

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 23, 2020

Sunday of the Last Judgment – Tone 3

Third Preparatory Sunday for Great Lent

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2020

So far, for 2020, 19 pledge forms have been turned in, and \$53,940 has been pledged. That's 74 percent of the stewardship income we will need to meet our 2020 budget.

Please turn in your 2020 pledge form in the purple box in the back of the church.

Thank you for your stewardship!

BABY BOTTLES DUE BACK TODAY

Remember the baby bottle you received in church a few weeks ago and have been filling with cash ever since? Please leave it in church today so that we can turn in our donations to the Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you!

THANK YOU ...

to everyone who came and cleaned out the church basement storage closet and the tiled area in front of it. It was a lot of work and you'll see its results today. *Many thanks!*

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – The Last Judgment (Third Preparatory Sunday Before Lent) – Meatfare Sunday

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with “Meat-Farewell Sunday” Fellowship Hour and Choir Rehearsal Afterward

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 PM Vespers for the Feast of Saint Raphael of Brooklyn

Saturday, February 29

5:00 PM Great Vespers with Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, March 1 – Forgiveness Sunday; Expulsion of Adam from Paradise – Cheesefare Sunday

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Forgiveness Vespers with “Cheese-Farewell Sunday” Fellowship Afterward

TODAY’S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Brethren: 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’S GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46 The Lord said: “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.”

COMING UP IN THE PARISH, THE DIOCESE, AND ELSEWHERE ...

- **Home Blessings Conclude.** Please contact Fr. David to schedule your home blessing, or be ready to set a date when he contacts you. Father would like to complete Home Blessings by March 1.
- **Sunday, March 8: Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers,** 4:00 PM, St. Michael’s Church, Binghamton.
- **Friday-Saturday, April 3-5: Diocesan Lenten Teen Retreat,** at Greenkill YMCA Retreat Center, 160 Big Pond Road, Huguenot, NY. www.nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events
- **Saturday, May 2 & Saturday, May 9: Social Hall Floor Re-Finishing Work Days.** Come help!
- **Friday – Sunday, May 15-17, Diocesan Altar Server Retreat,** at St. Basil Academy in Garrison NY. It’ll be here before you know it, so families, please mark your calendars!
- **Saturday, May 30, Archbishop Michael’s Archpastoral Visit to Our Parish.** Plan to be here!

LENTEN TEEN RETREAT

APRIL 3-5, 2020

Greenkill YMCA Retreat Center | 160 Big Pond Road, Huguenot, NY 12746

Sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York & New Jersey

All jurisdictions
& dioceses are
welcome!!!

OPEN TO: TEENS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
All jurisdictions and nearby dioceses are welcome!

WHERE: Greenkill YMCA Retreat Center
160 Big Pond Road, Huguenot, NY 12746

FIRM REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 19th -- NO FEE!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Adventure Course, Archery, Teambuilding, hiking, gymnasium, campfire, and more!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Registration deadline is March 19th ... sign up today!

To register online, please visit:
nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“ ... To not share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life; we do not possess our own wealth, but theirs.”

- St. John Chrysostom

‘PATHWAY TO PASCHA’

**PARISH CHURCH SCHOOL RETREAT – SATURDAY, MARCH 21
STARTING AFTER MEMORIAL LITURGY – ENDING AT 2 P.M.**

Ages 4 through Teens – Teens will be helpers.

We will learn about Prayer, Fasting,
Charity and Preparation for Pascha.

Please see Katie Karney or Matushka Tamara
to sign up or ask questions.