

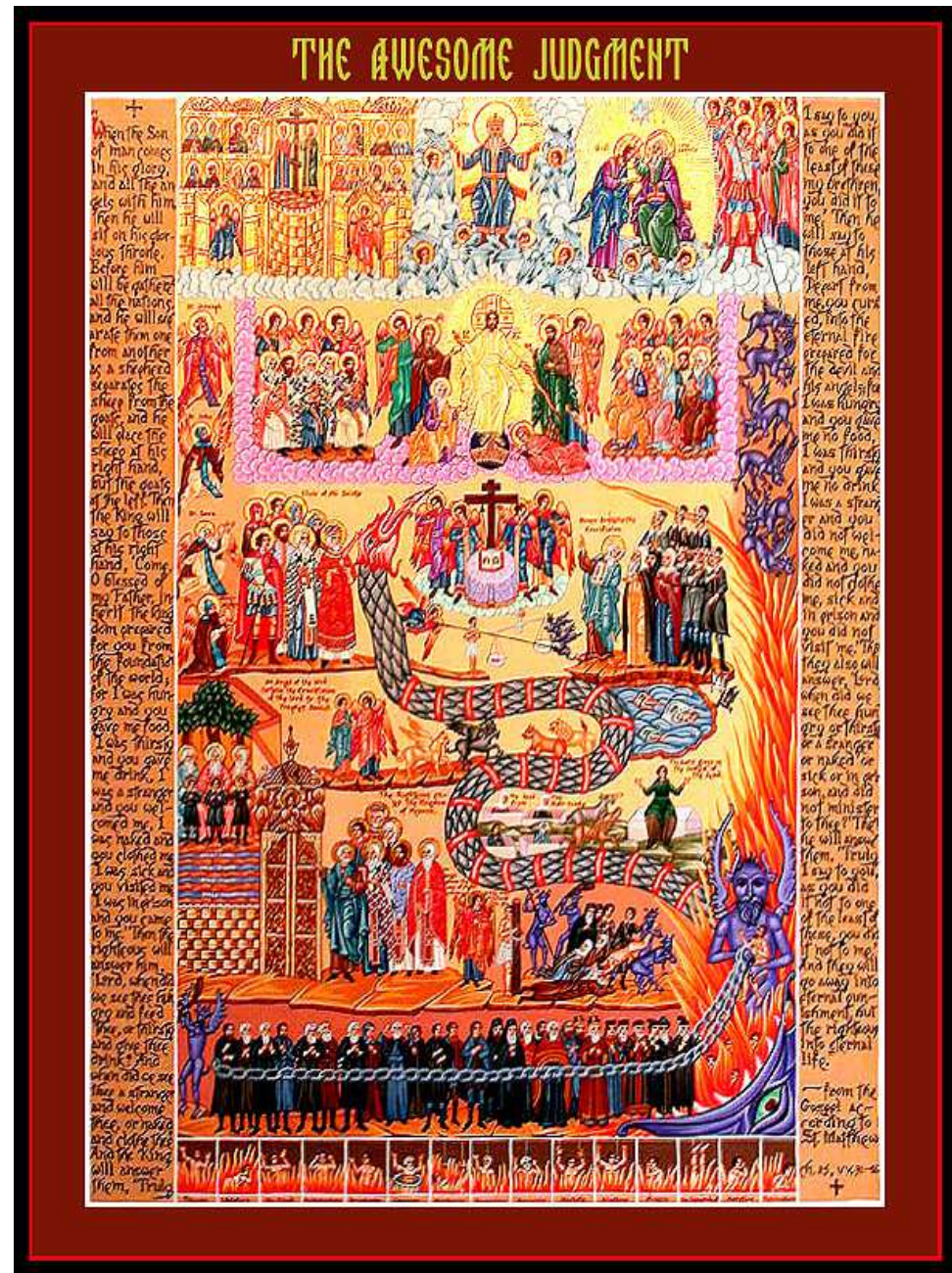
**VENERABLE PROCOPIUS
THE CONFESSOR OF DECAPOLIS**

Saint Procopius lived during the 8th century in the region of Decapolis, east of the Sea of Galilee. Forsaking the vanity of this world, Procopius was tonsured in a monastery, where he labored for his salvation, devoting himself to a life of prayer and fasting. As he grew experienced in ascetical labors, he was adorned with virtue and purity of soul, so that other ascetics began to notice him. About this time, the heresy of iconoclasm appeared. St. Procopius was distressed by the policies of the wicked Emperor Leo the Isaurian, who regarded the Holy Icons as idols and those who venerated them as idolaters.

The righteous Procopius, together with other zealots of Orthodoxy, fought against the wicked heresy of the iconoclasts. He refuted their mindless madness and defeated them by declaring that Orthodox Christians do not worship icons—icons are venerated and that veneration passes to the original prototype. This brought upon him the wrath and disfavor of the Emperor. At the Emperor’s command, St. Procopius was arrested and subjected to cruel torments: he was flogged, beaten with rods, and raked with iron claws, and then he was thrown into a dank dungeon. There St. Procopius and St. Basil, his co-struggler in the monastic life, languished until the death of Emperor Leo, when the Holy Confessors were released.

St. Procopius the Decapolite spent the remainder of his life in peace, guiding many on the path of virtue and salvation. He reposed at an advanced age, around the year 750.

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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEATFARE SUNDAY

Sunday of the Last Judgment

Ven. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis;
Ven. Thalelaeus, Hermit, of Syria; Ven. Titus, Presbyter, of the Kiev Caves;
Ven. Titus the Soldier, of the Kiev Caves;
Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

“All creation shall tremble, O Lord, when You come to earth in glory! Past Your throne will the river of fire flow, and the book of life will reveal the secrets of all. Then, rescue me from unquenchable flames, and count me worthy of standing at Your right.”

Kontakion, Tone I

“Your proclamation has gone forth throughout North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church. Hearing your voice, they responded to your teaching, and through your writings you instructed them in piety. Now guided by your example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise unto Christ our God. Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! Glory to Him, Who, through you, grants healing to all!”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 8:8-9:2
HEBREWS 13:17-21

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46
JOHN 10:9-16

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, March 4
Saturday, March 5

8:00 p.m. “Virtual” Akathist Hymn of Repentance in Christ (on YouTube)
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 28
Tuesday, March 1
Wednesday, March 2
Thursday, March 3
Friday, March 4
Saturday, March 5
(Monastics)

III John 1-15
Jude 1-10
Joel 2:12-26
Jude 11-25
Zechariah 8:7-17
Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27
Galatians 5:22-6:2

Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39
Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1
Joel 3:12-21
Luke 23:2-34, 44-56
Zechariah 8:19-23
Matthew 6:1-13
Matthew 11:27-30

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

27, TODAY Choir Rehearsal

MARCH:

4, Friday 8:00 p.m. "Virtual" Akathist Hymn of Repentance in Christ
5, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG Memorial Service at St. Theodosius
13, Sunday 5:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Matthew Church
16, Wednesday Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy
19, Saturday 12:00 noon "Virtual" Lenten Retreat
20, Sunday Parish Council meeting

SOUP SUPPERS:

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for Lenten Soup Suppers, which will begin on Wednesday, March 16, and will be held each Wednesday during Lent, following the Presanctified Liturgy. Donations of soup as well as monetary offerings are appreciated. All are welcome at these suppers.

2021 STATEMENTS:

For your tax purposes, 2021 Statements of Donations are available in the Vestibule. The sealed envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please take only the one that belongs to your family.

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Choir rehearsal will be held today, February 27, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP:

Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church, 5500 W. 54th St. in Parma, invites all to an iconography workshop, which will be held on Tuesdays during Lent—3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5. Classes run 6:30-10:00 p.m. and will be taught by Byzantine Catholic priest Fr. Marek Visnovsky. The cost is \$350. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

COFFEE HOUR:

The Coffee Hour refreshments today are donated by Deborah Geletka.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Bellack Family.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:

The Sunday of Orthodoxy will be celebrated with a Great Vespers service on March 13, 5:00 p.m., at St. Matthew Church in North Royalton. His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey will be Chief Celebrant and Homilist. All children are invited to bring icons and participate in the procession.

Donations are requested to help underwrite this celebration and to support various Orthodox ministries and can be made to: GCCOC c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church; PO Box 38208; Olmsted Falls, OH 44138. Donors' names will be listed in the handout.

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:

The EOWG will hold their annual Memorial Service for Departed Members at St. Theodosius on Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. A program and Lenten luncheon will follow the service.

VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT:

Archpriest Paul Jannakos, priest at St. Luke Church in Palos Hills, IL, and counselor with Ethos Counseling Group, will lead a retreat on Saturday, March 19, at noon. The theme is "How to Pray?" Register for this event: <https://forms.gle/qjn74M8CQf41uPv17>

VIRTUAL SERVICE:

The Akathist Hymn of Repentance in Christ, with an address by Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey, will be hosted by St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore and available to all on YouTube. Join the service on Friday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m.

<https://youtu.be/8DI-usM5AQY>

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 2/20/2022	\$ 4586.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	900.00
BUILDING FUND	900.00
CANDLES	80.00
ROOF FUND	30.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	500.00
COFFEE HOUR, 2/13/22	88.00

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**PASTORAL THOUGHTS ABOUT GREAT LENT –
REMEMBRANCE OF DEATH**

“I weep and I wail when I think about death, and look upon our beauty, formed according to God’s image, lying in the grave disfigured and inglorious, its outward form destroyed. O strange wonder!”

Funeral Hymn of St. John of Damascus

Because funerals occur so frequently, one would think that death is often on our minds. As it is, we all prefer *not* to think about it. Yet think about it we must, and that’s why Great Lent is good; it is a time to give some serious thought to “remembrance of death.” The reason this is important is because death is not just the “end of life,” but the critical “fact of life” that affects how we live. As in Great Lent we are to take stock of the past, present and future of our lives, it is impossible not to think about death.

The hymn quoted at the top is sung at every Orthodox funeral service, and also at the Vespers for Memorial Saturdays. St. John of Damascus captured in just a few words our collective bewilderment regarding death: What is *death*? Why do we have to *die*? Yes, it is the horrible end for all living things, animals and plants - the beauty of life becoming disfigured, full of rot and stench. For humans there is even a greater mystery. How is it that we, who are “formed according to God’s image,” should have to die? The answer to that, revealed through the course of Great Lent, is “Yes, for those who are alive in Christ, it is impossible to die!” Starting on the first day of Great Lent, when we begin reading from the Book of Genesis, the drama of human existence is brought forth for our contemplation. Through the Lenten journey, we come to witness that life was indeed meant for eternity, that it went off course by our sins, and that in His death on the Cross and Resurrection, Our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, has “trampled down death by death, bestowing life to those in the tombs!”

One way in which Great Lent puts death into our focus is by designating several days as special liturgical commemorations of the departed. During three weeks in Great Lent and in the two weeks that precede it, Saturdays are considered as “Memorial Days.” The first of these Memorial Saturdays is the day before Meatfare Sunday (which was yesterday). At the Friday evening Vespers and the Saturday Divine Liturgy, the hymns and Scripture readings are all related to the remembrance of the departed. At the services, lists of names are read, of all recorded departed parishioners, as well as names of parishioners’ departed loved ones. In older parishes, these readings of names can take a considerable amount of time. When I was younger and first experienced the Lenten Memorial services, I was mystified. “What’s with the reading of all these names?” I thought. “What’s this got to do with me?” I came to realize that remembering the departed by name is a profoundly moving way of comprehending the “timelessness of love.” It is our human, earthly witness of the power of Christ’s Resurrection! As we, the living, remember the people who lived before us, both those we knew and loved and those we never met, we are acknowledging their, and our, appointed places in the immense, majestic expanse of God’s universe.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 8:00 p.m. "Virtual" Akathist Hymn of Repentance in Christ	5 10:00 a.m. EOWG service at St. Theodosius 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
6 Cheesefare Sunday Forgiveness Sunday Expulsion of Adam from Paradise 5:00 p.m. Vespers	7 Beginning of Great Lent 9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	8 9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	9 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	10 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	11 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	12 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
13 1st Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy 5:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Matthew; North Royalton	14	15	16 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	17	18 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	19 Noon - Virtual Lenten Retreat 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
20 2nd Sunday of Great Lent St. Gregory Palamas Parish Council meeting	21	22	23 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	24 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Annunciation	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	26 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
27 3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross	28	29	30 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	31		