



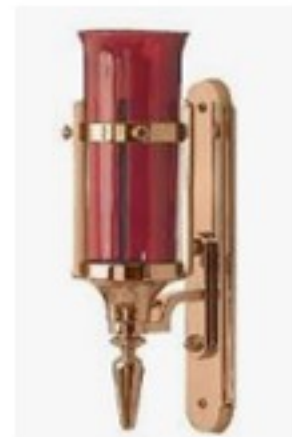
February 7, 2021  
**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**

**Parish Schedule**

- Feb. 6 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Carl Magdic req by the Family*
- Feb. 7 (Sun) SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Nicholas & Elizabeth Petro*
- Feb. 13 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Timothy Kappas req by Barry Smith*
- Feb. 14 (Sun) SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Thomas, Catherine & Jack Wesdock req by Julee Lindberg Family*
- Feb. 15 (Mon) FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*(This is a day of strict fasting for all)*  
**Presanctified Liturgy 7:00pm**  
*+Mary Soltis req by Eleanor & Jerry Stewart*

Our Tithe to our Parish - January 31, 2021 - \$919.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of February 7 thru February 13 for the health and well-being of Clarence and Helen Rizzi. *Happy Anniverssary!*

*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,  
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,  
Eugene Heinack, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,  
Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

*LOOKING AHEAD*

During the Great Fast, we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts each Friday evening at 7:00. This Service will be live-streamed each week. In addition, we will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy on Monday, 15 February, the first day of the Great Fast.

And remember, this is always a day of strict fasting, i.e., no meat or animal products are permitted.

*CONGRATULATIONS!*



We express the sincere congratulations and best wishes to **Clarence and Helen Rizzi** who celebrated their 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary this week on Thursday, 4 February. May the Lord continue to bless them with peace and health and happiness as they share their life together!

**2020 Offertory Statements.** If you wish to receive a 2020 offertory statement, please call the office on Tuesday mornings, or send a note. The information will be mailed to you.

## MEATFARE

*This last week before the Great Fast reminds us that it is time to prepare. Traditionally, this is the last day on which meat is to be eaten until the Resurrection. For us it is a reminder that whatever type of fasting we choose, it is time to gradually let go of whatever has a hold on us.*

*We do not enter the Lenten season with a Carnival-like experience; rather we follow a more natural process of a measured winding down of our activities.*

## HARAMOTY REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED

Each year we remember the departed members of our families, loved ones and parish in a series of commemorations in and around the Great Fast season. These are called the Saturdays of the Departed.



As we have done in the past, we shall continue to remember our departed loved ones this year on the particular Friday evenings, following the Presanctified Liturgy.

At these services we will remember by name the departed members of our families, loved ones and parishioners.

In your box of church envelopes, there is one marked for the "Hramoty," the Remembrance of the Departed. If you have listed names in the past, we have those on record. If you wish to add to or change your list, you may do so at this time.

The Liturgies of the Presanctified will be live-streamed each week as will the Remembrance of the Departed.

## MEATFARE SUNDAY

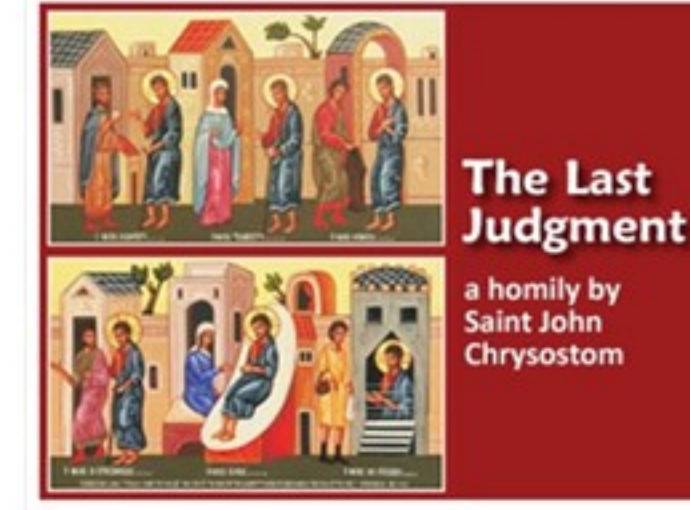
When was the last time you heard a sermon on ...*Hell ... fire ... and brimstone!!!* I mean ... one that really scared the wits out of you!

At least in our collective memory, this seems to have been a large part of the standard fare of preaching in the past. Most everyone has some memories of a pastor ... or a missionary ... or a retreat director ... really putting the fear of God into them.

From time to time, we hear comments that the "church has just become too lenient." There is not enough stress on fear and judgment.

There is too much talk of love ... and peace ... and not enough about the wrath of God.

Well ... the Scriptures do speak about God's wrath ... and judgment ... and they speak of his compassion and forgiveness and love also. In fact, it seems that much more of Jesus' ministry is focused on showing us the compassionate face of God ... rather than a fear of God.



Yet, judgment is a reality. Today's Gospel speaks about the Last Judgment ... and it gives us the rules according to which we shall all be judged.

We shall be judged by the way we treat each other ... especially those in need ... the hungry and thirsty ... those who are sick or in prison ... the lonely and needy.

You see, God chooses to be identified with the lowly and the needy in our midst. And the mark of a Christ-like person is the one who can see the face of God in the needy.

It is not so much a matter of preaching fear ... or love. It is more a matter of touching the hearts of people ... so that we may be emptied of our self-preoccupations ... the cares that blind us to those in need around us ... and be able to *see* the face of God in each other.