

February 15th, 2026

Sunday of the Last Judgement — Tone 3

Meatfare Sunday

Scripture Readings

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

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.

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel 106)

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."

Many Years!

birthdays

1st - Libbie Meier
 3rd - Alicia Glover
 3rd - Carly Carneal
 6th - Robert Hertneky
 7th - Trey Nelson
 7th - Jared Mitchell
 8th - Paul Robinson
 13th - Daniel Rozdilski
 20th - Myrle Hlatki
 20th - Bill Hendrix
 20th - Ben Hendrix
 25th - Josh Tunink
 25th - Richard Molner
 26th - Harold Eurich
 29th - Rodger Mikita

Calendar

February 15th American Orthodox
 — 12 noon, Today!

*Movie screening in the hall
 following Divine Liturgy*

February 18th Moleben|Adult Class
 — Wednesday 6:30p

February 21st Vespers
 — Saturday 6:30p

February 22nd Divine Liturgy
 — Sunday 9:30a

Sunday of the Last Judgement

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

Mission Vespers 2026 Schedule

In Great Lent it is our tradition to travel around neighboring Orthodox parishes in Southern Colorado on Sunday evening. Each Vesper service is followed by a short talk by one of our local priests, and then a simple meal hosted by the parish. All services begin at 6:00p each Sunday. Here is this year's schedule:

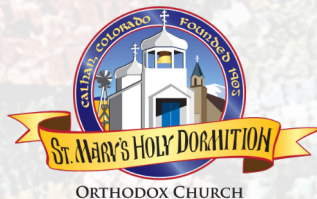
- March 1st, Sunday of Orthodoxy
— Holy Theophany, Colorado Springs
- March 8th, St. Gregory Palamas
— Holy Dormition, Calhan
- March 15th, The Precious Cross
— Archangel Michael, Colorado Springs
- March 22nd, St. John Climacus
— Archangel Michael, Pueblo
- March 29th, St. Mary of Egypt
— St. John the Baptist, Colorado Springs

Troparion | Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Kontakion | Tone 1 (Lenten Triodian)

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



Prayer List

Living: Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Anita, Chad, Jan, Harold, Libbie and the Infant Lawrence, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✕ Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Navvlet, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy.

Departed: Melvin, Alana

Those with child: Mka. Lindsey

Those who are confined: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Commemorations

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment, Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy, Venerable Paphnutius the Recluse of the Kiev Caves, Venerable Paphnutius and Euphrosynè of Alexandria, Venerable Eusebius the Hermit of Syria, Vil'na Icon of the Mother of God, Icon of the Mother of God of Dalmatia, Saint Anthimus of Chios

New Leadership

Many Years to those who have stepped down from service, are serving, and who have prayerfully volunteered for vacant positions within both the executive board and our parish council. Our new elected leadership will be blessed following liturgy on February, 22nd.

American Orthodox



Today following liturgy! Join us in the hall as we enjoy coffee hour and screen the movie: American Orthodox!

Travel to California's coastal Fort Ross, where an icon mysteriously washed ashore, sparking a legacy of faith. Encounter St. Peter the Aleut, a Native American saint who courageously planted the seeds of Orthodoxy and gave his life as a martyr. Through the lives of early saints, the film American Orthodox reveals the hidden stories and sacred connections that continue to shape America's spiritual landscape.