



# St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral

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Epistle: 1 Cor.8:8-9:2;

Gospel Matt.25:31-46;

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> Meat-Fare Sunday. Tone 2**

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

### **TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, - Meat-Fare Sunday, Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Memorial Service on the third Anniversary of the Genocidal Invasion of Ukraine for all fallen soldiers/defenders and all civilian people innocently killed;**

**As well for Michael, Gregory, Kateryna**

**Coffee hour after Divine Liturgy at St. Demetrius Center**

### **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AKATHIST TO THE ICON OF "PANTANASSA" 6:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY. DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE MEMORY OF JERRY TUCKER ON THE 40<sup>TH</sup> DAY, REQUESTED BY MICHELE CHUBENKO AND FAMILY**

**Altar Servers:** Subdeacon Daniel Mazan, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy, Daniel Mazan, Bryce, Buitrago.

**Readers:** Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar, Subdeacon Daniel Mazan, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Helena Werner; Nicholas Chichik; Robert&Olga Cousins; Mary Carole Bannon; Diane (Decibus) Morgan; Richard Hrycuna; John Zelenak; Veronika Deli; Nancy Grabie; Raymond Wizna; and children of God: Jacob & Jonathan; Sofia. Remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

**Happy Birthday!** – Our Parish Congregation sincerely expresses greetings to our Brothers and Sisters of **St.**

**Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral** who celebrate Birthdays on this following week in **FEBRUARY/MARCH MARTA DELL** May the Lord God Almighty send upon you His Blessings for many blessed years!

*If you would like to have a birthday or special event announced in the bulletin for upcoming week for a family member or friend not on our Church roster, please consider making a donation to the building fund in their honor.*



**Special Intentions:** If you have a need for prayers for any intention, please send them to me (call, email or text a message – contact info in this Bulletin). I will include these in my personal prayers and as the Liturgy is celebrated. Contact me about this via phone or email.



PROCEEDING FROM THE THRONE ARE THE SCROLLS PRONOUNCING THE JUDGMENT UPON THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS. THE FAITHFUL ARE RECEIVED WITH THE WORDS THAT ARE WRITTEN ON THE SCROLL TO THE RIGHT OF CHRIST THE JUDGE, "COME, YOU BLESSED OF MY FATHER, AND INHERIT THE KINGDOM" (V. 34). THE SCROLL ON THE LEFT CONDEMNS THE UNFAITHFUL WITH THE WORDS, "DEPART FROM ME YOU CURSED, INTO THE EVERLASTING FIRE" (V. 41).

BEFORE THE THRONE, THE PROGENITORS OF THE HUMAN RACE, ADAM AND EVE, BOW BEFORE CHRIST. IN THE CENTER OF THE ICON IS THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HE IS HOLDING THE SCALES OF JUDGMENT AND IS SURROUNDED BY THE BOOKS THAT CONTAIN THE WORKS OF EACH PERSON (REVELATION 20:11-13). ALSO SHOWN ARE THE ANGELS WITH TRUMPETS ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND SIGNALING THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (I THESSALONIANS 4:16-17).



AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT OF THE ICON IS THE EVERLASTING FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND THE DEMONS, AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT FOUND WORTHY TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

**ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL Fr. Ihor for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. Please call his Cell number 732-209-5994, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call as soon as possible.**

**THE ICON OF THE SUNDAY** OF THE LAST JUDGMENT INCORPORATES ALL OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PARABLE FROM MATTHEW 25:31-46. CHRIST SITS ON THE THRONE AND BEFORE HIM THE LAST JUDGMENT TAKES PLACE. HE IS EXTENDING HIS HANDS IN BLESSING UPON THE THEOTOKOS ON HIS RIGHT, AND JOHN THE BAPTIST ON HIS LEFT. SEATED ON SMALLER THRONES ARE THE APOSTLES, REPRESENTED BY PETER AND PAUL, A DEPICTION OF THE WORDS OF CHRIST IN MATTHEW 19:28.

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TO THE LEFT OF THE ARCHANGEL ARE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD WHO ARE APPROACHING THE THRONE AND CHRIST THE JUDGE. WHEREAS ADAM AND EVE ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OF HUMANITY, THIS PART OF THE ICON SHOWS THAT BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD WILL STAND BEFORE CHRIST.

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THE ICON OFFERS A CLEAR IMAGE OF THE THEME OF JUDGMENT WITH CHRIST ON HIS THRONE, THE ARCHANGEL WITH THE SCALES AND BOOKS, AND THE ANTICIPATION OF THE SENTENCE OF EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS AND THE REWARD OF ETERNAL LIFE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS.