

St. Nicholai of Zicha on the Second Coming

"When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory"

This is how our Lord spoke just before His most horrible humiliations, before being bound, before being spat upon, before being slapped, and before being ridiculed prior to His Crucifixion. In His darkest hour, He speaks about His greatest and most glorious hour. Before His most terrible and miserable departure from this world, He speaks about His Second Coming in His glory. At His first appearance, He came from the cave in Bethlehem, humble and unseen. The second time He will come on the clouds of His angels. The first time He appeared like a nobody from the earth, and the second time He will appear from the heavens. The first time He stood and knelt on the ground, and the second time He will sit on His throne of glory.

When He comes again on His throne of glory, He will not be unseen by anyone. No one will ask, as did the Magi before his first coming: "Where is the King?" (Matthew 2:2). Everyone will see the King and recognize Him as the King. But this vision and recognition will be unto joy for some, and unto fear and terror for others. Just think of the joy of those who have fulfilled His commandments, those who have prayed in His name, those who have performed good works and especially those who have suffered for His name! Just think of the fear and terror of all those who have spat on Him, struck Him, and crucified Him in Jerusalem.

O Merciful Lord, forgive all of us who call upon Thy name, and who, because of our weaknesses, sin against Thee; forgive us before that great and marvelous hour when Thou shalt appear in Thy glory with all Thy holy angels. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

"Let us Attend!"



"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...."

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Rest of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

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SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn (1915). Sunday of the Last Judgment. Ven. Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis (8th c.). Ven. Titus, Presbyter, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1190). Ven. Titus the Soldier, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Thalelæus, Hermit, of Syria (460).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Sunday); Hebrews 13:17-21 (Saint Raphael)

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (Sunday); John 10:9-16 (St. Raphael)

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday, 6 March 2022: Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Forgiveness Sunday. Divine Liturgy with Vespers of Forgiveness to Follow, 9:30AM. Followed by Coffee Hour Agape.

Announcements ~We warmly welcome back to All Saints Fr. David Hester and Khouria Anne, and we thank Father for serving and preaching this morning.

~ A warm welcome as well to all visitors. Please join us downstairs following the Liturgy for our Agape fellowship.

~ We congratulate Fr. Daniel Geeza on the 63rd Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. We welcome all those to join us in the Church Hall for a meal in honor of Fr. Daniel and Matushka Mary. God grant you many blessed years!

~ Helping hands are needed throughout the week to prepare for our parish's food sale this coming Friday. Please see Ann Schlasta.

~ This week begins our cycle of fasting in preparation for receiving the Lord's Glorious Resurrection. After Meatfare Sunday the Church calls us to refrain from eating all meat products until the Feast of Holy Pascha.

~ Please see the calendar for Lenten Services inserted into today's Bulletin. We will begin our Lenten Journey together next Sunday following Divine liturgy with Forgiveness Sunday Vespers. In the prayer Our Lord gave us, we pray daily "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". Let us gather together as a parish family next Sunday to ask each other for forgiveness and begin our journey to Pascha in unity of Soul and mind.

~ We offer up our fervent prayers this week for the cessation of hostilities in Ukraine. As the humble Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev wrote this week: "The Ukrainian and Russian peoples came out of the Dnieper Baptismal font, and the war between these peoples is a repetition of the sin of Cain, who killed his own brother out of envy. Such a war has no justification either from God or from people". We fervently pray for the end to violence and that peace and concord be restored among peoples and nations.