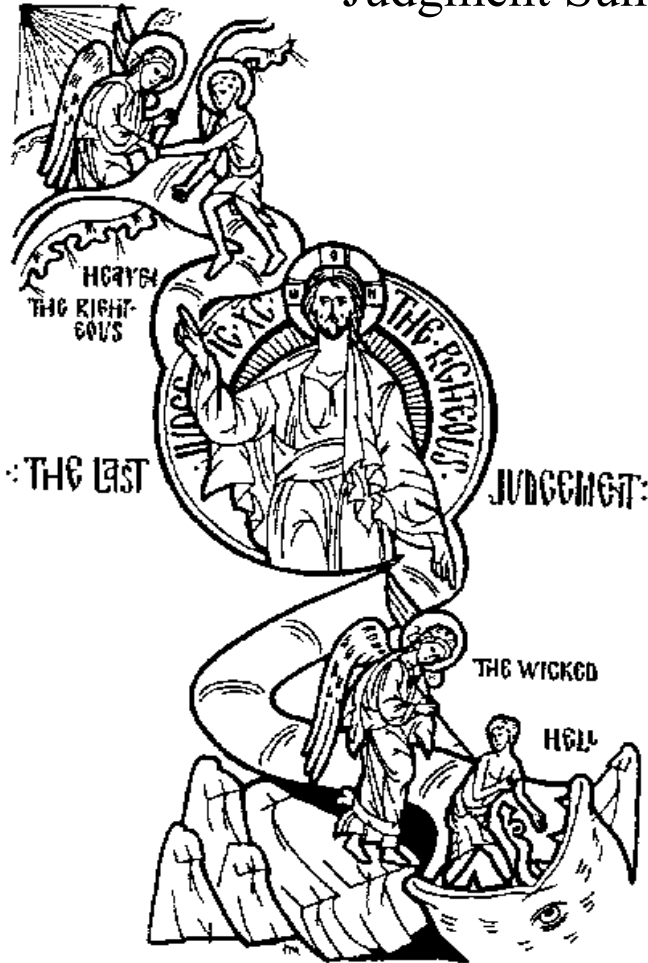


Judgment Sunday



In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear Christ telling us that there will be a Final Judgment - that He will return on His throne together with the angels and all the people of the world will be there. They will be separated in two groups based on how they lived - like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. God does not cause judgment at any time. God is love and by His very nature can't do anything evil, hateful or destructive to anyone. Each of us makes a choice about our eternal destination by the way we live. Those who have loved God and tried to live according to his will, will find the presence of God to be eternally blissful in heaven. Those who have instead cultivated lives which prefer evil, will find the same reality of God's presence in eternity to be a tortured hell.

Read Matthew 25:31-46, which is the reading for the Sunday of the Last Judgment.

1. How will the Son of Man reveal Himself in the endtime? Who will be there? (v. 31)
2. What will He do then? (v. 32-33)
3. What will the King say to the righteous (v. 34)?
4. Why will the King bestow the blessing of the

Kingdom on the righteous (vss. 35-36)?

I was hungry and
 I was thirsty and
 I was a stranger and
 I was naked and
 I was sick and
 I was in prison and

5. How will the King reply to the righteous who ask "When did we see you" (vs. 40)?
6. What will He then say to those on the left (vs. 41)?
7. What will the King reply to their perplexed questions (vs. 45)?
8. What is the dramatic conclusion of the Last Judgment (vs. 46)?

So through the Parable of the Last Judgment Christ teaches us that heaven and hell have to do with how we take care of each other's physical and spiritual needs. As we serve others in God's name and by His grace, or as we fail to do so, we experience either God's presence or absence in our life, and after death.

The Last Judgment - Matthew 25:31-46



Jesus said that if we love God, we will love other people, and help those who are sick, hungry, and lonely.