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Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday, February 23

Sunday of the Last Judgment – Tone 7. Sunday of meatfare

- 8:30am** – Festal Matins
- 9:30am** – Divine Liturgy
- 11:30am** – Agape meal (coffee hour)

This Sunday's Hymns and Readings

Tone 2 *Troparion* *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 1 *Kontakion* *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Tone 3 *Prokeimenon* *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. *(Ps. 146:5). Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)*

Epistle (140) 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Tone 8 *Alleluias*

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Gospel (106) Matthew 25:31-46

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 24. First and second finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John

Tuesday, February 25. Saint Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople.

- **9:30am - 11:30am Fr Silouan's office hours**

Wednesday, February 26. Saint Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza.

Agatha of Palermo in Sicily.

- **2:30pm - 5:30pm Fr Silouan's office hours**
- **6:00pm - 9th hour & Great Vespers**

Thursday, February 27. Repose of Saint Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn.

Friday, February 28. Venerable Basil the Confessor, companion of Venerable Procopius at Decapolis. Venerable John Cassian the Roman.

Saturday, March 1 . Saturday of Cheesefare Commemoration of all our God-bearing Fathers and Mothers who shone forth in asceticism
Stratelates "the General".

- **5:00pm Great Vespers**

Announcements

Meatfare Sunday

Sunday, February 23rd is the last day we eat meat (all meats including seafood, except those without a backbone, e.g., shrimp, scallops, etc.) until March 25 and Palm Sunday when we may have fish. This coming Monday, February 24th through Saturday evening, March 1 we may have eggs and cheese (even on Wednesday and Friday). Great Lent actually begins following the rite of forgiveness on Sunday March 2nd because it is Vespers; although, it is common practice to begin the fast the following Monday morning.

Making of catechumens

This Sunday, February 23rd we will receive Jack McGovern as a catechumen into our church. On Sunday, March 2nd, we will receive the Henderson family, the Cushman family, and James Hartley into the catechumenate as well. Please pray for all of these as they prepare to fully enter the holy Orthodox Church at Pascha this year.

Sunday of Forgiveness

Remember it is essential that we plan to be present Sunday March 2nd for the Divine Liturgy and Rite of Forgiveness which immediately follows. As we begin the Great Lent we mutually forgive one another of the sin which so easily ensnares us, and instead strive together toward Christ's Holy Pascha with one heart & one mind.

Updated website with new features!

Please look at our recently updated website. The address is still the same, stpauldenison.org. There are also newly uploaded articles regarding Orthodoxy and our parish, with more to be added. Also, the minutes and reports of our latest Annual Parish Meeting have been uploaded as well.

Lastly, please take a look at the "DONATE" section of our page. Our web host *Orthodox Web Solutions* recently partnered with Tithely – a popular and trusted online donation site that offers churches giving solutions.

When you click on “DONATE” simply fill out the form for a one-time or reoccurring offering and it will go straight to our church bank account. It will also send you a donation letter at the end of the year for any tax deductions you account for.

Reader Tom Jeffrey

We will continue to pray the next 40 days for the peaceful repose of Reader Tom Jeffrey, and again every year on his memorial and the memorial Saturdays. Please keep all his family and friends in your prayers, especially those closest to him. May Tom’s memory be eternal!

Thank you as well to all those who helped ensure that all the details of Tom’s funeral services ran smoothly and without any hiccups along the way. His funeral was very beautiful, the music, the flowers, the services, the pallbearers; but most especially was the outpouring of your love for Tom.

Church workdays

Our warden, Augustine Hundt will make an announcement at the end of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 23rd with a schedule of workdays and details for specific tasks. As we prepare for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, we will want to beautify our grounds and buildings as much as possible. We also want to have things tidier and cleaner as we prepare to receive Bishop Gerasim for the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25.

Iconography Workshop!

Friday, March 28 & Saturday, March 29, Luka Smart is hosting an iconography workshop for kids ages 10-18, 10am-2pm. The cost is \$20 to attend, which includes supplies. There are only 12 spots available. Please contact Matushka Katie if you would like to attend. You can contact her at info@stpauldenison.org. See the flyer below.



Youth Iconography

Workshop

(Ages 10-18)

March 28 & 29

10am-2pm

Bring a lunch

\$20

Contact Mka Nonna to register

Instead of the weekly section “A Word from the Fathers” I have emailed a copy of Archbishop Kallistos Ware’s “The Meaning of the Great Fast: The True Nature of Fasting” for everyone to read. You will benefit greatly from this text! The Lord bless you.

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