

MEATFARE SUNDAY -- JUDGMENT SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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The Diocese of Charleston, Oakland & The Mid-Atlantic (antiochian.org/east)
(*...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch!* [Acts](#) 11:26)



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“The World is Evil...Weep for your Sins...Have a Piece of Chocolate!” (Advice from Staretz in Russia to Fr. T. Hopko+)

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

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be to Him Forever!

Martyr KODRATOS of Corinth and His FIVE COMPANIONS /
ANASTASIA The Patrician of Alexandria

March is “Antiochian Women’s Month!”

We welcome all of you, our Faithful and our Visitors, to St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church! It is a pleasure to have you with us as we glorify and praise the Name of our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Please sing along with our Choir during the Liturgy.

Please note, as has been the practice of the Church since the Feast of Pentecost, that the Sacrament of Holy Communion can only be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, regular Confession (at least twice per year ... 7 Yrs. old & up), who attend Liturgy regularly & on time (at least 3 times a month) ... and ... are at peace with all people.

When receiving Holy Communion, please fold your arms over your chest, open your mouth wide, tip your head back slightly, and allow the priest to place the elements in your mouth.

For our non-Orthodox brethren, we welcome you to sing and pray with us, venerate the Cross, and receive the Blessed Holy Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us again soon. May God Bless You Always!

HOLY OBLATION: Offered by the *Joseph Family* in beloved memory of *William, Helen (+17 Yrs. – March 6), William G., David B., Geraldine Marie, and Amelia Joseph.* **May Their Memory Be Ever Eternal!**

PASCHAL CANDLES: Offered: **(1)** in beloved memory of *Joshua Mack* by The Mack Family; **(2)** for the health of *Don McMillan* by his wife, Kathy ... **and ... (3)** *Jesse George* by his mother, Christine Asfar.

PROSKAMEDIA CANDLE: Offered for the health of: **(1)** *Maria* as she celebrates her Birthday (March 2) and her Feast Day (March 25); and *Ivan, Miranda, Paul, Grace, Fotia, Alexa, Andrea, Becky, Connie & Arianna* by The McClatchey Family ... **and ... (2)** *Elias Ghantous* as he celebrates his Birthday (March 16) by parents, Albert & Mary Jo, sister, Marissa & husband, Mike and wife, Rebecca.

SEVEN-BRANCHED CANDLE: Offered: **(1)** for the health of *Albert & Mary Jo Ghantous* by Children & their Families ... **and ... (2)** in beloved memory of parents & grandparents, *Edward (+33 Yrs.) & Julia (Audi) Mack (+26 Yrs.)* by Butch & Renee (Mack) D’Ettorre and Family.

PRAYERS OF LITURGICAL REMEMBRANCE: Offered in beloved memory of *Michael Michnya (+26 Yrs. – March 10)* by the Joseph Family.

<i>For The Living – “God Grant Them Many Years!”...and... For The Departed – “May Their Memory Be Ever Eternal!”</i>
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- VARIATIONS & NOTES ON THE LITURGY -

THIRD ANTIPHON: (*Troparion During The Little Entrance – Tone Seven*)
See “Troparion of The Resurrection” Below.

AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION: (*Tone Seven*)
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.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: (*Patron Feast Day - Tone One*)
In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION OF THE PRODIGAL SON: (*Tone One*)
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: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 **HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46
(Sunday of The Last Judgment)

Concerning the “Kiss of Peace,” prior to the Nicene Creed, we encourage you to greet those around you with a handshake, saying: “*Christ is in Our Midst!*” ... the response being: *He is And Always Shall Be!*” In this way, we express: (1) our Joy that God has acted to restore our Communion with Him ... **and ... (2) our Hope in the Resurrection from the Dead that is offered to us by our Lord’s own “trampling down death by death!”** *God is With Us (“Emmanuel!”)*

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- THIS WEEK’S EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS -
(Church Office: Tuesday – Thursday ... 9 AM – 2 PM)

+ Tuesday, March 12 – POTLUCK SUPPER, BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION – 6:00 PM – Church Hall – if you are not on our “text string,” please call Fr. Don (814-242-0084) or Anne (814-255-2148) for further information & this week’s location. Come & join us anytime!

**Please Note that during the Great Lent, our Weekly Bible Study will meet after our Great Compline Prayers on the following Mondays ...
March 25 and April 01, 08, 15 & 22.**

+ Friday, March 15 – Sunday, March 17 – SPRING RETREAT AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE – Hosted by our Diocesan Ministry Council, our Antiochian Women of The East, and our Diocesan Teen SOYO ... Keynote Speaker is the Very Rev. Fr. Edward Hughes ... go to antiochianvillage.org for further information.

+ Saturday, March 16 – NO GREAT VESPERS.

+ Sunday, March 17 – SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE FARE) ... MATINS (Morning Prayers) @ 8:30 AM & DIVINE LITURGY @ 9:30 AM ... Followed by Fellowship in the Social Hall and LENTEN VESPERS for Clean Monday with THE RITE OF FORGIVENESS.

THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: AMBER HILLS @ CAMBRIA CARE CENTER (Ebensburg, PA): *Mary Ann Unis-Asfar (#606)*; LAURELVIEW VILLAGE: *George Zdravecky (Health Care #302) & Rhoda (Nasser) Zdravecky (Vista – 913)*; HILLTOP HEIGHTS CARE CENTER (formerly “Laurelwood Care Ctr.): *Suzanne George (#37-W) & George Haidar (#30)*; HERITAGE RIDGE SENIOR LIVING (formerly “Lutheran Home”): *Elaine Heider (#34)*; QUALITY LIFE

SERVICES – WESTMONT WOODS (formerly “Presbyterian Home”): *Emma (Nasser) Audey (#115-W) ... and ... IN TREATMENT, RECOVERING AND / OR “SHUT-IN AT HOME”*: *Becky Azar; Larry Bertino; Carolyn Clark; Renee D’Ettorre; Patty Devich; Joanne George; John & Dalal George; Olga Hodge; Denise Khorey-Harriman; Matthew Makdad; Huda Martin, Donald McMillan; Anna Marie (Abraham) Rovansek and Sara Shahade.* **May God Be With All of Them & All of Those Who Are Ill and/or in Need!**

MEMORY ETERNAL! It is with a “bright sadness” that we announce that our Beloved **George Stanislav** (aka “Farmer George” – Fairfield Twp.) “Fell-Asleep in the Lord” on Sunday, February 28, 2024. “Farmer George” has been a friend of our Antiochian Village since the inception of the Camp in 1978; assisting with the upkeep of the property and in a variety of other ways. George was also a long-time & faithful member of St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church in Wilpen, PA. The Stanislav Family lives directly across from the entrance of the Village – right off of Rt. 711 North. We pray that our Lord will grant him Rest in His Heavenly Kingdom where all of His Blessed Saints do Repose, and we ask Him to grant His Mercy & Peace (John 14:27) to the Stanislav & Vasinko Families, and us, as we all mourn his Passing with the Hope of Christ in our Hearts (1 Thessalonians 4:13). **May His Memory Be Ever Eternal ... Christ is Risen!**

+ + + **BIBLE STUDY / DISCUSSION** + + +

If you have never been to a Bible Study (or even if you have ...) ... Great! You are invited to get acquainted with Jesus through a study/discussion of the Gospel of John. All are welcome to come and learn, discuss, ask, or just listen. We are meeting on Tuesdays (see note under events & announcements) at 6 PM ... location to be determined. We begin by sharing a simple potluck meal. If you can bring something to share, that will be great. If you aren’t able to bring a food item or beverage, no worries! Just please come & join us! **If you are not on our “text string,” please call Fr. Don (814-242-0084) or Anne (814-255-2148) for further information & this week’s location.** Thank Youuu ... we hope to see you!

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE OPEN GOLF OUTING

Enjoy a day of golf on the scenic Champion Lakes Golf Course during the AV Open Golf Outing, on Saturday, May 18! All proceeds will go towards our newly established AV Camp Endowment helping to support camper scholarships and/or capital improvements in the future.

Registration includes a day of golf, green fee, cart, special competitions, lunch on the course, and dinner at the camp. Go to www.avcamp.org/golf/ to register today!

Epistle

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

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

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

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."

May God Be With You!

+++ CONFESSION SCHEDULE +++

By Appointment ... Please Call or Text Fr. Don @ 814-242-0084. Due to Fr.'s Commitment to Matins, Confession Will Not Be Offered On Sun. Mornings.

Saint of the Day – March 10, 2024

THE HOLY MARTYR CODRATUS OF CORINTH AND OTHERS WITH HIM

During the time of the persecution of Christians, many of the faithful fled to the mountains and into the caves. So did the mother of Codratus. She was pregnant at the time, gave birth to Codratus in the forest, and died shortly thereafter. Growing up alone in the wilderness, Codratus was nurtured, fed, and guided by divine providence and guardian angel. He Who gave manna from heaven to the Israelites in the wilderness dropped from the clouds a sweet dew onto the mouth of the child Codratus. When he was twelve years old, he entered town. There a benevolent man took a liking to him and provided him with an education. He studied medicine and healed the sick with natural cures and, more often, with the spiritual power of prayer, which had been present with him from childhood. When a new persecution arose under Decius, Codratus was brought to trial and cast into prison. Five companions joined him and confessed the name of Christ. They were Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul and Crescens. They were all dragged through the streets by the pagans, especially by their children. They were beaten with rods and stoned until they were eventually dragged to the scaffold. There, the martyrs prayed to God and were beheaded. A spring of water gushed out of the ground at that spot, which is called "Codratus" even today and is a reminder of the heroic deaths of these six holy innocents of Christ. They honorably suffered for the truth in the year 250 A.D., in Corinth, during the reign of Emperor Decius and his governor, Jason.

THE VENERABLE MOTHER ANASTASIA

Anastasia was a patrician and lady-in-waiting of the imperial palace of Emperor Justinian. After she was widowed, she perceived that Empress Theodora could not tolerate her, so she immediately slipped out of Constantinople and went to the wilderness of Egypt. The renowned spiritual father Abba Daniel tonsured her a nun and presented her as the monk Anastasius the eunuch. This was done according to her wishes so that, as a woman under the guise of a man, she could easily be protected and hidden from imperial pursuit. Anastasia then closed herself off in a narrow cell, where she spent twenty-eight years, and died there in the year 563 A.D. Before her death, the Elder Daniel saw her face shine like the sun.

To God be the Glory and Praise Always!

101 THINGS GOD CAN'T DO

What You Must Know to Win . . . by Maisie Sparks (03/10)

34. God can't be prejudiced.

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." (ACTS 10:34-35)

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+++ **ST. MARY PARISH PRAYER CARD PROGRAM** +++

Did you know that we have a "Prayer Card Program" here at our St. Mary Parish? Your Prayer Intentions will be offered during the Saturday Vespers & Sunday Divine Liturgy "for the health of" or "in memory of" a Loved One and a beautiful Icon Card will be sent to the person or Family. All you need to do is call the Church Office or fill out an "Order Form" (on the Table below the Brochure Rack outside of Offices). Then we will take care of the rest! IT IS THAT SIMPLE!

The suggested donation is \$10/card. Larger donations are greatly appreciated.

This is an excellent way to show a loved one that you are: (1) thinking of them and remembering them in prayer on their birthday, during holidays, or any special occasion ... OR ... (2) remembering their departed loved one(s) in prayer. Any questions, please call our Secretary, Anne ... 814-255-2148. Thank You & God Bless!

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He Will Separate Them

"And he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." So then, people on earth are intermingled, and not only intermingled in that the righteous live side by side with the wicked, but they are also indistinguishable. Between the righteous and the wicked there is no apparent difference. Even as in wintertime you cannot tell the healthy trees apart from the withered trees but in beautiful springtime you can tell the difference, so too each person according to his faith and his works will be exposed.

The wicked will not have any leaves or show any fruit, but the righteous will be clothed with the leaves of eternal life and

adorned with the fruit of glory. In this way they will be separated by the heavenly shepherd and Lord. The earthly shepherd separates animals by their type of body, whereas Christ separates people by their type of soul. The sheep signify righteous people by reason of their gentleness, because they harm no one, and by reason of their patience, because when they are harmed by others, they bear it without resistance. He refers to sinners as goats, however, because these vices characterize goats: capriciousness toward other animals, pride and belligerence.

*From a Homily,
Incomplete Work on Matthew*

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