

Prior to Great Lent, the Church offers the Divine Liturgy to pray for the souls of its departed servants. These three “Saturday of the Souls” (**February 18, 25 & March 4th**) follow the ancient practice of praying for those who have taken their repose in the Lord. Orthodox Christianity has always taught that those who have fallen asleep are not dead but still alive in Jesus Christ! What a beautiful belief. In its very essence, prayer for the dead is a proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ - a gift that in turn is shared to all believers. It is therefore imperative for us, the living, to remember our loved ones who have passed on and to pray that the Lord accept them into His Heavenly Kingdom.

*Please plan to attend the Liturgies and Memorial, and DO NOT simply give the names to Father without being present praying for your loves ones with the entire Church.*

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