

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) » Mark 16:9-20 » I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 » Matthew 25:31-46 »	12 Cheesefare Monday III John 1:1-15 » Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39 »	13 Cheesefare Tuesday Jude 1:1-10 » Luke 22:39-42, 45-71; 23:1 »	14 Cheesefare Wednesday Joel 3:12-21 » Joel 2:12-26 »	15 Cheesefare Thursday Jud. 1:11-25 » Luke 23:1-31, 33, 44-56 »	16 Cheesefare Friday Zechariah 8:7-17 » Zechariah 8:19-23 »	17 Cheesefare Saturday » Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 » Matthew 6:1-13 »
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- For Artie Schwartz, for his recovery from injuries.
- For the safety and well-being of Father Basil and his family as they travel from and to Chandler every week supporting our parish.
- For all of us Orthodox faithful, as we continue to prayerfully prepare our hearts, minds and bodies over the next two weeks for the beginning of Great Lent.

Save the Dates!

February

- 2/11 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930
- 2/18 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930
Forgiveness Vespers after Divine Liturgy
- 2/19 Great Lent Begins
- 2/23 Akathist 6:30 p
- 2/25 Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00 with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 930

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

Church School 9:30 AM

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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let all things above in heav'n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

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.

Gospel Reading

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The Reading is from Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy 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 you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 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 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, '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."

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)



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.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

Blaise the Holy Martyr of Sebastia



Saint Blaise was Bishop of Sebastia. Divine grace, through which he healed the diseases of men and beasts, and especially of infants, made his name famous. He contested for the Faith under Licinius in the year 316. Saint Blaise is invoked for the healing of throat ailments.

Finding of the relics of Zachariah the Prophet, Father of the Holy Forerunner

George the Serbian