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*Holy Resurrection  
Orthodox Church*

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**February 23, 2025**

*(Meatfare Sunday –  
Sunday of the Last Judgment)*

*Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Great Vespers and Confession</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
	Sun., Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise (Cheesefare Sunday)</i></b>	
		Church School	<b>9:15 am</b>
		Hours	<b>9:45 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>10 am</b>

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind  
for Sunday Liturgy.

**Epistle:** Romans 13:11-14:4

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:14-21

<p><b>Tone 2 Troparion</b> <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>When <u>Thou</u> didst descend to death, O Life <u>immortal</u>, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy <u>Godhead</u>. And <u>when</u> from the depths Thou didst <u>raise</u> the dead, all the powers of <u>heaven</u> cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our <u>God</u>, <u>glory</u> to Thee!”</p>	<p><b>Tone 1 Kontakion</b> <i>(Lenten Triodion)</i></p> <p>When <u>Thou</u>, O God, shalt come to earth with <u>glory</u>, all things shall <u>tremble</u>, and the <u>river</u> of fire shall flow before Thy <u>judgment</u> seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden <u>things</u> disclosed; then <u>deliver</u> me from the <u>unquenchable</u> fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O <u>Righteous</u> Judge!</p>	<p><b>Tone 3 Prokeimenon</b> <i>(Lenten Triodion)</i></p> <p>Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. <i>(Ps. 146:5)</i> <i>V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)</i></p>
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# Epistle

(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

# Gospel

(Matthew 25:31-46)

**“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.**

**“All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.**

**“And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.**

**“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you 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 took Me in;**

**‘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, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?**

**‘When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?**

**‘Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’**

**“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’**

**“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting 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 take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’**

**“Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘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, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’**

**“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

## **Announcements:**

Matushka Sophie is home and appreciates all of your prayers. She will receive visitors for short visits. She asks if anyone wants to stop by to please schedule through her daughter Rebecca (724-910-5333). In the meantime she will be keeping us in her prayers.

**HOT OFF THE PRESSES!** The annual **“Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar”** is available for home reference to keep you abreast of all Lenten services during this holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.

### A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

We received a communication from Dr. Stephanie Urchick who as President of Rotary International, received an audience with His All Holiness, the Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew.

During this meeting with His All Holiness, she was asked to convey His affectionate greetings to His friend – Metropolitan Tikhon, and His blessings to all those of the Orthodox Church in America.

We congratulate Dr. Stephanie on what will be one of the highlights of her tenure as President of Rotary International. Keep her in your prayers that God continues to bless her with safe travels and health, as she continues in all of her humanitarian duties.

*With the snow and fringed temperatures, show your love for your neighbor!* Check in with our Home-Bound Parishioners to make sure they are okay and/or need anything. The cold snowy weather can land lock many.

**‘I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ ... ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’** Hardship is unexpected and can happen to anyone! Parish Council will be taking an ongoing special collection to assist any Parishioner in need. Holy Resurrection has been gracious in their generous gifts to multiple families in need. We will have a basket for donations to replace the funds that have been distributed so that we are able to continue to do this. Again, **THANKS** for your generosity!

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### Saturday, March 1 at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh & Western Pennsylvania:

*The Book of Job suffering and victory of Christ over Satan*

V. Rev. Dr. Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA.

Moleben at 10 am; Session 1 at 10:15 am; Lunch at 12 pm; Session 3 at 1 pm.

\$20 Registration at the door. RSVP by 2/24 to Fr. David Vernak at [frdavidvernak@verizon.net](mailto:frdavidvernak@verizon.net) or (201) 704-6217 (Fr. Stephan plans on attending if someone needs a ride.)

#### Spring Young Adult Retreat – March 14-16, 2025

Our Archdiocese is pleased to cosponsor the upcoming Spring Young Adult Retreat along with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM, the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. This retreat will take place at beautiful Camp Nazareth, 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA and is open to young adults ages 18-35.

Join Fr. Timothy Paproski for an enriching weekend exploring the theme “Living the Liturgy”—why the Divine Liturgy is central to Orthodox spiritual life and how we can live and share it beyond the church walls. We encourage all our young adults to take advantage of this unique opportunity for faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/2z7kpyh>.