

St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



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Epistle 1 Cor. 8:8–9:2

Tone 6

Gospel: Mt. 25:31-46

March 7th – **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

TODAY'S SERVICES: *Today's Greeter: Stan Nartowicz*

- Sun. 8:30am Sacrament of Confession – Fr. James will be available to any who desire confession every Sunday starting at 8:30 AM.
- Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Meatfare Sunday of the Last Judgment - Uncovering of the relics of the Holy Martyrs at the gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423). Sts. Thalassius, Limnaeus, and Baradates, hermits of Syria (5th c.). St. Athanasius the Confessor of Constantinople (826).c).
- Sun. 10:45am Parish Board Meeting @ the Church Basement

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

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- Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Cheesefare Sunday, of Forgiveness

NEXT WEEK's Greeter: TBD

Altar Servers: Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

Reader: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Diane Decibus Morgan, John Piropatto, Peter Prociuk, John Duma, John Zelenak, William Stokes, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropatto, Nancy Grabie, Robert Cousins, Chester Bohanek Jr., Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Pani Mary Ann, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Alan Toth, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, James, Rick, Jerome & children Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military, especially Vitaly Pacej, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Jessica Mazan, Alla Heretz, Christopher Novak and Tracy Stokes, and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

HOUSE BLESSINGS – Father James will gladly come to your home to bless your house during this season. **Please reach out to him and schedule a visit.**

HOLY WATER – Father James will be removing the font from the church after services next Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday). If you want Holy Water, please plan on getting it before then.

Sunday of the Last Judgment

The **Sunday of the Last Judgment** or **Meatfare Sunday** is the third Sunday using the [Lenten Triodion](#), the liturgical book used in the services of [Great Lent](#). It is the Sunday after the [Sunday of the Prodigal Son](#) and Sunday before [Forgiveness Sunday](#). This is the third week of the pre-Lenten start of the [Easter](#) cycle of worship in the Orthodox Church.

This Sunday is called Meatfare Sunday since it is traditionally the last day before Easter for eating meat. Orthodox Christians observe a [fast](#) from meat all week, but still eat dairy products and eggs till the start of Great Lent.

The [Gospel](#) reading this Sunday remembers [Christ's parable](#) of the Last Judgment ([Matthew](#) 25:31-46). This adds to the previous pre-Lent Sundays and teaches that it is not enough to see Jesus, to see ourselves as we are, and to come home to God as his prodigal sons. The Church teaches that, in addition, one must also be God's children by following Christ, his only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in everyone and by serving Christ through them.

Salvation and final judgment will depend upon deeds, not merely on intentions or even on the mercies of God apart from personal cooperation and obedience. All piety and prayer is ultimately directed towards the goal of serving Christ through his people.

From the reading, the faithful hear:

... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and in prison and you visited me. For truly I say to you, if you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me (Matthew 25).

ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.