

# St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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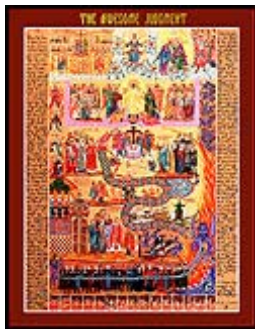
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## Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare) February 27, 2011



### Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Men's Retreat at Monastery – March 25 – 27 – Goldendale, WA

Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex, or see Fr. Basil for information about the Men's Retreat in Goldendale, WA the end of March. Fr. John Bettencourt will be the speaker, teaching on the subject of, *“Keep Him Ever a Warrior Invincible”* (from the Baptismal service).

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

**Sunday, February 27 – Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)** - Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Sunday School following Liturgy; Lunch following

**Monday, February 29 – Wednesday March 2 – Fr. Basil at Clergy Seminar in Seattle**

**Tuesday, March 1** – Sisterhood Fellowship at Ayoub's 6:30pm (see flyer); Inquirer's Class at Townsend's 7:00pm

**Wednesday, March 2** – Vespers 6:00pm

**Friday, March 4** – Spiritual Circle 9:30am

**Saturday, March 5** – SOYO Pii-Wii Party 3pm – 8pm; Great Vespers 6:00pm

**Sunday, March 6 – Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)** - Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Sunday School following Liturgy; Lunch following; Forgiveness Vespers 6:00pm

### EPISTLE READERS

Feb 27 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

Mar 6 - Tabitha Townsend

Mar 13 - Sbdcn. Mark (Eric) Townsend

Mar 20 - Reader Mark Fellegy

### CHURCH CLEANING

Week of Feb 28 – Goolsby

Week of Mar 7- Townsends

Week of Mar 14 - Fellegy/Holman

Week of Mar 21 - Corey/Rush

### LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

Feb 27 - Team 5 - Poland, Schaefer, Gallatin, Nolan, Johnson

Mar 6 - Team 6 - Ayoub, Wood, Bryant, Stillman

Mar 13- Team 1 - Tsalaky, Ayoub D., Ayoub M., Vlahos

Mar 20 - Team 2 - Corey, Tecca, Roth, Ranson, Holman

### PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING:

Morey Ranson, Paul Truebenbach, Ken Ayoub, Mike Kerr, Katrina (Mike Kerr's wife), Bartimaeus Butler, Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's Mother), Susan and parents Coo and Lou (friends of Jenny Dancy), Bill (Thomas Craffey's father), Elena & Vitaly w/reposed son Stefan (friends of Teccas), Russell & Samantha & newly reposed infant (Chelsea Stillman's brother & wife & baby), Teri Hundt (sister of Tiffany Gallatin), Robin and her unborn baby girl (Joanna Townsend's cousin), Inna Epling, Jim Ayres, Moses (Michael) Fillmore, Mark & Christina Bischoff (friends of Bartimaeus), Mike Allen, Tammy (cousin of Nanette Sanman), Patricia, David, Bonnie, Stori, Brooke and Endin (family of Trudy Olinger), Bill Brisbane (Nanette's father), Jacob Hunter (Dan Monaghan's cousin in Afghanistan), Pamela Olsen, Mat. Michaela Fenn (wife of Fr. Mark Fenn), Fr. Michael Lewis, Jill Foss (friend of Jeane Wood), Nancy Corey (Ed Corey's sister), Moses Kemper, Jamie Landers, Nikolai Kupcow, Lynda (Michelle Fellegy's mother), George Kucera, Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's mother).

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

Dominic & Pasquale (brother and brother-in-law of Lucille Horton), Milic Milojevic, Wilma Young (Steve Wood's mother), Marvel (mother of Mary Jo Neyman), Michelle Bonasera (friend of John Charles)

# Pii – Wii Party



## Pizza, Wii + Friends – What could be better?!

Saturday, March 5th

3pm to 8pm

Teens 13 to 19

St. John Orthodox Church

Post Falls, Idaho

[See website for map + directions [www.stjohnorthodox.org](http://www.stjohnorthodox.org) ]

**Please RSVP**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lunch Today and Next Sunday** - Today is Meatfare Sunday (Last Judgement Sunday) and next Sunday, March 6th, is Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday) as Great Lent begins Monday, March 7th (Clean Monday). For both Sundays we will have a Pot Luck. Please plan on bringing food on both Sundays. Today is the last day we eat meat before Pascha and March 6th is the last day we will eat dairy products so please keep these points in mind in planning the dishes you will bring or both Sundays. The parish will provide the beverages.

### Meals for Rush Family

Please contact Joanna Townsend if you are able to help provide a meal for the Rush Family as they get used to life with their new little one! There are open dates between Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>. To hear more specifics about diet, etc. please contact Joanna at [mrscandle@yahoo.com](mailto:mrscandle@yahoo.com) or 208.777.2152. If you are unable to deliver a meal to their home during the week, that is fine – you can bring it to St. John on Sunday, and Owen can pick it up. Also, individuals or families could work together to team up to bring a meal, each covering different parts. Thank you for helping us bless this precious family!

### Baking Schedule:

Baklava - Thursday, March 3 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the fellowship while we bake. You need not stay the entire time -- stay for as long as you can. Your efforts and time are very much appreciated. If you are able to help bake on any of these days, please let Joy Corey know. God bless each of you. Not only does the bake sale help the Church to meet her financial needs, but it serves as a marvelous evangelical outreach. **LUNCH IS ALWAYS PROVIDED.**

### Calling ALL Campers – ages 9 to 16 – Camp St. Mary Registration is OPEN!

Online registration is now open for St. Mary of Egypt Summer Camp which will be held Aug 1 – 6, 2011 in Newport, WA. Teens ages 17 + 18 are eligible to apply for a Counselor in Training position. Adults may apply for a Counselor or Staff position online also. Please see the camp website to register OR for more information – [www.campstmary.org](http://www.campstmary.org). If you do not have internet access, please contact our Registrar Tina Hippner at (360) 650-0931.



### Pysanky Egg Workshop

We have an experienced Pysanky artist willing to come to St. John and teach a workshop on the traditional Ukrainian Orthodox art of Pysanky Eggs. She agreed to charge us a very reasonable amount—only \$45 per person, including ALL supplies, for 3 sessions (3 hours each session). The workshop would take place in March in preparation for Pascha. Please contact Diane Nolan ASAP to indicate your interest —

208.667.2222. The workshop would be limited to a max of 10 people, so Diane will be taking sign-up on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

### THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my praise.*

*The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.*

#### **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.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **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.”

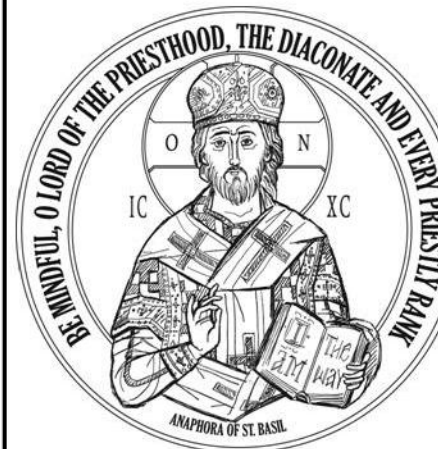
### *The Way ~ Kids Church School*

**This month:** We will have memory verse Sunday and Store day so if you haven't brought your Saint in for the "Mountain of Prayer" bring it in soon. The Mountain is looking wonderful! We remember their lives and their prayers for us and how they help in our efforts to become more like God.

**Also In February** we will begin working on some creative arts things

#### **February Memory verses:**

1. **2 Corinthians 6 16** You are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
2. **2 Timothy:14-15** continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
3. I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God
4. The Only begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light , Very God of Very God, begotten, Not made; of one essence with the father; by whom all things were made;



#### **Creative arts Festival**

**Theme:**

**Be mindful O Lord of the Priesthood, the Diaconate and every priest rank.**

**Entry options:**

Painting	Sculptures
Collages	Poetry
Pictures	Oratorical Composition
Photography	

**Be watching for :**

**Art and writing workshops...coming in February and March!**

#### **SOYO Happenings**

SOYO youth Lenten retreat! April 9<sup>th</sup> This will be a one day retreat and is open to all parishes. Guest Speaker: Fr Andrew from Christ the Savior. Topic: TBA; Time: TBA

In Christ Love,

LaVonne Ayoub/ Christian Education