishop David of Alaska 3-4: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa 3-17: Archbishop Alejo of Mexico 3-23: Archbishop Nikon of New England

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

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.”

ST. MARY’S PERCH & SHRIMP FISH FRY

From February 22 to March 8 from 4-7pm serving every other Friday. Local artist Rose Haninger will be displaying her “Marblehead Art” of local people and places of Marblehead, Lakeside & Danbury township including local churches.

MARCH Reposed List

1- George Danchisen (2018)	13- Richard Michael Benya (1983)	23- Barbara Ann Wasylenko (2017)
4- Andrew Mazur (2001)	17- Frank Holodnak (1961)	29- Carolyn Woodward (2000)
6- Frank Guzy (2002)	23- Eva Pondillo (2001)	NO MONTH PROVIDED:
11- Ella Mazur (1918)	23- Ella Mazurik (1985)	Michael Elchisko (1909)
13- Metropolitan Nicholas (2011)	23- Francis Mitchell (2008)	Helen Millie (1910)- George Danchisen (1912)-

Divorced Single Parent Families — What about the Children?

When a divorce takes place in a family, children find themselves in an especially difficult situation. They must cope with their parents' broken relationship. Custody issues may arise with regard to which parent the children wish to live with and whether they love one parent more than the other. And many times, children question whether they were the cause of their parents' divorce. I imagine some children experience anger because they find themselves having to face realities they never imagined. When it comes to custody arrangements, we all know younger children don't have the same choices as those age 15 and older. It is not unusual for some children to receive therapy to address these and related situations.

With regard to the Church, things can become complicated when one of the parents is not Orthodox. On some weekends Orthodox children are with their non-Orthodox parent, and they may end up going to that parent's church, thereby attending Liturgy in an Orthodox parish only twice a month. It usually is not that predictable. With decreased attendance at the Divine Liturgy there is a chance of further diluting a child's involvement in Orthodox parish life. Twice a month easily becomes once a month. Children may miss an important activity in their Orthodox parish because that is the weekend they are scheduled to be with their non-Orthodox parent. As a result, children are now exposed to two different experiences of the Christian faith.

How might some of these issues be addressed?

- *It is important for both parents to become good listeners and to allow children to express what is on their mind without feeling judged for doing so.*
- *If children feel that the divorce is somehow their fault — a situation that should not be dismissed — ask what makes them feel that way. Doing so allows them to share their perceptions in such way that parents can better respond to their children and clarify reality for them.*
- *When it comes to visitation arrangements, is it possible for divorced parents to allow for their baptized Orthodox children to go*

- *to their Orthodox parish every Sunday? This is especially an issue if the non-Orthodox spouse is not particularly invested in their faith tradition — or has no faith tradition whatsoever. Can the parent bring their children to the church and pick them up after? Perhaps the visitation schedule can be extended a few hours to allow the non-Orthodox parent to have a few hours with their children since they didn't have them on Sunday morning.*
- *Is there ever a place in a Church school setting that affords children the opportunity to share what is on their minds relative to their parents' divorce?*

The intent behind some of these suggestions is to always remember that parents and their children who are coping with divorce should not be treated as second class citizens. While we shouldn't act as if divorce is no big deal, we also must not be too critical and judgmental as parishes deal with families coping with divorce on their journey to embrace healing.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,
The unworthy +Paul

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

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.