

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)
March 10, 2024

Martyr Kodratos of Corinth and his five companions; Anastasia the patrician of Alexandria

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Byzantine Tone 7

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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Thou didst shat - ter death_ by thy Cross; thou didst
o - pen par - a dise_ to the thief; thou didst turn the
sad - ness of the oint - ment - bear - ing wo - men in - to
joy, and didst bid thine A - pos - tles pro -
claim a warn - ing that_ thou_ hast_ ris - en, O
Christ, grant - ing to the world the Great_ Mer - cy.

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

Kontakion for the Last Judgment (Tone 1)

When thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and

sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me: but he hath not delivered me over to death.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food will not commend us 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 anyone sees you a man of knowledge, at 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 your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their 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 I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the 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 his 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 thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?" 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 thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?" 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.

Holy Bread: Carol Ofiesh/Kh Meleah Palke

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed: James, Laura, Mugurel, Tinca, Stelian, Gary

This Wednesday, at 8:00 PM, we will continue our study of St. Paul's epistle to the Philippians. Look for the Zoom link in your email.

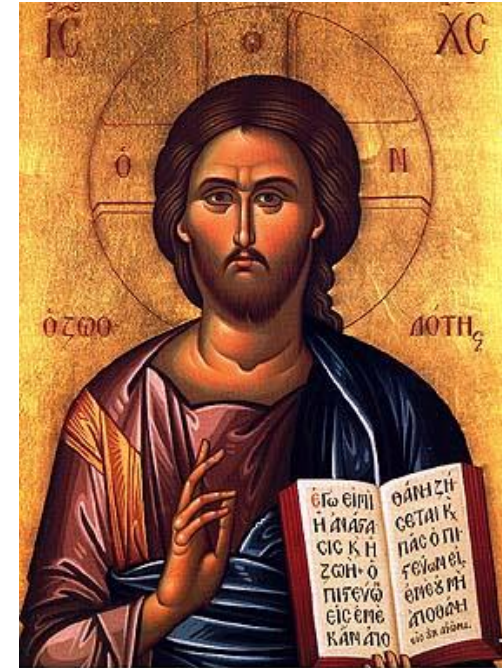
After today, we abstain from meat until Pascha. Dairy products can be eaten this week.

The Synaxarion. On March 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyr Kodratos of Corinth and his five companions; and Anastasia the patrician of Alexandria.

Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today's Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God's ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.

By Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ God, make us worthy of Thy devoted voice, number us among Thy righteous ones and have mercy on us. Amen.

Know your faith. In today's Epistle St Paul says to take care that your liberty becomes a _____ to the weak. He contends that sinning against your brethren and wounding their _____ when it is weak, you sin against _____. In today's Gospel we learn that when the Son of _____ comes in his glory, he will sit on his glorious _____ and separate the peoples of the nations as shepherd separates the _____ from the _____, and he will place the _____ at his right hand, but the _____ at his left. _____ will go away into eternal punishment but the _____ into eternal life.



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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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