

**SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT
(MEAT FARE)**

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book and taking a visitor's packet both located on the table in the Narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith is encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas Church is a worshipping community, living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

Our parish exists to seek and share Christ's love so that all will find eternal life in Him.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

Thy work of justice did show thee to thy congregation a canon of faith, the likeness of humility, a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness richness. Intercede, therefore, with Christ to save our soul.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF 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.

EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God,
ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.*

The Reading from the

First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:8:9-2

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, “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 the 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.”

SYNAXARION

(Lives of the Saints of the Day)

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.

Verses

When the Judge of all sitteth to judge the earth,
Come now! Mayest Thou judge me worthy of Thy voice!

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.

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Kh. Phyllis Siritko, on the two-year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord offered by Fr. Ted, her children, and grandchildren. May her memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of our Clergy and their wives, offered with love and gratitude by their St. Nicholas family. May God grant them many years!

For the Health, Blessings and Safety of Randy & Jeanine Heibel, David Vogel, and Cade Huelsman, along with IOCC workers serving those in need in Kentucky. May God grant them many years!

In memory of the Servant of God, James Salhaney (12 yrs) and the Handmaiden of God, Dorothy Salhaney (4 yrs) on their falling asleep in the Lord, offered in love by their children Judy & Jon Welch, Bonnie Walker, Nancy Essebaggers, Sandy & John Adams, Susi Salhaney, their grandchildren and great grandchildren. May their memories be Eternal!

In memory of Eva Ozman who departed this life six years ago. The girls and I have been blessed to have had you in our lives. Each time I prepare one of your many recipes, I think of you. Thanks Mom!
Julie Karrip

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

*Names are added to the Prayer List
for one week by offering Holy Oblation
or for up to 40 days in the case of an ongoing serious illness.*

LIVING

Metropolitan PAUL	Priest Theodore Sirotko
Archbishop JOHN	Dn. Justin Adolphson
Archpriest Michael Nasser	Dn. John Kaufman
Archpriest Daniel Daly	Dn. Clem Nicoloff
Archpriest Elias Mitchell	Subdn. Nicholas Rock
Priest David Khorey	

For all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in the Middle East, Armenia, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti
and throughout the world

For Hector, and all teachers, students and staff at our neighbor
Ridge Park Academy and those who serve them.

Kh. Vicky Nasser	Carolyn Rock	Tillie Sayfie
Kh. Elfriede Daly	Dan Abraham	Lexy Powell
Kh. Marion Mitchell	MaryAnn Maloley	Randy Heibel
Kh. Jenny Khorey	Joe Corey	Jeanine Heibel
Melissa Adolphson	David Corey	David Vogel
Carole Kaufman	Michael Ellis	Cade Huelsman
Audrey Nicoloff	Len Lenhart	John Turner



DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Kevin Mitchell
Jim Miller

All the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
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and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Kh. Phyllis Siritko	James Salhaney
Eva Ozman	Dorothy Salhaney