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Antiphon I. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon II. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to m God as long as I exist.

Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Small Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2

When you went down to death, O immortal Life, then you slew Hell with the lightning flash of your God head; but when from the depths below the earth you raised the dead, all the powers in the heavens cried out:

“Giver of life, Christ our God, *glory to you!”

Hymn of the Church

O Blessed are you, O Christ Our God, who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, made the fisherman wise and through them illumine the world and to You the universe was ever drawn all glory to You O Lord.

Kontakion

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

8:8-13; 9:1-2

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Psalm 146.5;134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

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

The Gospel According to

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?'

Today's Readings

February 23, 2025

Judgment Sunday

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."

Propshora offered by Rodica Buta for the health of the family and friends.

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Saint John Chrysostom

Oratorical Festival

Parish Level– Essays Presentations

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Community Luncheon Meatfare Sunday

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Coffee Hour offered by Rodica and Felix Buta

in honor of Cristina's 11th Birthday!

Happy Birthday!

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Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!

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Next Week-Cheeseweek

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Tuesday February 25, 2025

5:30pm Byzantine Chant

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Wednesday February 26, 2025

Vesper and Orthodoxy 101

Saturday March 1, 2025

9am Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Koliva is a Greek/Romanian Orthodox dish of boiled wheat berries, sugar, and spices that symbolizes everlasting life and rebirth.

It's served at memorial services.

Wheat berries: Represent the promise of everlasting life

Raisins: Represent the sweetness of life

Spices: Symbolize plenty

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.

Parents, you are leaders, the primary role models for your children's spiritual development. What an awesome responsibility!

"Preparing Your Family For Great Lent" highlights:

**seeing Great Lent as opportunity, not as an imposition

**the importance of simplifying and 'slowing down' during Great Lent

**there's more to Great Lent than avoiding certain foods--there are opportunities for prayer and charitable works that round out the fast.

**ways parents can make the Church come alive in the home during Great Lent

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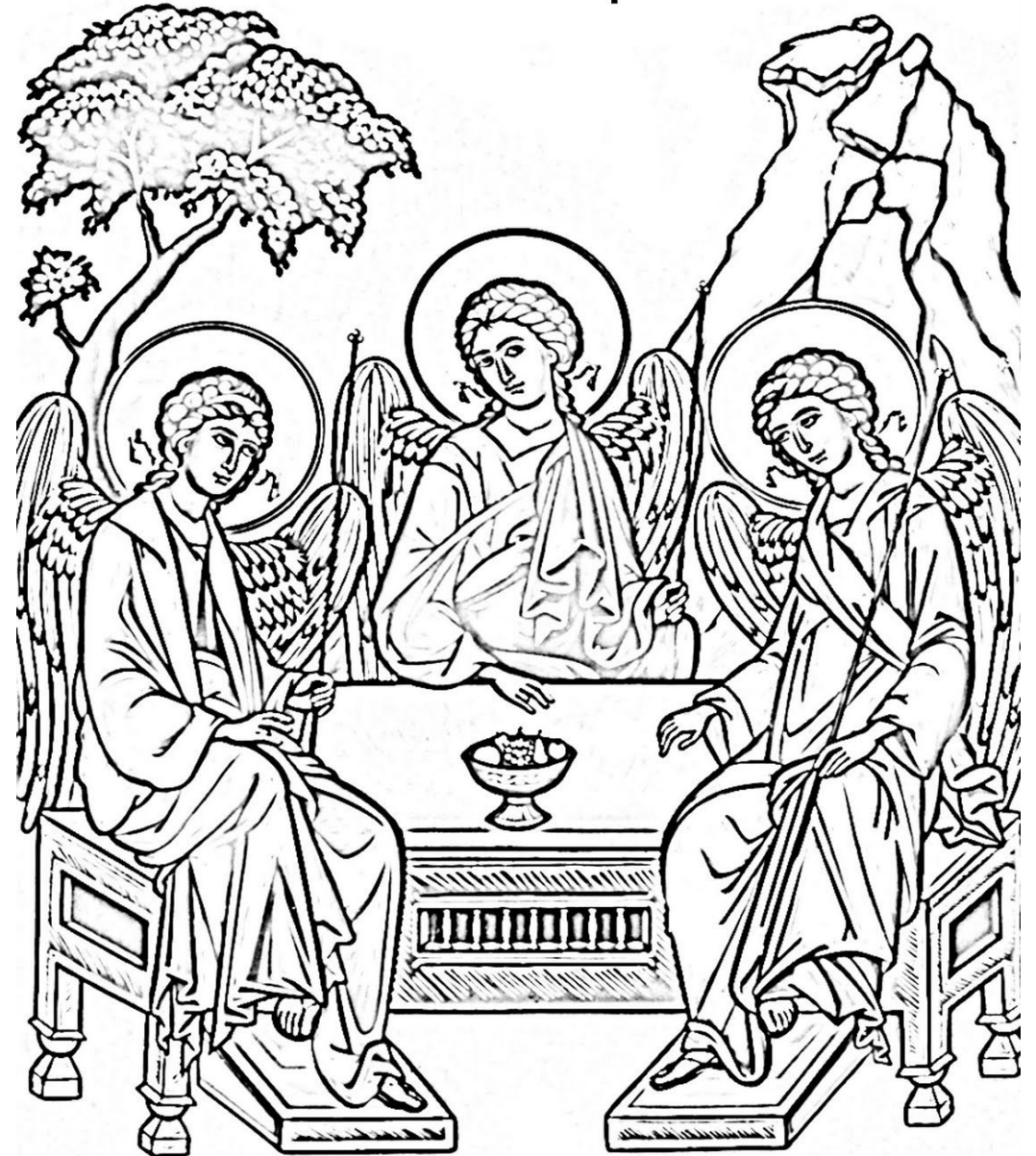
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Η ΑΓΙΑ ΤΡΙΑΣ



Sunday February 23, 2025
Judgment Sunday

Saint Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna
Saint Proterios, Archbishop of Alexandria