





ST. RAPHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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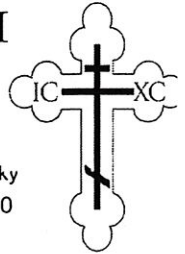
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SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021 - SUNDAY OF MEATFARE - Tone 6.

Sunday of the Last Judgment.

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sat.: Great Vespers 4:00 PM
Sun: Reading of the Hours 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM
Meatfare

Tue.: Vespers in The Villages 6:30 PM
St. George Episcopal, 1250 Paige Place
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM
Sat.: Divine Liturgy - 9:00 AM
Holy Ascetic Fathers

Confessions: Ask Fr. Sergious for a time

*Please bring a
donation of food
on Sunday for
the
Citrus County
Family Resource
Center.*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 3 John 1:1-15, Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tue: Isaiah 43:9-14, Solomon 3:1-9; 5:15-6:3, Luke 21:12-19; 22:39-42; 45:23:1, Hebrews 12:1-10, Matthew 20:1-16, Jude 1:1-10

Wed: Joel 2:12-26; 3:12-21

Thu: Jude 1:11-25, Luke 23; 2:34; 44-56

Fri: Zechariah 8:7-17; 19-23

Sat: Galatians 5:22-6:2, Matthew 6:1-13; 11:27-30, Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27

+EPISTLE+ (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2) Brethren, 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.

Today is Charity Sunday – Citrus County Family Resource Center
We are accepting donations to help pay for the new metal roof on the temple and the beautiful Paschal card designed by Curtis and Mona Fisher for our parish.

Choir Practice Sunday morning at 9 AM (No Choir Practice Mon., March 8)

+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."

THE GIFTS - FEB. 27

Sat. Attendance - 20
Regular Offerings 238
Candles 75

THE GIFTS - FEB. 28

Sunday Attendance - 30
Regular Offerings 804
Candles 85
Roof Donations 1900
Pascal Card 200

*We sincerely thank and bless
Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for
their ongoing generous donations.*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Michael Ornac - March 6
Steve Pereny - March 12
Marian Pirih - March 22
Karen Cuttic - March 26
Steven Vargas - March 31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Martin & Sue Bane - March 11

VIGIL CANDLES - FEB. 28

Dolores Lichatz - Memory of Julian.

*Margaret & Ken Wagner - Memory of our son Michael.
Health of Pat, Nick, Dolores, Joseph.*

Fr. Sergious Gerken - Happy Anniversary St. Raphael!

*Nancy Kinley - Health of Bill, Julianna & Family,
Andrew & Family, Mary Ann, Patricia, Joel, Patty, Judy,
Pat & Nick.*

*Susanna Bane - Health of Martin & Fr. Sergious &
Moundsville Friends.*

Nick Borick - Health of Olga, Eva, Nick & Pat, Dolores.

Stanley Vandergrift - Memory of Rose Marie.

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT

Our busy lives are often filled with appointments. It may be at work, with a doctor or even an auto mechanic. But sometimes, these earthly meetings are cancelled or postponed. However, there is one appointment that every Christian must keep. It is more important than any other and will not be rescheduled. It is at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

For this, we must stand before the One Who saved us. It is an appointment for all, where no one will be excused. Just think about Who we will be meeting. Jesus is the One Who came down from heaven to save us. He endured the Cross for us. He rose for us and takes away our sins. He is always there to hear our prayers. We ought to live our lives with this important meeting in mind.

We will be standing before Someone Who knows everything about us. Nothing can be hidden from Christ; there is no way to bluff our way through this. He knows what occupies our hearts and minds. He is aware of what we read and how we manage our affairs. Are there adjustments we should make before this meeting? What changes of priorities and goals need to be done?

This important appointment is getting closer each day. A Crown of Righteousness awaits those who are willing to combine faith with action.

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