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SUNDAY OF MEATFARE. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Afterfeast of the Meeting. St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). Ven. Luke of Hellas (ca. 946). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303). New Hieromartyrs Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Gaelic (1918); Peter, Archbishop of Vorónezh (1929); Easily (Basil), Bishop of Prolix (Vologdá—1930); Presbyter Stephan and Martyr Boris (1938)—Jan 25th O.S.)

PRESENTATION FROM FR PEDRO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8.8-9.2 Shall your freedom in Christ become a stumbling block?

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.31-36 The Little Apocalypse – are we warriors for Christ?

HOUSE BLESSINGS: These will continue throughout the month. If you do not have an appointment with Fr James, please see him during coffee hour or call to schedule a time. He would like to spend some time with every family, and get to know everyone a little better.

SISTERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Sisterhood of St Anna has an ambitious schedule of baking and preparing for the Paschal bazaar. Please see the Newsletter for the schedule.

REQUIEM FUND: Is looking for a new administrator. If you are interested in helping the Church by handling this small responsibility, please see Margaret Keblish or Fr James.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The Annual Meeting was last week, with an attendance of 22 adult members. A special thanks goes to all of the members of the Youth Group who generously gave of their time to prepare the meal. The minutes, Powerpoint presentation and Reports are available on the parish website, or a hard copy can be obtained by asking any member of the Parish Council.

RECTOR'S SABBATH: Fr James has scheduled his day off for every Monday. Please refrain from making calls on that day, unless there is an emergency. All emergencies will, of course, take priority.

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Donations and pledges are now being solicited for the Scholarship we offer to St Tikhon's Seminary. Please complete the form found in the newsletter if this is something you are called to do.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If there are any events missing from this list, please see Father James or call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: Audrey Gale, Larissa Lyszczarz, Eileen Brinck and Emilee Penree. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: Chloe Ackerly and Theodore Woods.

PANIKHIDA: Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly-departed Lillie Mae, Pauline and Peter. We will also be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Antonina Steckler (1987), Harry Hardish (1975), Helen Halkovitch (1989), Thedasia Jago (2007), Natalie Raspey (1973), Andrew Bobak (1978) and Helen Brown (1993). We especially remember Efrosina Krenichyn and Anthony & Anna Ptasznik. May their memory be eternal!

Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us that sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

I shudder in terror when I think of that dreadful day; I weep as I consider the darkness that will never see light: there the worm shall not cease, or the fire be quenched; the pain of those who reject You will never end.

