

Services and Celebrations This Week in the Parish

Saturday, March 5

- 10am St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Meeting in Parish Hall
- 5pm **Vespers** at Panagia in Lexington
- 6pm Family Night/Dinner at Panagia (freewill offering)
- 6:30pm **Reader's Vespers** at St. Athanasius

Sunday, March 6 / Meatfare/Sunday of Last Judgment

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Meatfare Potluck)
- 12:30-1:15pm Bread Ministry (team C)
- 6pm Youth Meatfare Banquet

Monday, March 7 / Meat Fast

Tuesday, March 8 / Meat Fast

- 11am **Moleben** for Local Needs

Wednesday, March 9 / 40 Martyrs of Sebaste / Meat Fast

- Happy Anniversary Danny & Marcia Partin
- 6:30pm **Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Education:
The Music & Meaning of Lent, Part II

Thursday, March 10 / Meat Fast

Friday, March 11 / Meat Fast

Saturday, March 12 / Meat Fast / Dcn. Simeon Namesday

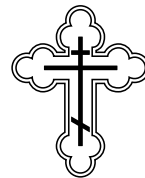
- 6:15pm Memorial Prayers (Monastics)
- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, March 13 / Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Cheesefare Potluck)
- 12:30-1:15pm Bread Ministry (team D)
- 5-6:15pm **Forgiveness Vespers**

Monday, March 14 / Great Lent Begins

Clean Week Monday thru Friday/strict fast



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Sunday of Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

Today's Readings: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46

*The Following is an excerpt from Great Lent,
by Alexander Schmemmann
From Chapter 2: Preparation for Lent*

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*It is love again that constitutes the theme of
"Meat-Fare Sunday."*

*The Gospel lesson for the day is Christ's parable of
the Last Judgement (Matt. 25:31-46).*

*When Christ comes to judge us,
what will be the criterion of His judgement?*

The parable answers:

*love-- not a mere humanitarian concern
for abstract justice and the anonymous "poor,"
but concrete and personal love
for the human person,
any human person,
that God makes me encounter in my life....*

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Youth Contest Today After Fellowship Hour The youth in the parish will compete for candy prizes to see who can pick up the most trash from the church grounds.

Youth Group will meet this Sunday evening for their annual Meatfare Banquet.

Cheesefare Week Reminder Although we abstain from meat this coming week (March 7-13), dairy, wine and fish are eaten throughout the week. This semi-festal week before Lent prepares our bodies and hearts for Great Lent.

Moleben for Local Needs will be prayed Tuesday at 11am. If you have a special prayer request and cannot attend, please email Fr. Justin.

Wednesday Vespers at 6:30pm followed by our weekly catechesis at 7:20pm. The topic will be *The Music and Meaning of Lent, Part II (of II)*.

Great Lent Begins Next Week

- **Forgiveness Vespers**, Sunday March 13 at 5pm
- **Matins** served at 8am M-F followed by confessions.
- **Great Compline w/ St. Andrew Canon** served on Mon/Tue/Thu at 6:30pm followed by confessions.
- **Presanctified Liturgy** on Wednesday begins at 5:55pm followed by Lenten Soup/Salad Meal w/Readings
- **Presanctified Liturgy** on Friday at 11am

Please make every effort to attend as many of these events as possible as we begin our lenten journey. The Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgy and soup/salad meal will continue throughout Lent.

Fellowship Hour next Sunday will again be a potluck. Check your email for the link to the online sign up.

Welcome Guests & Visitors! We are happy you are with us today and will gladly answer any questions you may have about our service. If this is your first time visiting, please let our greeter or doorkeeper know so we can recognize you at the end of the Liturgy. *Holy Communion is open to all baptized Orthodox Christians who have fasted from food and water since midnight, had recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Lenten Pan-Orthodox Retreat is scheduled for March 25-27.

Fr. Michael Oleksa of Anchorage, Alaska will be the guest speaker. He has served as a village priest, university professor, consultant on intercultural relations and communications, and has authored several books on Alaska Native cultures and history.

◆ **Friday, March 25-St. Andrew's Antiochian Orthodox Church**

6pm Divine Liturgy of Annunciation and Akathist

7:30-9pm Session for Young Adults (ages 18-30, free admission)

Topic: *Living Orthodoxy—The Ancient Christian Faith in the 21st Century*

◆ **Saturday, March 26-St. Athanasius Orthodox Church**

9am Matins

9:45am Registration.

Cost is \$10/person or \$15/couple. (childcare will be provided)

Topic: *Apostles to America—Apostles to Our Families and to Our Neighbors*

10-11:30am First Session

11:45am-1pm Second Session

1-1:45pm Lunch (provided)

1:45pm-3pm Third Session

3-4pm Great Vespers

◆ **Sunday, March 27-Holy Mother Queen of All Greek Orthodox Church**

10am Divine Liturgy, Fr. Michael will give the sermon

Budget Needs (weekly = \$3,265 / monthly = \$14,150)

Offerings Last Week (2/28) \$3,550 Year-to-date \$72,242

Date	Readers	Handmaidens	Prospora	Bread Ministry	Fellowship	Greeter	Doorkeeper	Counters
Mar. 6	Subdeacon Bert Walther	Suzannah Reeves Nicole Rusu	Kathryn Pressley	Team C (Inessa Verenich, Tanya Viarenich)	Potluck for Meatfare Sunday	Geoff Whiteman	Jeff Hart	Laura Walther Rebecca Wilson
Mar. 13	Reader Ryan Winter	Beth Walther Shannon Cook	Ryan Winter	Team D (Lisa Powell, Linda Frangedakis)	Potluck for Cheesefare Sunday	Rebecca Wilson	Chris Naughton	Tim Powell Ellie Sutter
Mar. 20	Reader Rick Cook	Robyn Cook Myra Lourie	Ryan Winter	Team A (Karis Jacobs, Ben Worthington)	Team II (Marshall)	Josh Lourie	Myra Lourie Linda F.	Mary Cook Laura Walther
Mar. 27	Subdeacon Bert Walther	Rebecca Walther Mandariah Reeves	Geoff Whiteman	Team B (Laura Walther, Beth Walther)	Team III (Bradshaw)	John Mize	Paul Frangedakis	Tim Powell Rebecca Wilson