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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022
THE SUNDAY OF MEATFARE
(THE FOURTH PRE-GREATFAST SUNDAY)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR CHEESE-FARE WEEK

Sunday, February 20:	11:00 a.m. – Sunday Divine Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * <i>For the Intention of our Holy Spirit Parish</i>• + <i>John and Mary Modecki by Joseph and Dolores Bacasa, daughter</i>
Monday, February 21:	8:30 a.m. – First and Third Hour 5:00 p.m. – Daily Vespers
Friday, February 25:	8:30 a.m. – First and Third Hour 5:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 26:	<i>Cheesefare Saturday</i> 11:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy – Baptism of Simeon Kunitz
Sunday, February 27:	<i>The Sunday of Cheesefare – Forgiveness Sunday</i> <i>The Fifth Pre-Greatfast Sunday</i> 11:00 a.m. – Sunday Divine Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * <i>For the Intention of our Holy Spirit Parish</i>• + <i>George Carr by Miss Mary Anne Meredith</i>

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

THE FOURTH OF THE PRE-GREATFAST PREPARATORY SUNDAYS....

Today we are observing **The Sunday of Meatfare**. This is the fourth of the five Sundays of preparation that our Byzantine Catholic Church provides for us as we progressively move toward the season of the Holy Great Fast. This fourth pre-greatfast Sunday is termed "*meatfare*" because in the early Church, the faithful already began to abstain from meat products from this day forward. The fast from meat began early as a prelude in order to adjust mentally and to acclimate physically for the full ascetical efforts of prayer, fasting, and self-denial that then would be required one week later. In fact, when the Holy Forty-Days Fast actually would begin, meat would not be eaten for the entire greatfast period. Thus Meatfare Sunday literally indicated a true "farewell to meat." This particular Sunday is also known as **Judgment Sunday**, a name derived from the gospel account of Christ's final reckoning with humanity which is called the **Awesome Judgment**. The Church once again instructs us about the necessary elements required for *repentance*. Three Sundays ago the account of Zacchaeus was given, emphasizing his *desire*. Then we compared the prayers of the publican and the pharisee, observing the necessity of *humility*. Last Sunday we were shown the *sorrow* of the prodigal son and his *metanoia* (conversion of heart) as he recognized his sinfulness and demonstrated his contrition. Today the scriptural lessons, in a somewhat negative inducement toward repentance, accentuate the lot of sinners in torment and damnation in hell as we are presented with the next requisite for repentance. The theme for Meatfare Sunday is the Christian concept of **LOVE**, and how we as Jesus' followers must manifest it in our daily lives.

SPRING FLEA MARKET.....

Save the date for our next Flea Market to be held on Saturday, March 26, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Anyone interested in helping with this parish fundraiser, please see Cathy Warhola or Mary Dzurichko.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

Next Sunday, February 27, 2021, we will be changing the candles and altar cloths in preparation for the Great Fast season immediately following the Divine Liturgy. All help is appreciated!