

## Commemorated on February 22

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
TOTAL BUDGET			
<u>YEARLY Needs</u>	<u>MONTHLY Needs</u>		<u>QUARTERLY Needs</u>
\$99,000	\$8,250		\$24,750
<u>ACTUAL YEARLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS</u>		<u>ACTUAL QUARTERLY</u>
	NOV 2008 - \$12,047		
	DEC 2008 \$11,564		
\$29,846	JAN 2009 \$6,235		\$29,846

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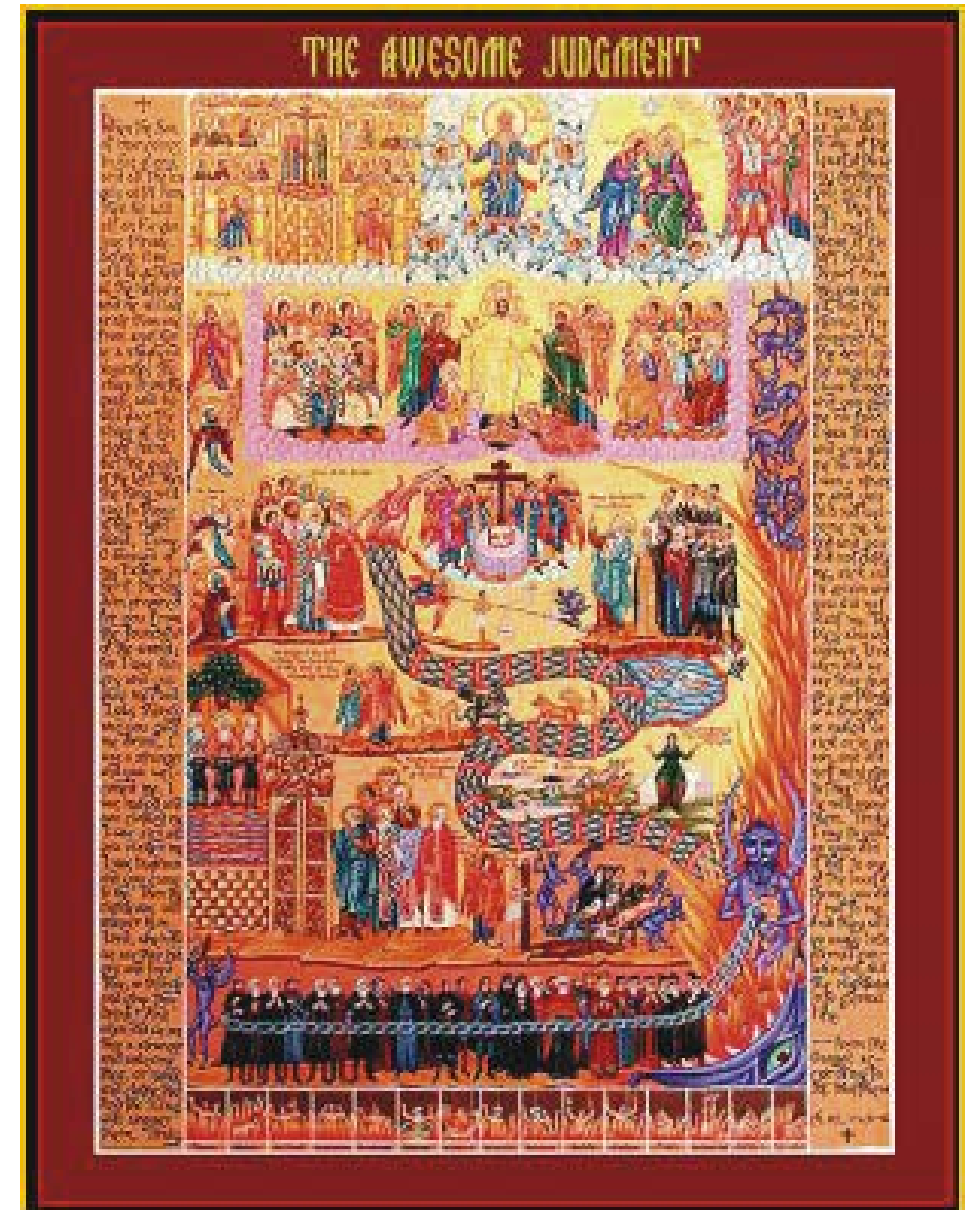
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Wantage, New Jersey

February 22, 2009



**The Sunday of the Last Judgement**

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## Sunday, February 22, 2009 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Wed. .... 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
Saturday ..... 6:00 P.M. Vespers/Private Confessions  
Sunday ..... 9:15 am Church School - 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy  
Forgiveness Vespers,  
Followed by our Famous Blini Dinner

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints... Today's commemorated feasts and saints... SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423). Martyrs Maurice and his son, Photinus, and Martyrs Theodore, Philip, and 70 soldiers, at Apamea in Syria (ca. 305). Ven. Thalassius, Limnæus and Baradates, Hermits, of Syria (5th c.). St. Athanasius the Confessor, of Constantinople (821).

**1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle) Matthew 25:31-36 (Gospel)**

### **BULLETIN**

**Today is the last day that the Holy Orthodox Church in it's discipline allows us to partake of meat until Holy Pascha.**

**Next Sunday, after Forgiveness Vespers, our Church will sponsor a Blini Dinner. Live Band with ethnic and popular music, Dancing, Blini, Herring, Perogies, Blintzes, Desserts etc. A good time to be had by all. Plan to attend this event before the beginning of the Great Fast.**

**The Sussex County Division of Senior Services offers the following program and services: 2009 PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING KICKOFF: Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Farmstead Golf and Country Club, Lafayette.** Join us for breakfast and an informational session about an effective program for those dealing with chronic health conditions. Pre-registration is required for this FREE event. See Bulletin. 973-579-0555 e-mail [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us)

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM:** Now through April 14, 2009 at locations throughout the County. Trained VITA volunteers offer FREE assis-

tance with filing basic state and federal tax returns, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Homestead Rebates for those who earned \$50,000 or less in 2008, regardless of age. 973-579-0555 e-mail [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us) See Bulletin downstairs.

**Thank you to Olsen Family** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. The **Lamlamay Family** will host this week. Next week the Coffee Social will be hosted by **the Parish**. Check the **NEW Coffee Social Assignment Sheet** for your assigned Sunday. A new assignment sheet has been prepared. If you cannot make your date, please switch with someone who has a more convenient day for you. *You are not obligated* to participate. If you cannot participate see Matushka Joanne.

**See CAROL BENDA to purchase cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.**

### **WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS**

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Ana Tienken, Mary Itzla, Linda Braxton, Galina Radechenko, Lynne Goodwin, Virginia Goodwin, John Kirpan, Doris Livanos, Renee Krukovsky and her soon to be born child, Inga Urotadze and her soon to be born child, Alberta Green, Father Nicholas Yuschak and Mary Bachik.

### **Seven Day Vigil Candles**

By **the Olsen Family** for the Health and Salvation of **Mary Bachik** **Seven day vigil candles** are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.