

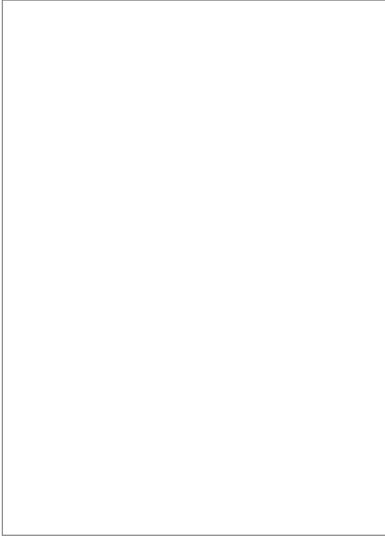
ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGMENT; MEAT-FARE

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Saints Philemon & Archipas, Apostles of the 70; Virgin Martyr Philothea of Athens



1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (*Epistle*): But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46 (*Gospel*): When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you 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 took Me in; '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, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting 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 take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we

see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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Services & Activities

Sunday of the Judgment

Sunday, February 19	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, February 21	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 22	3:00 pm	Akathist
Saturday, February 26	3:30 pm	Confession
	4:00 pm	Great

Vespers

4:45 pm Pre-Lenten Retreat

with

**Fr. Alexander Atty, Dean of St. Tikhon Seminary
(Pizza&Dessert)**

Sunday, February 19 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

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===== ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fr. Alexander Atty, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary will lead a pre-Lenten retreat after Vespers this Saturday from 4:45-6:45. Pizza and Desserts will be served. Please join us.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the "O"Club Fun & Games Night and to everyone who participated.

Please remember in your prayers Olga Paulishak who fell asleep in the Lord this past Wednesday, February 15. May her memory be eternal!

Please remember in your prayers all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, all those serving in the Armed Forces, all missionaries (especially Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, and for all the newly departed, (among them the Archpriest Joseph Kreta, Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Matushka Barbara Pavelchak, Matuska Joanne Pianovich, Matushka Eleanor Krell, Ann Peregrim and Olga Paulishak). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka. Thank you for the \$100 donation made in memory of Eugene.

EUREKA HOSE CO. NO. 4 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY MARCH 3 AT FIRE STATION 717 E. GRANT ST. TAKE OUT 3-5PM; EAT IN 5-8PM. ALL U CAN EAT: PASTA, BEVERAGE & DESERT; TICKETS AT DOOR OR FROM ANY MEMBER. CONTACT: JOHN CHINCHILLA 383-2255.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the John & Annette Schlasta & Hepplewhite Families for coffee hour today and to the Kovalchik & Naughton families for coffee hour next week.

SPONSORSHIPS: WE COULD USE SPONSORS FOR THE FOLLOWING FOR MARCH, PLEASE!!! Shut-in mailings (\$25) – Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 2/12/12: \$1,404.00; LOOSE: \$25.25; 2nd Collection: Church supplies: \$52.00.

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. As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45). *Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.*

Kondakion (Tone 1): **When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, All things shall tremble. And the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat; The books shall be opened and the hidden things**

**disclosed! Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, And make me
worthy to stand at Your right hand, righteous Judge!**