

## MEATFARE SUNDAY

### *The Twofold Coming of Christ*

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At His second coming He will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming He endured

the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming He will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*



*Icon of the Last Judgment*

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Father Robert Hitchens – Administrator

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**Sunday – February 23, 2025**

**Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки**

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

<b>Saturday February 22</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday February 23</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Last Judgement - Meatfare</b> (+Frank Fisanich from Ferne) (For the Parish)
<b>Monday February 24</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Third Anniversary of the Full-scale War</b> (Peace and Justice for Ukraine)
<b>Wednesday February 26</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Michael Sawkiw Sr. from Family)
<b>Thursday February 27</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Oleg Jershowsky from Family)
<b>Friday February 28</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Jonathan Boyd from Friends)
<b>Saturday March 1</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday March 2</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of Forgiveness - Cheesefare</b> (For the Parish) (+Stefan Chalupa from Family)

**THE GREAT FAST BEGINS – MONDAY MARCH 3 – A TIME FOR PENANCE AND METANOIA**

The Great Fast begins Monday, March 3. Our parish will make a commitment to observe this sacred time in accord with the authentic traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (English and Ukrainian)** and on **Fridays at 5:00 p.m. (English)** in our Church. On Saturdays, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Souls enrolled in the Sorokousty 10:00 a.m. in our Church. Christians have been challenged to practice: **FASTING – ALMSGIVING – PRAYER – AS A WAY OF LIFE AND A WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE**. All parishioners are urged to resolve to make their best effort to attend at least **5** of these sacred services during the Great Fast, especially those in which we remember our deceased loved ones. All must attend the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. **Everyone, regardless of age, is encouraged to observe the GREAT FAST as piously as possible!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SOROKOUSTY 2025 (LIST OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES)**

In the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is the custom to remember our beloved dead during the time of the Great Fast. The Great Fast begins on Monday March 2 in 2025. These commemorations occur on Saturdays because the Saviour of the world rested in the grave on Great and Holy Saturday, awaiting the Resurrection. Thus, Saturday became for Christians the day for commemorating the deceased, who await the resurrection on the last day. We will be starting our remembrances of the dead on Saturdays, beginning March 8 at 10:00 a.m. Please take the time to remember your deceased family members on the Saturdays of the Great Fast. They hope for our prayers; and in turn, they pray for us. Please submit an envelope with your list of names by email or US Mail. An offering is customarily made for the priests

**FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES**

First Confession in 2025. Classes will be held on Sundays between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM). First Confessions will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 12, 2025). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation for the sacrament. If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), please contact Olya Mulvey by email at [olya.kroytor@gmail.com](mailto:olya.kroytor@gmail.com) to register or learn more.

**CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5**

Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: February 23, March 9, 23, April 6, 27, May 4, 18.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Bohdan Kantor, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.