

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Feb. 23, 2025 9:00am **Sunday of the Last Judgment**

TODAY'S READINGS:

I Cor. 8:8-9:2

Matt. 25:31-46

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today:

Meatfare Sunday, fasting dispensation from dairy

Installation of New Council, Coffee Hour

Tue. Feb. 25 5:30pm

Daily Vespers

Thu. Feb. 27 5:00pm

OCF Vespers, Lovett Room Battell Chapel

Sat. Mar. 1 5:00pm

Great Vespers, Confessions

Sun. Mar. 2 9:00am

Expulsion of Adam From Paradise, Forgiveness Sunday

Rom. 13:11-14:4

Matt. 6:14-21

Noon

Forgiveness Vespers

Mon. Mar. 02 6:00pm

Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew (Mon, Tues, Thurs)

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: Birthday: **Susan** Lukianov (27th). Many years!

Pray for: **Nancy** Muro who is at Artis Senior Living, Branford; **Tatiana** Oji is at Orange Care Center, **Maria** Scheirer at Elim Long-term care, Cheshire. **Carole** Rossick and **George** Jafferis, continue in cancer treatment.

Orthodox Charity of the Month: In February we will be supporting **Zoe for Life**. is a Christian ministry which affirms the value of all life by providing nonjudgmental, confidential support and education during and after an unplanned pregnancy. Please be generous. To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Ascetical Fast Preparation: Our church assists us in preparing for the upcoming ascetical fast that is an integral part of our Lenten journey. In brief, here is the schedule related to fasting for the coming weeks:

Sunday, Feb. 23: Meatfare Sunday, last day to eat meat, dairy products allowed all week
Sunday, March 2: Cheesefare Sunday, last day to eat dairy products. **Forgiveness Vespers**
Monday, March 3: Great Lent begins with Clean Week (Triodion, p. 35)

Men's Reading Group: Continues weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

Please begin planning now for the beginning of Great Lent: **Forgiveness Sunday Vespers** will be celebrated on **March 2nd** after coffee hour. We begin the first week of the Great Lenten journey with the celebration of the Service of **Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew**. This service is integral to our entrance into Great Lent. Please make every effort to attend these services.

Meatfare Sunday:

When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable answers: love ... personal love for the human person, any human person, that God makes me encounter in my life. ... Christian love is the 'possible impossibility' to see Christ in another man, whoever he 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' for an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. For, indeed, what is love if not that mysterious power which transcends the accidental and the external in the 'other' – his physical appearance, social rank, ethnic origin, intellectual capacity – and reaches the soul, the unique and uniquely personal 'root' of a human being, truly the part of God in him? Christian love then is the participation in that divine knowledge and the gift of that divine love. (*Great Lent*, Alexander Schmemmann, 1969, SVS Press, p. 24-25)

FOCUS North America: On January 23rd an initial exploratory meeting was held at Holy Ghost Church in Bridgeport, toward establishing a FOCUS North America hub there. Susan Lukianov attended this meeting in representing our parish. A follow-up meeting was held this past week for clergy unable to be at that meeting, apprising of us of what transpired. They do hope to move forward, and the greatest deadline before us in doing so is to identify anyone from our parish who would like to serve on an **Exploratory Committee** that will begin meeting during this week of Feb. 23rd. Please speak to either Susan Lukianov or Fr. Steven to hear more about this, and to express your willingness to represent our parish in serving on this committee. They hope to have something up an running by August, an aggressive goal.

Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- Литургия - о Страшном суде

[Первое Послание к Коринфянам 8:8-9:2 и от Матфея 25:31-46]

Су 17:00 Великая Вечерня, Исповедь

Воск. 9:00 Литургия: Неделя - Изгнание Адамово

[Послание к Римлянам 13:11-14:4 и от Матфея 6:14-21]

12:00 Прощеная воскресная вечерня

Рон., Втор., Чет. 18:00 Великий покаянный канон Андрея Критского