



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 7 **1st all Souls Saturday**
 Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21: 8.9-27.33-36
10:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 8 **Sunday of Meat Fare**
 Readings: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2; Mt. 25: 31-46
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Marta, Roman, Kateryna, Ivan, Nadia, Maria, given by Myroslava Slyuz.**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi.**

Saturday, Feb. 14 **All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers**
 Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21
4:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 15 **Sunday of Cheese Fare**
 Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ Rite of Forgiveness
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia Della Ragione, Luigi & family.**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael & Anna Cheresnowsky, given by Magdalena Cheresnowsky.**

Eternal light Candle offering for February 8, 2026
 Blessed Memory of +Memory of Fr. Lev and Anna Lubynsky,
 given by Martha Lubynsky.

Fit the words into the boxes.
 Then...take words from the puzzle.
 Fit them in the numbered blanks.

in drink something
 eat visit clothed
 sick hungry invited
 need prison thirsty
 came looked stranger
 after clothes

"I was _____ and you gave me _____

 _____ to _____. I was _____ and you gave me _____
 _____ to _____. I was a _____
 and you _____ me _____. I needed _____
 _____ and you _____ me. I was _____
 and you _____ me. I was _____
 in _____ and you _____ to _____ me."

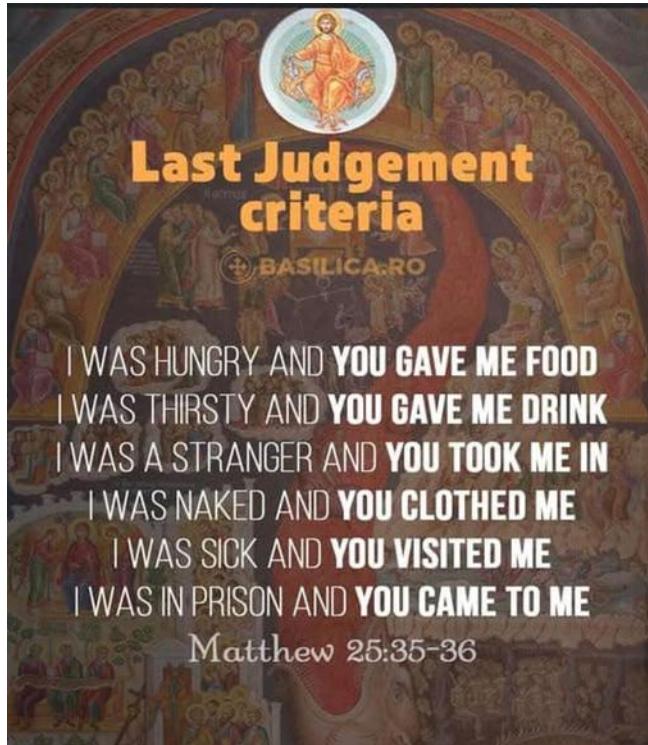


Advancing into the Great Fast-Lent

Why is this upcoming season called the “Great Fast-Lent?” In the Eastern Church this season is called “GREAT” Fast-Lent to distinguish it from the other three Lenten seasons: the Fast of the Nativity (Advent), the Fast of the Theotokos in August (Spasiwka) and the Fast of the Apostles in June (Petrivka).

It is called “Great” because it is more intense than the other fasting periods. For Christians, the Great Fast-Lent is a season to be taken seriously. The time of repentance should effect all aspects of our life: our diet, our prayer life, our daily schedule, our daily attitude.

Regardless of how strictly we choose to fast, every Christian’s eating habits should be remarkably different during this season. The message is to simplify our life-style, to get away from being creatures of habit, always “giving in” to our cravings, to consider those in our midst who have no choice but who need to fast on a constant basis due to poverty, etc.



The Criteria of Salvation

The content of today’s gospel reading is the only teaching of Jesus that is not given in a parable but in a direct teaching making it edgy and direct, cutting close to how we live as his followers.



February 8, 2026

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare),
Octoechos Tone 2

Changeable Part: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

Announcements:

Next Sunday: Forgiveness

Next Sunday, February 15th, in our Liturgical calendar is the last Sunday before the Great Fast called Cheesefare Sunday. This Sunday is also called “Forgiveness Sunday” from the pious Eastern Christian custom of asking each others’ forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect before we begin our journey through the Great Fast-Lent together. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have the *Rite of Forgiveness* during which we will ask each other for forgiveness.

Pyrohy Project:

We expect to be back in production on Wednesday! If you are available to help, pyrohy production starts at 9 a.m. This is our main fundraiser. If you have some time to volunteer for this worthwhile mission, we would love to have you join us.

Parish Feedback:

If you have an idea or suggestion for our parish, please feel free to share them with Fr. Igor. I always welcome your feedback. You may speak with me after the liturgy, call the parish office, or reach out by text, or email.

Pittsburgh For Ukraine:

On Tuesday, February 24th, there will be a presentation at the Schenley Plaza and Panakhyda at Heinz Chapel commemorating the 4th Year of the War in Ukraine. Please see the poster in the lobby for the complete schedule.

Next Adult Religious class:

Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 pm. The Desire to Be Loved & The Desire to Love. Join Fr. Benedict Groeschel as he leads us to understand that the search for holiness should be our primary purpose in life. Fr. Groeschel's goal in this series is to teach "how to organize and focus all the powers of your personality and life in responding to the Gospel and the Call of Jesus Christ."

Sarris Candy Fundraiser

There are brochures in the lobby if you would like to order some delicious Sarris Easter Candy. St. George receives a small percent of each sale. Please return your order form and check by **Sunday, February 15th**. Delivery is Sunday, March 22nd.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Do you need to buy a birthday gift, a valentine's gift or just need to do some grocery shopping? If so, RaiseRight is a great option to purchase your gift cards while helping St. George at the same time. You can set up an account at: <https://www.raiseright.com/> The St. George code is: M2MGCVH7NH2P. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 1, 2026 was **\$720.00 + \$586.00**
(Collection: \$635.00, Loose: \$85.00, pyrohy: \$586.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



Meat Fare Sunday Reflection

Today, on **Meat Fare Sunday**, the Church places before us the awe-inspiring image of the **Last Judgment**.

The name for this Sunday is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians where we hear that the eating of meat ought not to be consumed when people of weak faith would be scandalized. St. Paul and the Christian community is adamant that the weak ought never be weakened further in faith by those who know better.

This is the final Sunday before the Great Fast when we partake of meat -- but more importantly, it is a spiritual turning point -- a reminder that our lives are moving toward an eternal meeting with the Lord.

The Gospel reading speaks of Christ separating the sheep from the goats, not based on wealth, status, or knowledge, but on love in action: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned.

This reading is not a call to fear, but to **awaken**. God's judgment is not arbitrary; it is the revealing of what is already in our hearts.

As we prepare for Lent, the Church invites us to examine ourselves:

- Have we loved without expecting in return?
- Have we forgiven as we wish to be forgiven?
- Have we seen Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters?

Also, Meat Fare Sunday is not only about abstaining from certain foods — it is about **abstaining from indifference**.

The fast ahead is a gift, a time to strip away distractions so that love may grow unhindered. Let us enter this season with humility, courage, and compassion, so that when we stand before the Lord, we may hear those blessed words: *“Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.”*