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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE)

**THE VENERABLE PROKOPIOS THE CONFESSOR OF DECAPOLIS; MARTYRS
GELASIOS OF HELIOPOLIS, AND NISIOS; NEW-MARTYR ELIAS AND
THALELAEUS, HERMIT OF GABALA IN SYRIA**

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in the Third Tone: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Clergy: **Kontakion of Meat Fare Sunday in the First Tone:** 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 made public; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 117. 14, 18) The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.
(8:8-9:2)**

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the

Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia Verses: (Psalm 19. 1, 9) The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction. O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us!

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46)

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O 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 welcomed Me, 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, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal 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 welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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Holy Oblations are offered today by the Scholl family for Declan Scholl for his first birthday, and for the soul of Art Dibs, departed this life 15 years.

Coffee Hour today is given by the Coffee Hour Committee

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Fouad and Mary Farraj (kidney transplant), Laura Anter (brain surgery), Tony Rodriguez (shoulder surgery) and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

Today

We welcome Deacon John Dibs and his wife Irene. Dn. John is the son of Mary Dibs and brother of Barbara Scholl. Their home parish is the Church of the Redeemer in Los Altos CA.

Confession for Church School grades 9 - 12 today after Liturgy.

Please make sure to pick up your 2022 calendar from the table by the bookstore.

House Blessings: If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr Michael at frmlaffoon@gmail.com, or in person during coffee hour to make an appointment.

This Week

February 28 to March 6 Cheese Fare Week. This last week before Great Lent, we prepare by giving up all meat and meat products. All fish and dairy, however, are allowed (including Wednesday and Friday).

Tuesday March 1, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education

Wednesday March 2, 7:00 p.m. Little Compline

Friday March 4, Evening with St. Raphael, 6:30p.m.

Next week

Sunday March 6, Forgiveness Sunday

Monday March 7, First Day of Great Lent

Schedule for First Week of Lent

Monday March 7, Great Compline 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 8, Great Compline 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 9, Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 p.m.

Thursday March 10, Great Compline 7:00 p.m.

Friday March 11, Little Compline with Akathist Hymn, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday March 12, Divine Liturgy
for St. Theodore Tyro 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday March 13, Sunday of Orthodox, Pan-Orthodox Vespers at
St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.**

Quote from the Saints

"Fasting is an admirable thing, but it is more admirable to forgive insults. Through fasting a man is preparing for charity, but by forgiving insults, a man shows charity. Fasting precedes forgiveness but fasting alone does not save without forgiveness."

-- *St. Nicholai of Zica*

Today's Commemoration

Sunday of Judgment

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

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