

## **Parousia and the Last Judgment in the Chrysostom Sermons**

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### **Abstract**

The Second Coming of the Lord, also called *Parousia*, which will follow immediately by the Last Judgment, is a matter of concern to every man. Because every man raises the question of the end of his life and the end of the world, and wonders when Last Judgment will be. St. John Chrysostom responds to this inner turmoil based on the Holy Scripture, using both credible historical and logical arguments. He explains how the Second Coming of the Lord will take place. Then the righteous will shine like the sun, while sinners will be subjected to terrible punishments. We find in his sermons many details about how the Universal - Last Judgment will take place. The Kingdom of God is eternal. But hell is also eternal. Of the eternity of Heaven and hell, the Great Hierarch often speaks. Here are the main Chrysostomical teachings of faith, on this subject, with the mention that the references to the works of the Great Church Father may have been much more, but, for reasons of space and because his ideas are repeated not infrequently from a sermon to another, I only mentioned just a part of them.