



Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to recognize His image in every person we meet. The following listing are practical ways we imitate Christ and care for one another's physical needs. They are simple acts of love that reveal the presence of God in our neighbor and help us walk the path of Theosis—becoming more like Christ.

1. Feed the Hungry

We remember the Lord who multiplied the loaves and fishes. Let us support food drives, parish outreach, and local pantries. Even small habits—avoiding food waste and sharing extra meals—become blessings

for those in need. *[Continued in Fr. George's Reflection]*

Sunday of the Last Judgment – Meatfare Sunday
February 15, 2026



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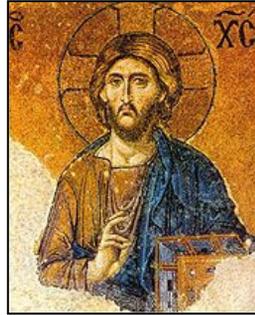
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, February 15, 2026

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE TRIODION PERIOD WHICH WE REFER TO AS THE SUNDAY OF JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE SUNDAY), WE CALL TO MIND THE SECOND AND INESCAPABLE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ALSO COMMEMORATE Onesimus the Apostle of the 70; Our Righteous Father Anthimus the Elder of Chios; Onesimos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Eusebius the Righteous of Syria; & Major the Martyr. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!

We invite you to enter your name, mail/email addresses, in our Guest Register (near the entrance) if you are interested in joining and assisting with our mission's development. We want to keep you informed of our schedule and location of services. *You and your family are welcome; we look forward to knowing you. We invite you and your family to join and assist us often!*

Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.



**Please join us here this coming Saturday,
February 21st,
as we commemorate
the 2nd Saturday of the Souls . . .
Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.,
followed by Memorial Service for our departed brethren.
*For those who are able, please bring Kolyva.***

SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER THE SMALL ENTRANCE

1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Third Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.106-109):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

4. Kontakion for Meat Fare Sunday – (Hymnal-pp.260-263):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: When You come to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all creation will tremble, and a river of fire will flow before Your throne of judgment. The books will be opened and the secrets of all will be revealed. On that day, O just Judge, deliver me from eternal flames and make me worthy to stand at Your right.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES **FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts. – St. John Chrysostom

Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Mark 16:9-20)

Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)

"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 25:31-46)

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the 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 people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will put the sheep at His right hand and the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you gave Me clothing, I was sick and you took care of Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You, or naked and gave You clothing? And when was it that we saw You sick or in prison and visited You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from Me into the eternal 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 nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not give Me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just 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 eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MEMORY VERSE *(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” *(Matthew 11:29-30)*

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

(Continued from Front Cover of Liturgical Guide)

2. Give Drink to the Thirsty

Clean water is a privilege many do not have. We can support ministries that provide wells and safe water and teach our children not to waste God’s gifts.

3. Shelter the Homeless

Christ Himself had “no place to lay His head.” Parish volunteers can assist shelters, support refugee ministries, donate warm items, or help families in crisis find safety and stability.



4. Visit the Sick

Our Lord healed the suffering and drew near to them. Visiting the sick, offering a meal, giving caregivers a break, or volunteering at nursing homes brings Christ's comfort to those who feel forgotten.

5. Visit the Imprisoned

Even those in prison are beloved children of God. Supporting prison ministry, writing cards, or assisting families affected by incarceration reflects Christ's mercy and the dignity of every soul.

6. Bury the Dead

The Church teaches us to honor the departed with prayer, love, and hope in the Resurrection. Attending funerals, praying at graves, or offering comfort to the grieving expresses deep Christian compassion.

7. Give Alms to the Poor

Almsgiving is central to Orthodox spiritual life, especially during fasting seasons. Whether donating to charities, supporting parish ministries, or simplifying our lifestyle to help others, every offering becomes a prayer.

A Final Encouragement

As we grow in Christ, these works of mercy are not burdens but opportunities for grace. May the Holy Spirit strengthen our parish family to serve joyfully so that, in every act of mercy, we meet Christ Himself.



Judgment Sunday

The Sunday of the Last Judgment is the third Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. This is the last day that meat can be eaten before the Lenten fast. On this day, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory.

On this the 1089th Sunday of our St. Christopher's parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women, and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia, area for the glory of God! On behalf of our parish, we thank you. ***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***

Beloved in Christ,

She was only ten the first time she stepped into the Panagia Chapel at the Alexios Retreat Center. The moment she crossed the threshold, her eyes widened—the soaring arches, the soft glow of candlelight, and the great chandelier shimmering above made her feel as if she had walked into a piece of heaven.



As the Summer Camp Paraklesis Service began, she slid quietly into a seat, taking in every icon, every curve of the dome, every whisper of prayer rising like incense. Then, suddenly, she heard the Priest say it – her name – now joined with her friends' names as the Priest prayed for their health and salvation amidst the litany of supplications.

Her face lit up.

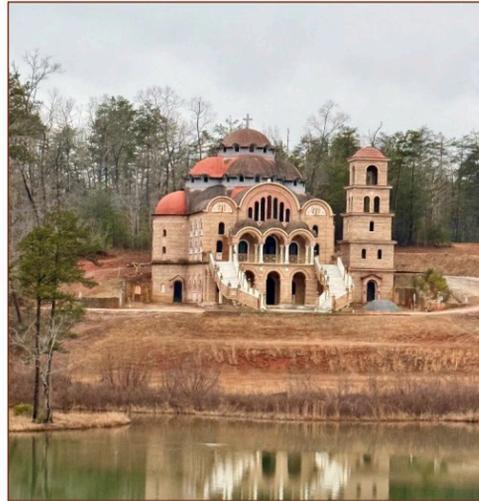
For a moment she could not move.

She felt seen, held, and wrapped in something far bigger than herself.

Sitting there beneath the great arches, surrounded by the beauty of the Kingdom of God depicted all around her, she whispered to her best friend, *"If I am blessed to be married one day... I want it to be here."*

And in her heart, the chapel felt like home.

My brethren, this true story captures the vision of our Former Metropolitan Alexios, whose dream was to build the Panagia Chapel for the long-term future – not just for us today, but for our children’s children and for all our families who would be blessed to worship there.



Last week, His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos asked all clergy to invite our faithful to offer a renewed and heartfelt gift to the Alexios Retreat Center (ARC) to help complete the construction of the Panagia Chapel. This sacred project began last November to honor the retirement of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, whose vision and leadership blessed our Metropolis for decades. Through His guidance, this exquisite retreat center was acquired—a spiritual home that will serve generations to come. The Panagia Chapel is the centerpiece.

In thanksgiving for his devoted ministry, I feel strongly that we as a parish should step forward and support this initiative, which soon will welcome even more pilgrims and retreatants to experience the peace and beauty of the ARC.

Last November, I was thankful to be one of two families among our St. Christopher parishioners who made personal contributions in response to the Metropolis-wide goal of raising \$500,000 to complete the Panagia Chapel. Unfortunately, that goal was not met and to prevent further delay on this project, I am seeking your help now.

Feeling strongly that every parish has an obligation to ensure that Metropolitan Alexios' vision for Panagia Chapel is achieved, I am rallying our parish with this opportunity to offer a formal gift in our parish's name supporting Metropolitan Sevastianos' renewed appeal. I invite all our parish families to join and pool what we can offer in the name of our beloved St. Christopher Church.

Please put in context that we are uniting our efforts with our 74 sister parishes across the Metropolis to help complete Metropolitan Alexios' legacy of the Panagia Chapel during this holy Lenten season—especially meaningful as we will gather every Friday for the Salutations to the Mother of God, whose blessed name "Panagia" this Chapel bears.

For this renewed effort, I am setting a parish goal of \$5,000.

To lead this offering, Presbytera Marinda and I are contributing the first ten percent—\$500. If we can raise more than our goal, that is a greater blessing, and it will enable smaller parishes who are not as blessed some leeway so that in the end Panagia Chapel is completed.

If you feel inspired to support this Lenten effort, I thank you and invite you to do two (2) things:

1. **Designate your willingness to offer a pledge** [using this link to share your family name and pledge amount.](#)
2. **Place your check in the Narthex collection tray** with the memo: **"ARC Gift."** **If you prefer to give online**, include **"ARC Gift"** as a note with your payment.

I hope to collect all family offerings by the Friday of the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos (March 27, 2026) so that our parish may present one

unified check on behalf of the faithful of St. Christopher Church. Your donation will appear on your St. Christopher giving statement as an extra donation in addition to your stewardship and building fund gifts. Our joint parish offerings will be forwarded to the Alexios Retreat Center to help complete the construction of the Panagia Chapel.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity, your love for our Metropolis, and your desire to strengthen the ministries that nurture and renew the Holy Body of Christ. Through the prayers of the Theotokos—whose Chapel bears witness to her love and devotion to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—may God bless and guide us in this sacred effort.

With gratitude in Christ's service,
Fr. George

P.S. The photo below was taken during last week's Winter Clergy Retreat hosted at the St. Gregory Chapel in the basement of Panagia Chapel. Both levels of the Panagia Chapel are gifts that will sustain us until our Lord's Blessed Return... I pray you will be part of this opportunity to help complete our Panagia Chapel. Thank you! + **Fr. George Tsahakis**



Congratulations and Welcome to the Newly-Illumined Dele



With joy and thanksgiving to God, we congratulate Dele, who was chrismated into the Holy Orthodox Church this past Sunday, taking as his patron saint St. Moses the Black—the great model of repentance, perseverance, and transformed life in Christ.

Supported by his Godparents, Perry and Aimee, and joined by his family, Dele entered fully into the life of God's Holy Body. We welcome him with love and prayer, and we encourage his active service, knowing the Holy Spirit has granted him gifts for the upbuilding of Christ's Church.

May the example and prayers of St. Moses strengthen him as he grows deeper in faith, humility, and spiritual courage.

A Prayer for the Newly-Illumined

O Lord Jesus Christ our God,
Who desires that all should
be saved and come to the
knowledge of the truth,
we thank You for
enlightening Your servant
Dele
and sealing him with the gift
of the Holy Spirit.

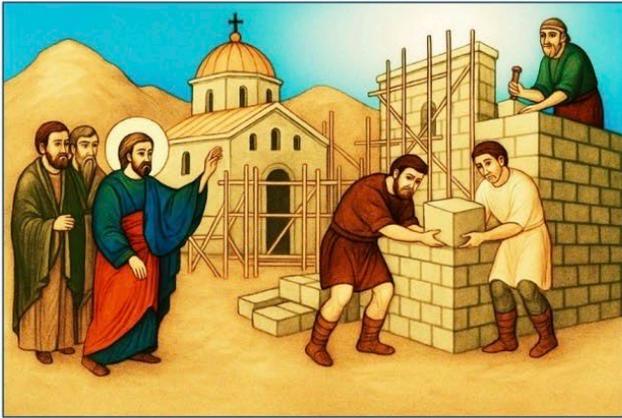


Guide him in every good work, establish him in Your holy
commandments,
and protect him under the shelter of Your wings.
By the prayers of St. Moses the Black,
grant him steadfastness, repentance, love, and boldness in the life of
faith.

Strengthen also his godparents and family,
that together they may walk the path that leads to Your Kingdom.

For You are the Light of the world, and to You we give glory—
to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Thank You, St. Christopher Parishioners!



When the people of Israel returned from exile to rebuild the Temple, they faced unexpected obstacles, discouragement, and far fewer resources than they had hoped. Yet the

Lord spoke through the prophet Haggai, reminding them that the work was still His and that His providence had not departed from them: *"Be strong... and work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts"* (Haggai 2:4). Though the task before them seemed heavier and more costly than anticipated, God assured them that faithfulness—not fear—was required, and that the glory of what He was building would ultimately surpass what they could imagine.

In the same spirit, while economic realities have increased the cost of our project, we trust that God remains present in this work and thank you for your prayerful support and unity as we move forward together following our General Parish Assembly last Sunday. Let us pray each day for God's strength, guidance, and offer Him thanksgiving and praise for blessing us. Amen!

Souper Bowl of Caring Totals

Thanks to your generosity

Fayette Samaritans received:
683 cans and food items



IOCC received:
\$450



Dates:

Current- March 1	Love in Bloom
New youth undies and shoes drive	
March 1, 8, 15	Membership Drive Begins
March 7	Volunteer Day at Bloom
March 20-22	Metropolis Retreat
March 28	St. Christopher Spiritual Retreat
April 4	Decorate Church
April 5	Palm Sunday, Change Decor
April 10	Decorate Kouvouklion and Church
April 11	Decorate Church after Service
*April 19	Next General Meeting



Love in Bloom

**New shoes and undies drive
for Bloom Our Youth**



**February 15-March 1
All youth sizes ages 6-12**

Love in Bloom

**Volunteer Opportunity!
Sat, March 7, 9am-noon**

**Must pre-register with Bloom
[Bloomerang](#)**

See directions to sign up



Bringing the Light of Christ to those Imprisoned at Pascha

Please join us Sunday, March 1, 2026

(Immediately after the St. John Chryostom Oratorical Festival)

**** EVERYONE YOUNG, OLD & INBETWEEN ARE WELCOME****

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We will have a fun "draw by numbers" card of the Paschal icon, that can be colored and then each of us are going to create an Pascha/Easter card with a short handwritten message to mail to a person in prison.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Imagine being confined to a prison cell--the isolation and sense of being cut off from the outside world. Imagine also what that is like at Pascha and having no way to mark a special and holy day. A heartfelt message on Pascha breaks through the sense of isolation and loneliness. Your card may well be the only one they receive. Your card lets our brothers and sisters in prison know that the Church remembers them, cares about them, and that they, too, are part of the Body of Christ.



**Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church
Presents**

**Lenten Retreat
The Sublime Mystery of Christ's Passion**

All Christians in our community are warmly invited to join us for this Lenten Retreat as we reflect together on the mystery of Christ's Passion.

Speaker:

Dr. Eugenia Constantinou

Professor, Author, Speaker, Podcaster

Saturday March 28, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Venue: All Saints Anglican Church

149 Ebenezer Road

Fayetteville, GA 30215

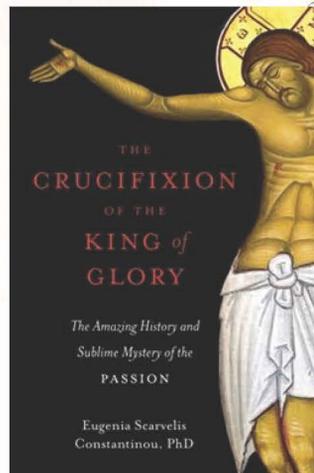
We are inviting our sister Christian parishes in Fayette and Coweta Counties as an opportunity for shared prayer, learning, and fellowship during the Lenten season.

To register go to:

<https://forms.gle/nd81gGH14wChNRxs6>

Or Scan the QR Code:

Contact: StChristopher.Retreat@gmail.com
or 770-347-7729.



Price/person \$25
Lenten Breakfast and
Lunch Included



Presvytera Jeannie Constantinou, Ph.D. will lead us through a first century exploration of the historical and religious context in which the Crucifixion of Christ took place.

Dr. Constantinou taught biblical studies and early Christianity extensively at Orthodox and non-Orthodox universities and graduate schools of theology, including Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

She is the host of Search the Scriptures LIVE on Ancient Faith Radio.

<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/searchthescriptureslive/>

We are grateful to All Saints Anglican Church for hosting and to our sister Christian parishes for joining us in this journey of faith.

Together in Christ's love and sacrifice.

2026 Prayer Shawl Blessing



Schedule

Prayer Shawl will be Blessed, by Fr. George, on the following Sundays in 2026:

April 26

August 2

December 13

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Christopher's has been creating and donating handmade Prayer Shawls since 2009. These shawls are the results of the time and talents shared by our members, and friends, to craft these shawls by knitting, crocheting, weaving, or quilting them. Shawls can even be produced by decoratively finishing commercially produced fabric.

As you begin to plan your project, please keep the following guidelines in mind. Consistency in the size and finish of the shawls is important because we often give multiple shawls to one organization. We want the recipients to feel that their shawl was made specifically for them! Prayer shawls can be either triangular or rectangular but need to be long enough to wrap securely around the body. Rectangular shawls should be 20" - 26" wide and 68" - 72" long with fringe or other decorative finish at each end. Triangular shawls should be 60" - 72" across the longest side, 24" - 30" to the point with fringe along the two short sides or other decorative finish all around. Lap blankets should be 36" - 40" on each side. Yarn color is important as we are trying to uplift the spirits of the recipients of the shawls and blankets. Yarn or cloth texture is also important because we want these items to lovingly wrap the recipients in our Christian love. The finished items should be soft and drape or "scrunch" comfortably, something everyone would want to be hugged by!



Please contact Susan Kleto at (678) 877-9115 or sbkleto@gmail.com to become a participant in this ministry, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions.

Hands of Love 2026 These are hands on events

 <p>Jan- March Youth Services Chairs: Aimee Panos 1. Vasilopita 2. Bloom Our Youth Event</p>	 <p>April- June Backpack Buddies Of Newnan Chair: Dedee Panayis Event Coming Soon</p>
 <p>July-Sept North Carolina Assistance Chairs: Pres. Marinda Event Coming Soon</p>	 <p>Oct-Dec Soldiers Angels Chair: Paula Price Event Coming Soon</p>

A Prayer at Sunset



As the sun sets over the quiet beauty of Mesquite, Nevada, we lift our hearts in prayer for Danny, asking the Lord—our true Physician—to surround him with healing grace as he undergoes radiation treatment.

This peaceful horizon, captured by Victor while journeying with his wife Julie this past Friday, becomes more than a moment of beauty; it becomes a prayer offered in love and hope. Just as the day gives way to evening, we trust that God is gently at work—even in the unseen hours—renewing strength, restoring health, and granting peace.

May this sunset remind us that God's mercy does not fade with the light but continues to shine through every trial. We pray for the health of Julie's father, Danny, for his recovery, for comfort and endurance for his family, and for the quiet assurance that the Lord is near.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 26/27:1)

Dear Lord, restore Your servant Danny to good health, according to Your will, and grant him many peaceful days ahead. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Join Us Often with Your Family

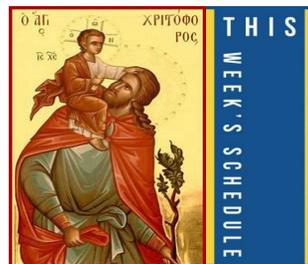
Sunday, February 15, Sunday of Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

Noon YAL Book Club Meeting & Philoptochos General Meeting



[Dairy Permitted This Week]

Saturday, February 21, Saturday of the Souls

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service (You are invited to bring Kolyva to share)

Sunday, February 22, Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, followed by Service of Forgiveness

11:00 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

12:15 **Let's EAT!** at Broadway Diner

1st Day of Great Lent begins with the Sacrament of Holy Unction on Clean Monday, February 23rd, from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. Join us before work.