

CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It is good to have you with us!

What are Meat-fare (2/23) and Cheese-fare (3/1) Sundays?

These are the final days we partake of meat and dairy products, respectively, until Pascha. During the week before Great Lent, called Cheese-week, though we aren't partaking of meat anymore, dairy products are permitted every day, inc. Wednesday & Friday. Questions? See Fr. John.

The Rite of Forgiveness – Sunday, March 1st

The day before entering the Great Fast is called Forgiveness Sunday, for on this day we ask each other's forgiveness, remembering that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another. Don't miss it!



Celebrating 130 Years – Sunday, March 1st

On this day we will have a double birthday party, honoring Mat. Dunia's 90th birthday (3/24) and Mat. Emily's 40th birthday (3/5). If you would like to help with the party, please see Pat. McAlpin and/or sign-up at the candle stand. Everyone is invited!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

Prodigal Son

8:40am Hours
 9:00am Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

4:00pm Youth Event: Kollyva
 5:00pm Memorial
 5:30pm Bible Study
 6:00pm Great Vespers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Last Judgment

8:40am Hours
 9:00am Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hour
 Orthodoxy 101

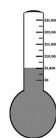


The New Parish Council

will receive their blessing to assume their duties at the Liturgy on Sunday, March 8th. The first meeting of the new council will be after the coffee hour on this same day. All council members are asked to prepare for this high calling and important day.

Budget Fact: Weekly Collection Goal

According to the 2020 budget, our weekly collection goal is \$2,204.07.



Church Entrance Project

We've raised \$21,640 of our \$30,000 goal. The funds are needed for the new church sign, entrance walls with mosaics, and lighting for the entrance drive and back of the parking lot. Please earmark your offerings for "Church Entrance". Thank you and may the Lord bless!

Our Directory of Parishioners and Friends

is currently being updated. If you attend Christ the Savior Mission even infrequently and are not yet listed in our directory, please fill out a directory form in the back of the church. An updated directory will be made available at the candle stand in early 2020. Questions, please see Nissa Nancy. Thank you!



Looking Ahead:

- ❖ Feb. 23rd – Meatfare Sunday
- ❖ March 1st – Cheesefare Sunday
- ❖ March 2nd – Great Lent Begins
- ❖ March 25th – Annunciation
- ❖ April 12th – Palm Sunday
- ❖ April 17th – Holy Friday
- ❖ April 19th – Pascha



Keep a strict watch against every appearance of pride: it appears imperceptibly, particularly in time of vexation and irritability against others for quite unimportant causes.

St. John of Kronstadt



Monthly Calendars for March + April

are online and pages 3 & 4, and show the schedule of services offered during Great Lent and Pascha. As a reminder, please consult the Sunday bulletin for changes to the schedule. If you have any doubt concerning the time of a service, please call the church.

+	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	THRU 1/31	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	THRU 1/31	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR				
INCOME	9,304	4,238	13,542	250	11,540	11,790	OPERATING	8,331	2/16	Rdr. George Kaloroumakis
EXPENSE	9,551	9,551	19,102	0	0	0	EARMARKED	23,680	2/23	Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia
NET	-247	-5,313	-5,560	0	11,540	11,790	SAVINGS	12,458	3/1	Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones
							BUILDING	4,961	3/8	Beth Dunbar

PRAYERS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR DELIVERANCE FROM ADDICTION

O most merciful Sovereign Lady, we run now to your holy protection. Despise not our petitions but mercifully hear us – wives, children, husbands, parents and all those bound by various additions. Hearken unto us for the sake of our Mother, the Church of Christ, for the salvation of our brothers and sisters who have fallen away and for the healing of the members of our families. O gracious Mother of God, touch their hearts and raise those up who are fallen in sin; establish them on the path of saving temperance. Implore your Son, Christ our God, to forgive us our sins and not to turn His mercy away from His people but that He would strengthen us in sobriety and chastity. Accept, O most holy Theotokos, the petitions of mothers shedding tears over their children, wives weeping over their husbands, children, orphans, the destitute, those under delusion, as well as all of us who venerate your icon. May your prayers carry our petitions to the throne of the Almighty. Cover us and preserve us from the snares and intrigues of the evil one and at the dreadful hour of our death enable us to pass through the trials without stumbling. By your prayers deliver us from eternal condemnation so that God's mercy may be upon us unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O most merciful Mother of our Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, hear this our prayer: deliver us from every infirmity of soul and body and especially free your servant(s) / handmaiden(s) _____, suffering from alcoholism (and all manner of addition), that he (she, they) may not perish but be saved and thus always sing to God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



CALM IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." - Psalm 91:1

The eye of the storm is the most peaceful place on earth. While wind and rain wreak havoc all around, pilots who fly storm-tracker planes say that all is perfectly still in that special place. In Psalm 91, David speaks about...terror...plagues...ten thousand falling at your right hand... "but it will not come near you." Why? Listen: "He who dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver [me]" (Ps 91:1-3).

There are two ways to go through a storm: in panic or in peace. When a storm suddenly threatened their boat the disciples cried, "Do You not care that we are perishing?" And where was Jesus?

Sleeping peacefully in the back of the boat. That's because the Lord wanted to teach His disciples three things:

- 1) To get to where God wants to take you, you must go through certain storms. It's not optional.
- 2) When you're in the center of God's will, the storm can't take you under. It's in the storm, not the calm, that you discover this.
- 3) When it's over you come out knowing God better, and you're more equipped to help others!

So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the rock of ages]" (Is 26:4). That's what it means to live in the eye of the storm!

