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### February 27, 2011

**Sunday of Meatfare  
Sunday of the Last Judgment  
Rest of St. Raphael of Brooklyn**

- 9:10am – Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
  - Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2
  - Heb. 13:17-21 (Saint)
  - Gospel: Mt. 25:31-36
  - Jn. 10:9-16 (Saint)
- Church School
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs for a Coffee Hour provided by Alena Burkova and Alexander Nechushkin.

### Schedule of Services

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00pm – Great Vespers & Confessions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> -**

**Sunday of Cheesefare**

9:00am – General Confession, Hours

9:30am – Divine Liturgy followed by  
Maslenitsa and DVD lecture by  
Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)

1:00pm – Forgiveness Vespers

### Preparing for Our Lenten Journey



Today, on the **third pre-Lenten Sunday**, the Parable of the Last Judgment is read. This Sunday is commonly referred to as *Meatfare Sunday*, since it is the last day on which we partake of meat before Holy Pascha. In this parable, Our Lord reveals that, while it is important for us to *desire* Him, to *repent* and *seek* His mercy, to *see* ourselves for who we *truly* are, and to *return* to Him, we also must *discern* His very presence in everyone around us, in the “least of the brethren,” and *minister* to them as if we were ministering to Christ Himself – and for the sake of Christ Himself. Our Lord reveals that our salvation and judgment depend on how we put our desire, repentance, and the mercy we receive into *action*, in the midst of others, for their sake as well as for the sake of the One Who feeds *us*, clothes *us*, ministers to *us*, and ultimately calls *us* to the life of His Kingdom. “Good intentions,” as Our Lord reveals, are insufficient; crucial as prayer, fasting and almsgiving indeed are, they certainly are not mere “religious exercises” performed for their own sake, and surely not for the sake of acquiring a sense of “pride in accomplishment.” Discerning Christ’s presence in everyone – and especially in those who so often are ignored, forgotten, abandoned, or despised – while offering them the same loving kindness that He first offered to us is the ultimate “fruit” of genuine repentance.

### Intercessory Prayer

#### THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

#### THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko

#### THE DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara, Julia Brelinsky, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

### Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.

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### Announcements

❖ The last preparation for our Lenten journey will be next **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. After the Divine Liturgy we will have **Maslenitsa Luncheon** with the DVD lecture by Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) “*Our Lenten Journey. Spiritual preparation for the Great Fast*”. Come and enjoy a meal with friends and family, and receive spiritual nourishment from one of the best Orthodox lecturers. Forgiveness Vespers will follow at 1:00pm. Make your reservation today at the candle desk. \$10 per person; kids 12 and under – free.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk.

❖ **A&P and ShopRite Shopping Cards** available at the candle stand. Do your shopping as you always do it, and help our church raise funds at NO COST to you.

❖ Available at the candle desk are **memorial candles, Altar bread and wine** to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

### Adult Enrichment Lectures Series

Our Adult Enrichment DVD Lecture Series are back! On Sundays of Great Lent, after the Divine Liturgy we will watch and discuss in our Church Hall six talks entitled: “**Our Lenten Journey. Spiritual Preparation for the Great Fast**”. In this series, Metropolitan Kallistos talks about our personal preparation for Great Lent, as well as the relationship to the feast of Holy Transfiguration, and the salvation in Christ through the meaning of the Cross. First lecture will be next Sunday, after the Maslenitsa Luncheon, followed by Forgiveness Vespers. Everyone is welcome to participate - no prerequisites. Bring your non-orthodox friend or neighbor. See you then!

*If you have any information to be added to our weekly bulletin, please send it to [Fr.IgorKsn@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.IgorKsn@gmail.com)*