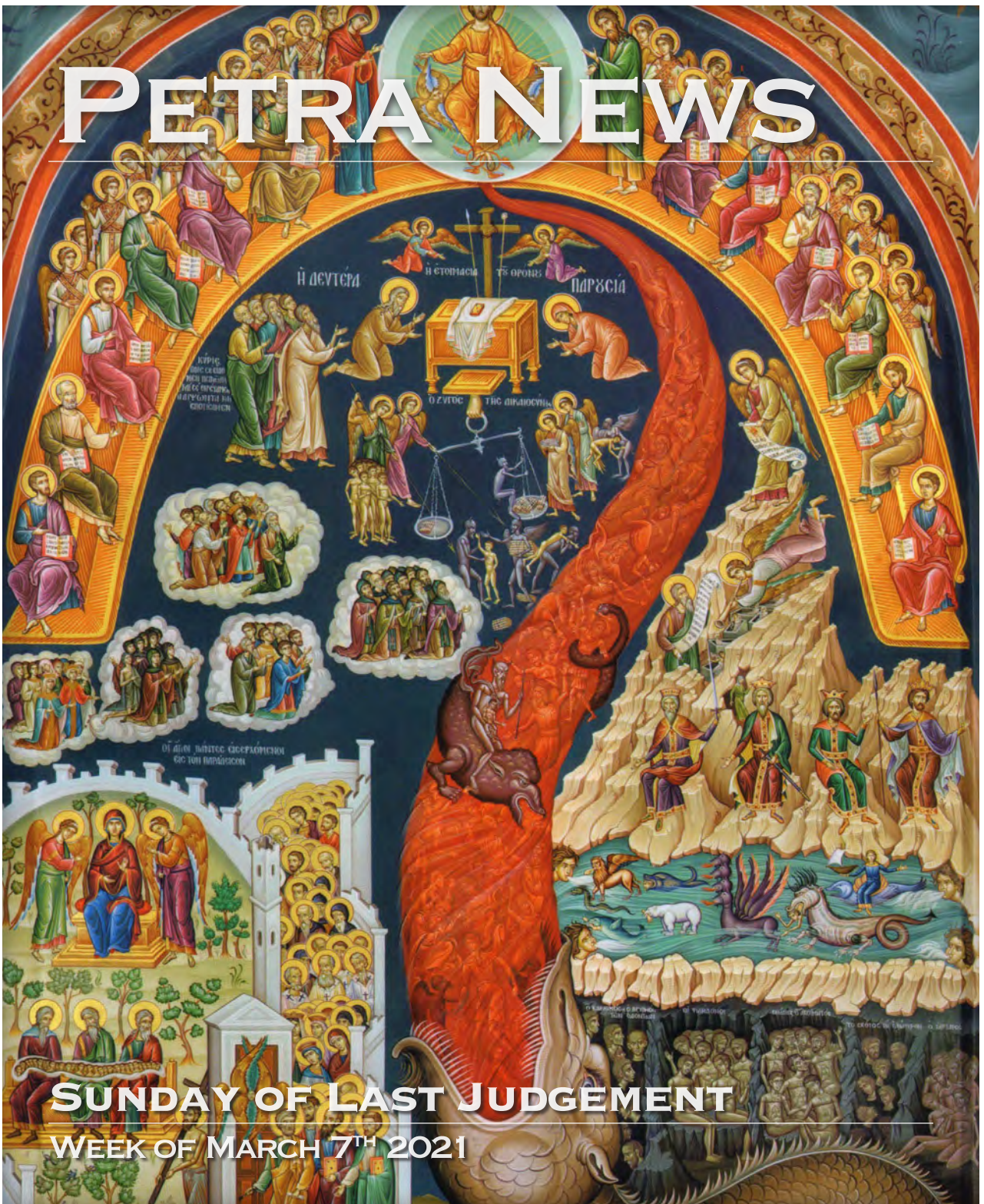


# PETRA NEWS



**SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGEMENT**  
**WEEK OF MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**STS PETER & PAUL  
WEEKLY SERVICES**

**SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 13**

**Saturday of the Souls**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9am

*Sign-up required*

**SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 13**

Great Vespers \_\_\_\_\_ 5pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

*Sign-up required*

**THE PRAYER FOR  
THE CATECHUMENS**

“Lord our God, Who dwells on high and watches over the humble, You sent forth Your only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human race. Look down upon Your servants, the catechumens, who have inclined their necks to You, and grant them at a proper time the baptism of rebirth, the remission of sins, and the garment of incorruption. Unite them to Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and number them among Your chosen flock.”

*Baily, Chad, Natasha, Yehor, Kate*

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGEMENT**

**RESURRECTIONAL HYMN (PLAGAL 2ND TONE)**

*“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarding You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.”*

**HYMN FOR ST NIKIFOROS THE LEPER & WONDERWORKER  
(PRAYING FOR INTERCESSIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC)**

*“All the Angels were awestruck by the courage and fortitude of Saint Nikiforos the Leper in ascetic deeds and contests, for like another Job he suffered pains with patience, ever glorifying God, who has crowned him now with glory, granting him grace to work great and wondrous miracles. Rejoice, O guide of monastics and their aid, Rejoice, O shining beacon of light, Rejoice for your relics now exude a fragrance bringing joy to all.”*

**HYMN FOR STS PETER PAUL**

*“O Leaders of the Apostles,  
and teachers of the world,  
intercede with the Master of all  
that He may grant peace unto the world,  
and to our souls His great mercy.”*

**KONTAKION**

*“When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand as Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.”*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 8:8-13; 9:1-2  
Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 25:31-46*



## SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGEMENT

### EPISTLE: ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 8:8-13; 9:1-2

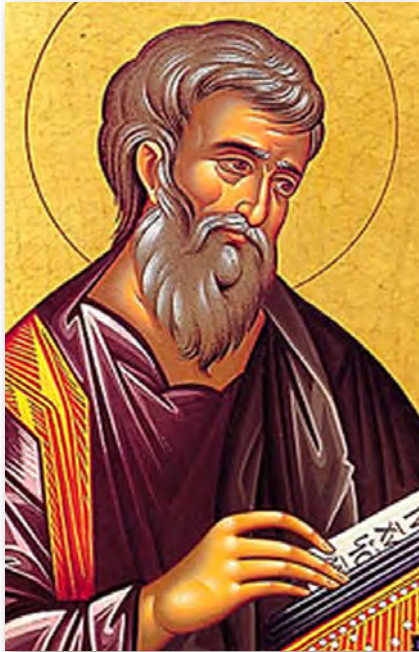
Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren

and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O 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 welcomed me, 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, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you,



or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, '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, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## THE PRODIGAL SON

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The commemoration for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning his Second Coming and the Last Judgment of all, both the living and the dead. In Matthew 25:31-46, Christ speaks about what will happen at this specific point in time when He will “come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him” (v. 31).

At His coming, “He will sit on the throne of His glory,” and all of the nations will be gathered before Him. He will separate them “as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats” (v. 32). The sheep will be placed on His right hand, and the goats on the left.

To the sheep, He will say “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (vv. 33-34)

This kingdom is offered to the sheep because of their compassion and service to those in need. Jesus says, “...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.”

The sheep, who are the righteous chosen for the kingdom, will ask how this could be so. They will ask Jesus when was He hungry or thirsty, a stranger, naked, and in prison. He will answer them by saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to me” (vv. 35-40).

Christ the King, seated on His throne of judgment, will then turn to the goats on His left and say, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (v. 41). He will condemn them because they did not feed Him when He was hungry, give Him drink when He was thirsty, take Him in when He was

a stranger, clothe Him when He was naked, visit Him when He was sick or in prison.

The goats will ask the 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” (vv. 42-45).

Jesus concludes His words on the Last Judgment by stating that those on the left “will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (v. 46).

On the past two Sundays of this pre-Lenten period, the focus was placed on God’s patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge. Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes.

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion

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## SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS: PREPARING FOR GREAT LENT

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Next Sunday, March 14th, is the final Sunday before the Great and Holy Lent, which will begin on Clean Monday, March 15th. March 14th is called the Sunday of Forgiveness. In a very special way, the first service opening the 40 day Lenten Journey, is the Vespers of Forgiveness, which will be celebrated Sunday, March 14th, 5 pm. The bright altar clothes will be replaced with the dark purple lenten clothes.

Let us turn to the words of the gospel:

*“You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.”* (Matt 5:43-48)

Father Vasileos Papavasiliou, shares the following, *“This divine love and forgiveness is the imitation of God, and our Lord refers to it as spiritual perfection.*

*Lent call us to spiritual perfection, which is impossible without love and forgiveness. Thus, before Lent begins, we are called to forgive all those who have wronged us. Only then can we hope to attain perfection, which is the likeness of God.”*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we will have to make adjustments to the traditional way we exchange mutual forgiveness with our brothers and sisters. In other words, due to the pandemic, we can not at this time physically embrace one another at the Forgiveness Service. **I encourage you to attend the Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, March 14th, 5 pm and personally reach out to your family and friends, asking them for forgiveness.** The Great and Holy Lent calls us to ask for mutual forgiveness and receive the Sacrament of Confession. I will make myself available during the Lenten Season for confession. Please do not hesitate to personally contact to set up a day and time.

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of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for

“humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ’s love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE 3/7/2021

The revised Colorado Safer-at-Home guidelines set forth by the Governor of Colorado allow Sts Peter Paul to 45 people in Church during the services.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**MASK IS REQUIRED AND TO BE PROPERLY WORN AT ALL SERVICES, INCLUDING ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES.**

**Please be considerate and sign-up for only one of the weekend services** (Divine Liturgy). Please allow others to sign up if you have already attended, especially if it was the prior Sunday. If at the end of the week (Saturday evening), the list is not filled, then please sign up. If you did not sign up or prefer not to attend on Sunday, please contact Father Jordan (frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 720-329-5212. Arrangements can be made to receive Holy Communion during the week.

**The fellowship Hall will remain closed on Sundays. The Welcome committee and members of the Parish Council will offer coffee & pastry 'To Go' at the end of service.**

## 2021 STEWARDS AS OF FEBRUARY 24TH

If you do not see your name on this list, and you have returned your stewardship card, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras, tsiouvaras@msn.com or 303-489-4491

Gaynel Andrusko	Michelle Mann
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Michael Gehmeyr & Olympia Bakalis	Voulas Skodras
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Nuha Kapatayes	Julie & Dave Welker
Rick Leonidas	Photini Westover
Mary Lymberopoulos	Sheila & Jim Zissimos
	Zoe Zwierzynski

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARISH BOOK READING

Dear parishioners, I am presenting you with a gift, a very special book:

*Come, Let us Worship:  
A Practical Guide to the Divine  
Liturgy for Orthodox Laity*

The author, Father Patrick O'Grady, offers a wonderful reflection on the Divine Liturgy. I ask you to join me in reading this book during Great Lent. Couples and families can read together. Lent brings us all together with prayer, fasting and works of charity. The Divine Liturgy is the foundation of our faith, and it is the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist which brings us together as a parish family. I pray this special parish family reading will bring us closer to our Lord and Savior, and reunite us in worship. Please begin reading the Introduction and 1st section, 'What is the Divine Liturgy,' the first week of Lent (March 15-20). **Your book is available in the Narthex. If you are new to our parish, please take on and join us for this special parish family reading during Lent.**

With love in Christ, Father Jordan

## BLESSING OF HOMES 2021

Father Jordan will continue blessing homes this month. If you are new to our parish, please contact Father Jordan to schedule your house blessing. Frjordanbrown@gmail.com 303-581-1434



## BOOKSTORE

We are here for you! Philoptochos would be happy to help you with your bookstore purchase on Sunday's after Liturgy. Please see Lis Troicky or Julie Powers.



## ADULT EDUCATION

### ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

**There will be no class on March 14. Class will meet again on March 21.**

### BIBLE STUDY: LENTEN SERIES

**FRIDAY MORNINGS DURING LENT:  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
BEGINNING MARCH 19TH**

Questions please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH  
5PM TO 7PM**

#### Schedule:

5pm Vespers (Evening Prayers)  
5:45pm Dinner  
6pm - 7pm Breakout Classes  
(pre-k thru grade school)

*Father Jordan will be meeting with the middle & high school young adults in the church, 6pm - 7pm.*



### HOME VISITATIONS

Father Jordan is available to make home visitations for our elderly, shut ins, and all those with 'high risk' health challenges. Please do not hesitate to contact Father Jordan to schedule a visit. Parishioners with 'high risk' health challenges are welcome to visit the church during the week to schedule a time to pray and receive the Holy Sacraments.

### GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Remember to purchase your grocery gift cards and old Chicago pizza Palz from Julie Powers on Sunday or contact her directly at powerjulie@gmail.com.







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Icon of the Theotokos “Sweet-Kissing”  
by Ileana Barbu

### ABOUT OUR PARISH

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We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Please introduce yourself to our priest and members of our community. We also encourage you to join us for our fellowship after services in the parish hall and visit our bookstore. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please visit with our priest, Fr. Jordan Brown.

### HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession.

The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the ‘antidoro’ (blessed bread ) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



### PRIEST

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Reverend Father Jordan Brown  
[frjordanbrown@gmail.com](mailto:frjordanbrown@gmail.com)

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### RECURRING SERVICES

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Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am  
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm  
Confession by appointment.