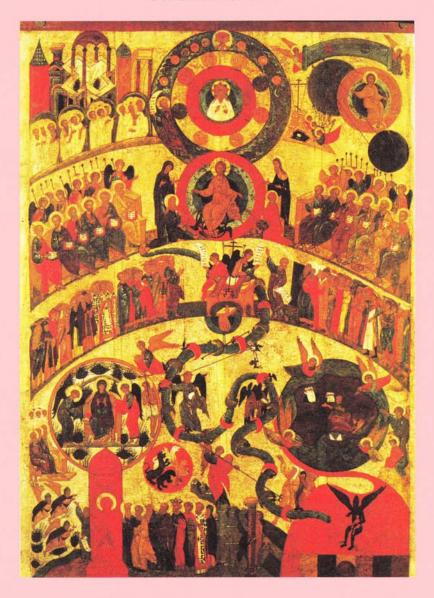
# MEATFARE SUNDAY JUDGMENT SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment

# February 7, 2010 Sunday of Meatfare

#### Tone 3

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 14

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE; REQ: OLGA FEDUNYAK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### \$\;\text{B}\te

### ক্তক Remember in your prayers ওও



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Megan Hartman, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Bohdan Knianicky, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Lavasanipour, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Shawn Moore, Gregorio Ortiz Peña, Sophia Skop and Sonya Villa Señor, Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

#### FROM MERE CHRISTIANITY

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

## Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley,



Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our Parish's 50th anniversary. There is lots of work to be done in the way of planning, sending out of invitations and various other tasks.

### "The Future Of Our Church Begins Today"

We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.



The Season of the Great and Holy Fast begins on Sunday, February 14th, with the Vespers service and concludes with the celebration of Pascha, April 4th. As we know, during this season of

repentance we are called to much more than a mere dietary change; we are called to change our entire way of life so that it conforms to the ways of God. And for this reason we not only cease those things which are spiritually (arguing, gossiping, overeating, harmful judging others, etc.) but we also limit those things which bring no spiritual benefit (television, radio, magazines, etc.). In their stead we apply ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: attending more church services, helping to those in need, spending more time in spiritual reading and reflection, and reforming bad habits. There is no greater opportunity to spiritually "get back on track" than the Great Fast-let us not waste it!

## **Forgiveness Sunday**

Next Sunday, February 14th there will be a "Cheezy Potluck" following the 9:30 AM Liturgy. This is the last opportunity to enjoy dairy products before the Great Fast begins. Please bring a dish (ideally meatless) to share with others. (Please note: there are people in our community with severe and lifethreatening allergies so please <u>no nuts or mushrooms.</u>) Immediately following the potluck we will celebrate Forgiveness Vespers in the church to open the Great Fast. This is a beautiful opportunity to begin the fast with mutual forgiveness.

### Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

During the Great Fast which begins on February 15th, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be offered on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 PM. Each Friday following the Presanctified Liturgy there will be a Lenten Meal and a Spiritual Talk. We need volunteers to prepare the soup for the dates of 2/26, 3/12, 3/19, and 3/26. Please talk to Olena Bankston to volunteer.

#### "Be A Man" Men's Conference

February 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Kieran Church with Fr. Larry Richards, Dr. Ray Guerendi, Patrick Coffin and Special Guests.

THE MISSION: This conference will give you the opportunity to recommit your life to God. As men and brothers we need to remain accountable. We must be congruent and commit to a life of service as shown to us by our Lord Jesus Christ through his Apostles and the Church. We must be men of integrity and help one another do the same. IT'S TIME TO MAN UP! NO FOOTBALL - NO EXCUSE - REGISTER TODAY

Please speak to Fr. James if you would like to attend. If we can register 10 or more men, you will get a %15 discount.

Our lack of compassion, hardness of heart, and mercilessness towards others form an impenetrable curtain between ourselves and God. It is as if we had covered a plant with a black hood, and then complained because it died from lack of sunlight.

- Fr. Alexander Elchaninov,

# Святкуємо 50-років!

# Celebrating 50 Years!

# Українська Католицька Церква Святого Йоана Хрестителя St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church

4400 Palm Avenue La Mesa, CA 91941 Parish Office: (619) 697-5085

Website: <u>stjohnthebaptizer.org</u>

**Pastor**: Fr. James Bankston **Парох:** о. Яків Бенькстон *frjames@mac.com* 

Fr. James' cell phone: (619) 905-5278

## I was Hungry and You Gave me Food

Anyone working, you should know, ought to work not so much for the satisfaction of his own needs by his efforts, as to fulfill the commandment of the Lord who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food." (Mt. 25: 35)

Thinking of oneself only is absolutely forbidden in these words: "Do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' The Gentiles seek all these things." (Mt. 6:31) The aim which everyone ought to have in working is to help the needy, more than to provide for oneself.

In this way we shall avoid the accusation that we are attached to our own personal advantage and we shall receive the blessing that the Lord gives to those who love their brothers and sisters. The Lord said: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Mt. 25:40)

So anyone who works day and night to aid the destitute is nearing perfection.

St. Basil the Great