Sunday, March 7th – Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

Memorials
40 Day: Kosta Kouro, Anna Panagitiotakos, William Kanteres, Nicholas Carthage, Mary Sexton (3 mo), Marianthi Souka (9 mo), Areti Hatzageles (2 yrs), Mary Elfratation (2 yrs) & Michael Elfratation, Panagiotis Ilidias, Maria Monahs Verdeko, John Patounas, Beatrice V. Breneman, James M. Varavana, Fr. Thomas Hopko, Haralambos & Christofillia Grigoriades, Dimitrios & Kydonia Papadimitriou, Constantine Canias, Arthur McCormack, John Treires, Esther & George Moshos, Paraskeve Dimitriou, Maria Hatzivasilis, Panagiotis & Kyriaka Ganginis, Spyros & John Tsoflias, Dennis Kousoumbris, Emmanuel & Areti Tsidonis, Vasiliou & Manka Halos, Martha & Manithos, Kay Drogaris, Helen George.

7:00 AM Early Liturgy
8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM Sunday School (9-12th grade)

Wednesday, March 10th
6:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Xenia of St. Petersburg

Thursday, March 11th
10:00 AM Women’s Virtual Book Study

Friday, March 12th
9:00 AM Paraklesis to the Theotokos
7:00-9:00 PM TGIF Thank GOYA it’s Friday Basketball and Bible Study (Pizza & Refreshments)

Saturday, March 13th – Saturday of Souls
8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM Baptism
7:00 PM Vespers

Preschool Open House
March 18 & 19
April 15 & 16
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Call Tena Blain for more information:

A reminder that masks must be worn in the church before, during, and after the services; and please do not congregate in the Narthex.

New Sunday Worship Schedule
7:00 AM - Early Divine Liturgy
(Preceded by singing Doxology at 6:55 AM)
8:15 AM - Orthros
9:30 AM - Regular Divine Liturgy

Options for Stewardship Giving
You may place your stewardship envelope (check or cash) in the stewardship basket as you exit the church or you may make online stewardship contributions on the parish website: https://www.annunciationorthodox.org/online-giving/donations

Stewardship pledges for 2021 may be made in the Narthex and placed in the Stewardship Box or they may also be made online on the website.

Schedule of Services for Great Lent

First Week of Great Lent
- Sunday, March 14th -- Forgiveness Vespers 7:00 PM
- Monday, March 15th - Great Compline with the Great Canon 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 16th - Great Compline with the Great Canon 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 17th - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM
- Thursday, March 18th - Great Compline with the Great Canon 6:30 PM
- Friday, March 19th - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 8:30 AM
- Friday, March 19th - 1st Salutations Service to the Theoklos 6:30 PM

T.G.I.F.
THANK GOYA IT’S FRIDAY!
GOYA Friday Nights Open Gym
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Basketball, Ping-Pong, Bible Study
Sixth Graders Welcome.
Please wear a mask.

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA

SUNDAY, March 7th, 2021 — Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)
7 Hieromartyrs of Cherson;
Laurence of Megara
Orthros Mode: Plagal 2nd Orthros Gospel: John 20:1-20

Judgment Sunday

On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge.

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? Love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for “humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, by that very gift of Christ’s love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.

Excerpt from http://lent.goarch.org/judgement/learn/

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
www.annunciationorthodox.org
O Άποστολος
1Κορ 8:8-13, 9:1-2

Apostle. Brethren, let us hear the Gospel: "You have heard how the kings of the earth have prepared for their own glory, and seek for splendor which will not endure, and after they have vanquished the nations, have not found the glory they sought for. For a king is not worthy of glory unless he is held in honor by those who are subject to him. Therefore, let the one who wishes to be such a king be mindful of the things said here, that he may be a true and righteous king."

The Epistle
8:8-13, 9:1-2

Brethren, let us not commend ourselves to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at the table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by you and your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding your conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

The Gospel
Mt 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O 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 welcomed me, 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, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal 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 welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, '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, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."