

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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7 February 2021 / 7529: SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

MEATFARE SUNDAY *Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampascus.*

The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Peter Verhun (1957)

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 06 17:00 **Sunday of the Last Judgment**
Suffrages for + Jack Overdorff – wife Joann
- Sun. Feb. 07 10:30 **Sunday of the Last Judgment** *Suffrages pro populo,*
esp. for +Deacon Richard Ciganko – The Ciganko Family
- Sat. Feb. 13 17:00 **Forgiveness Sunday** *Suffrages for +John Krynicki - daughter, Joanne*
- Sun. Feb. 14 10:30 **Forgiveness Sunday** *Suffrages pro populo*
- Mon. Feb. 15 18:30 **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** *Suffrages for +Christopher*
Davis – James & Mary Ann Kontir
- Wed. Feb. 17 18:30 **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** *Suffrages for+ Christopher*
Davis – Audrey Suroviec

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COLLECTION

Adults: \$810
Candles: \$62

Children: \$9
Fuel: \$10

Initial Off.: \$4
TOTAL: \$925

Holy Day: \$30

Psalm 137: By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept when we remembered Sion. We hung our harps on the willows in the midst of it. For there they that had taken us captive asked of us the words of a song; and they that had carried us away a hymn, saying, «Sing us one of the songs of Sion». How could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cleave to my throat, if I do not remember thee; if I do not prefer Jerusalem as the chief of my joy. (*Septuagint, LXX*)



ALL SOULS' SATURDAYS: On the day before the Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday) and in close connection with the theme of this Sunday, there is a universal commemoration of the dead «*from all the ages*». Before we call to mind the Second Coming of Christ in the services on Sunday, we commend to God all those departed before us, who are now awaiting the Last Judgment. In the texts for this Saturday there is a strong sense of the continuing bond of mutual love that links together all the members of the Church, whether alive or dead. For those who believe in the risen Christ, death does not constitute an impassable barrier, since all are alive in Him; the departed are still our brethren, members of the same family with us, and so we are conscious of the need to pray insistently on their behalf.» *from the Lenten Triodion of Mother Mary and Metropolitan Kallistos*



THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, 21 February, marks the celebration of the victory of the **iconophiles** (*lovers of icons*) over the **iconoclasts** (*destroyers of icons*) as decreed by the **Seventh Ecumenical Council** (held in Nicæa *anno Domini* 787 under Empress Irene. 367 Bishops were present). As Byzantine Catholics we commemorate the restoration of icons for use in our churches and in our private devotional life at home – the domestic church. It is a devout custom to bless any new icons and to have a procession around the Church on this day. **All parishioners**, therefore, are encouraged (1) to bring to the Liturgy any icons they may have recently acquired to have them blessed; (2) to bring an icon of their **patron saint** or of the **Pokrov** to carry in procession around the church. All children especially are encouraged to take part in this beautiful and pious custom.

Berlin Founder: Priest and Martyr Father Petro Verhun was born on November 18, 1890, in Horodok, Lviv District. He held a Ph.D. in philosophy. On October 30, 1927, he was ordained to the priesthood by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky at St. George's Cathedral and was appointed to be the pastor and later the apostolic visitor for Ukrainian Catholics in Germany. Priests and all the faithful, whom fate had brought to a foreign land, gravitated to Father Verhun because they felt he was a good shepherd who would give his life for his sheep. In June 1945 he was arrested by the Soviet security services in Berlin and sent to Siberia, sentenced to eight years of hard labor. But even there, amid unbearable living conditions, he knew how to gather the faithful around him, giving his own personal example of perseverance in the faith. He died as a martyr for the faith on February 7, 1957, in exile in the village of Anharsk, in the Krasnoyar territory. *"My life is very monotonous. I have enough to eat. I cook for myself. My greatest joy is that I can pray every day without disturbances Finally I don't need anything. I feel that my head is tending little by little to my eternal rest. But I really would rather die in the monastery."* – From the letters of Father Petro Verhun written in Siberian exile.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ❖ **2020 Contribution Statements** are available in the Narthex. Please let Father know if there are any corrections to be made.

- ❖ **Dying to Sin: The First Steps in Askesis** ~ Are we all called to askesis, or asceticism, or is it only the calling of a select few? Join us as we learn from the great ascetics of the Church, discovering how to apply the practice of askesis in our own lives. **Time**: Mondays, February 22, March 1 & 8 @ 8:00. ET. **Instructor**: Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses is a deacon at Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Manchester, NH where he lives with his wife and daughter. He is a graduate of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary and works as a full time high school theology teacher and a *per diem* chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, both in nearby Nashua, NH. Some of his written work can be found on Catholic Exchange. The webinar is free but one must **register** at: <https://godwithusonline.org/events/dying-to-sin/>