

SUNDAY BULLETIN - WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DURING COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY.

TODAY Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY: REBECCA FLETCHER

USHERS SERVING IN THE NARTHEX TODAY: Will Dennis & Pam Valakas

GREETING YOU THIS SUNDAY IS: Gene Bass

Altar Boys Team Serving Today: Saint Markella

(Rafael Bultz, Justin Hunt, Samuel Fletcher, Zack Verzwylt, Jet Reaves, Luie Haraali, Peyton Panos, Brodie Aitken)

Altar Boys Team Serving Next Sunday: Saint Demetrios

(Matthew Boolos, Chris Bastian, Zacharias Fletcher, Alexander Kratsas, Nathan Lloyd, Gabriel Fallon, Aaron Johnson, Kadin Reaves)

✠ LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday, February 19th • 12:00PM • Orthodox Refresher

Monday, February 20th • Office Closed • President's Day

Tuesday, February 21st • 6:00PM • Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 22nd • 6:00PM • Orthodoxy 101

• 7:00PM • Bible Study

Thursday, February 23rd • 11:00AM – 1:30PM • Greek Luncheon

Saturday, February 25th • 10:00AM • Divine Liturgy

• 11:00AM • Trisagion Service

• 5:00PM • Teen Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEK LUNCHEON!

The next Greek Luncheon is scheduled for February 23rd. The menu is: souvlaki, rice, green beans, salad, coffee or tea. \$7.50, dine in or carry out, 11:00AM – 1:30PM.

ORTHODOX REFRESHER: FEBRUARY 19TH

Today, shortly after church, Tim Boolos, our Sub-Deacon, will be holding a refresher class for everyone on our Orthodox faith, beliefs, and doctrine; it will be less than 2 hours. We will be providing child care (ages 3-13) for those attending who RSVP'd. There will also be a potluck.

NEW DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN BOOKS

Fifty new Divine Liturgy of St. John books were ordered, delivered, and are now in the church. These books cost \$1,000.00 and were helped with donations from two of our parishioners. Please don't let your children play with these books and please don't take them out of the church. If anyone wants to donate money to help defray the cost of these much needed books, see the Parish Council President, Will Dennis or our Office Administrator, Kristi Nab.

CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The **Diakonia Magazine** from the Atlanta diocese is available. We encourage you to pick up a copy for you and your family. The cost is \$3 each. Contact Malpa Fuller for details.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS – BY APPOINTMENT

New to this parish, interested in Orthodoxy or seeking membership to this parish? This one-time class is an orientation into the community of Saints Markella and Demetrios Church; as well as a basic introduction to the Orthodox Church. The class is held by appointment. Please contact Father Gabriel or Hannah Hunt for more information.

2012 PLEDGES

To date the following individuals have submitted a Pledge Card for 2012:

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| * Gene and Thea Bass | * Louis and Maria McCloud | * Joann Yanora-Salazar |
| * Stella Benaquis | * Brian McDowell | * Jason Schneider |
| * Tim and Vicki Boolos | * Andrew and Angela McBroom | * Marlane Sharple |
| * Will and Mary Dennis | * Matthew and Megan Morgan | * Xaire Sheikho |
| * Keith and Rebecca Fletcher | * Patricia Overholt | * Glena and Yiotula Shiland |
| * Alan and Mary Gardner | * Perry and Aimee Panos | * Sandra Tashik |
| * Terri Grammas | * Nick and Tanya Papadopoulos | * Mike & Pam Valakas |
| * Barbara Gunn | * Steve and Veta Paros | * Chrisoula Vatsolakis |
| * Nick and Linda Holoviak | * Anastas and Betsy Pazevic | * Katerina Vatsolakis |
| * Danny and Hannah Hunt | * Tina Puffer | * Stelios and Alice Vatsolakis |
| * Spiridoula Kalista | * Timothy and Evangelia Raper | * Mary Walters |
| * Cookie Kostopoulos | * John and Amanda Reaves | |
| * Helen Kuritz | * Kathleen Reed | |
| * Eftichia Maris | * Jeanette Rosa | |

Please be sure to write "pledge" in the memo section of your check!

PRAYER REQUESTS: MAY GOD GRANT THEM HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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| * Jeanette Abraham | * Ariel McBroom | * Dorothy Scheck (Joyce's sister) |
| * Zachary Fletcher | * Nicholas McBroom | * All service members who are currently overseas. |
| * Terri Grammas | * Joe Mosley | |
| * Josh Jones (Cookie's great grandson) | * Mary Walters | |
| * Katy Kruljac | * Joyce Walter | |

Do you need prayer? Do you have a loved one who needs prayer? With permission, we will list the names of those who would like the parish to pray for them. Your need does not have to be only health-related, but can be of any nature. *The names will remain on the list for that month. If you want to continue on the list, when the new month approaches, please contact the office and let us know.*

LIGHT THE ALTAR VIGIL & PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES: PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ARE EFFECTIVE

We light candles for different reasons. One reason is to seek the intercession of a particular Saint. We might place it in the sand or in front of an icon. On an Orthodox Altar, a vigil candle burns constantly. We give everyone the opportunity to receive a blessing for lighting the Altar Vigil candle (more than one may sign-up for the week). Please include in your personal prayers the names of those for whom the vigil candle is lit. This does not replace the traditional Memorial Service. Altar Vigil Forms are available in the Narthex or the office.

<p>SUNDAY – February 19</p> <p><i>No fasting.</i></p> <p>1 Corinthians 8:8-13, 9:1-2; Matthew 25:31-46</p>	<p>He who holds possessions as the gifts of God...and knows that what he possesses is for the sake of others, is blessed by God and poor in spirit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. Clement of Alexandria</i></p>
<p>MONDAY – February 20</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i></p> <p>3 John 1:1-15; Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39</p>	<p>Necessity, therefore, obliges us daily to uproot thorns from the earth of our nature so long as it exists and because of our prolonged toil at this husbandry the thorns will diminish; but you will be unable entirely to cleanse yourself from them...Cessation from this causes a multitude of thorns to spring up.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. Isaac the Syrian</i></p>
<p>TUESDAY – February 21</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i></p> <p>1 Jude 1:1-10; Luke 22:39-42, 45-71, 23:1</p>	<p>What saves and makes for good children is the life of the parents in the home. The parents need to devote themselves to the love of God. They need to become saints in their relation to their children through their mildness, patience and love. They need to make a new start every day, with a fresh outlook, renewed enthusiasm and love for their children. And the joy that will come to them, the holiness that will visit them, will shower grace on their children. And their behavior is not improved by reprimands, disciplining, or strictness. If the parents do not pursue a life of holiness and if they don't engage in spiritual struggle, they make great mistakes and transmit the faults they have within them. If the parents do not live a holy life and do not display love towards each other, the devil torments the parents with the reactions of the children. Love, harmony and understanding between the parents are what are required for the children. This provides a great sense of security and certainly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>+Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite</i></p>
<p>WEDNESDAY – February 22</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i></p> <p>Joel 3:12-21; Joel 2:12-26</p>	<p>Whatever a man loves, he desires at all costs to be near to continuously and uninterruptedly, and he turns himself away from everything that hinders him from being in contact and dwelling with the object of his love. It is clear therefore that he who loves God also desires always to be with Him and to converse with Him. This comes to pass in us through pure prayer. Accordingly, let us apply ourselves to prayer with all our power; for it enables us to become akin to God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. Theodoros the Great Ascetic</i></p>
<p>THURSDAY – February 23</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i></p> <p>1 Jude 1:11-25; Luke 23:1-31, 33, 44-56</p>	<p>Blessed is he who prays with fervor, for the devil never approaches him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. Ephraim the Syrian</i></p>
<p>FRIDAY – February 24</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i></p> <p>2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:2-15</p>	<p>Repress the feelings of irritation in your soul with love, deaden the powers of the senses with temperance, and let the power of thought soar with prayer. Then, the light in your soul will never dim.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. Maximos the Confessor</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY – February 25</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat and meat products.</i></p> <p>Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Matthew 6:1-13</p>	<p>All things are directed by the goodness of the Master. Nothing which happens to us should be received as distressful, although at present it affects our weakness. In fact, even if we are ignorant of the reasons for which each event is applied as a blessing to us from the master, nevertheless, we ought to be convinced of this – that what happens is assuredly advantageous either for us as a reward for our patience, or for the soul which was taken up, lest, tarrying too long in this life, it should be filled with the evil which exists in this world.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. Basil the Great</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">This information is copied from: The 2011 Daily Lives, Miracles and Wisdom of the Saints and Fasting Calendar By: Tom and Georgia Mitrakos, Orthodox Calendar Company</p>	