



Sunday February 14, 2016 TONE 4

37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Sunday of Zacchaeus. Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470). Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869). Ven. Isaac, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1190). The Twelve Greeks who built the Dormition Cathedral in the Lavra of the Kiev Caves (11th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 2/20: Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/21: Hours 8:40 a.m. **Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

followed by Fellowship/ Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3 RD HOUR	6 TH HOUR EPISTLE	
Feb-14	CARPENTER	SULPIZI, L	PECK
Feb-21	RILEY, A	RILEY, J	CAREY
Feb-28	SOUDER, C	PECK	BUNITSKY, S.
Mar-6	CARPENTER	SULPIZI, L	PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 4 **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 1 **Troparion** (*for Venerable Auxentius*)

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body,
you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Auxentius.
You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer:
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave you strength!
Glory to Him Who granted you a ↑crown!
Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

Tone 4 **Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,

and as Master,//

He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(for Venerable Auxentius)*

You delighted in abstinence,

restraining the desires of the flesh.

Divinely wise and holy Father Auxentius,

you were revealed to be shining with faith,

blossoming like a plant in the midst of Paradise.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all. *(Ps 103/104:24)*

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

(Ps 103/104:1)

Epistle 1 Timothy 4:9-15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Many Years to the Newly Illumined! We welcome into the Church this morning Lydia Kendall, by virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation. We want to wish her and her family congratulations and many years of health, happiness, and prosperity!

Another Baptism Next Week Next Sunday (Feb 21st) at 8 a.m. we will welcome into the Church, by virtue of the sacrament of holy baptism and Chrismation, Imani Robinson. All are invited to join us as we welcome this newly enlisted warrior of Christ.

Journeys to Orthodoxy We are asking both "Cradle" Orthodox and Convert alike to share your journey to the Orthodox Church. We hope to compile these stories and make them available to both the faithful of St. Michael's and our guest and visitors. We hope that your story may be an inspiration and a help to others. Journeys to Orthodoxy may be submitted to Laura Najemy or Fr. Barnabas. Please consider sharing your journey with us.

Calling all Church Keys In an effort to improve security at St. Michael's the parish council is currently looking at having all locks re-keyed and repaired. Therefore we are asking that anyone who has a church key please turn it in to Fr. Dn. James Carpenter. Thank you.

Family Promise Thank you everyone who helped with Family Promise this week. The parents and children really appreciated it.

Study Group Our next study group will meet this Thursday Feb 18th. We will begin reading and discussing chapter 10 of 2nd Corinthians. The study group is an excellent opportunity for continuing adult education. Please join us!

Archbishop MARK to Visit On Sat. & Sun. March 12th & 13th (Cheesefare Sunday) His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be making an archpastoral visit to St. Michael's. Cheesefare Sunday is also "Forgiveness Sunday" where we make the transition from the Sunday's after Pentecost to the Lenten period. Following coffee hour that day we will come back in to the church for Forgiveness Vespers and begin our lenten journey together. Please make plans to join us for this wonderful opportunity in the life of the church.

The Ladder of Divine Ascent On Friday evenings during Great Lent Fr. Barnabas will be offering a study and discussion group on St. John Climacus' "Ladder of Divine Ascent". We will try and make it through the first six or seven steps in this important spiritual work. Please make plans on joining us following services on Friday evening's during Lent.

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Meatfare Sunday March 6th

Cheesefare / Forgiveness Sunday March 13th (Archbishop MARK+)

Beginning of Great Lent March 14th

Annunciation March 25th

Palm Sunday April 24th

HOLY PASCHA MAY 1st

The Day of the Lord

On February 18 we read a good portion of the relatively short book (three chapters in all) of the Prophet Joel.

Joel prophesies in the first chapter that the Day of the Lord, which is soon to come, will be "a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!" But in the opening verses of today's reading, he urges repentance and reassures the people: "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing" (2: 12-13a).

Joel writes that for those who show by repentance that they want to be with the Lord, there are incredible gifts in store. The Day of the Lord which he has described so darkly will also be, for those who love God, a day when "the mountains shall drip sweet wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the stream beds of Judah shall flow with water" (3: 18).

On this day the Church commemorates Saint Leo, Pope of Rome, who was born in the fourth century in Tuscany, Italy. He became Pope in a time when the faith was challenged internally by false teachings about the two natures of Christ, and from the outside by invaders from other lands. Saint Leo knew the Church would be tested from within and without.

He had a wonderful gift of being able to negotiate between two opposing parties. When Northern Italy was overrun by the Huns, he was called on by the emperor himself to meet with Attila, the Huns' famous warrior leader. With no weapons, and certainly no army, he managed to convince Attila not to devastate Rome. Attila's servants later said that their master had agreed because he had seen the figure of a priest mysteriously appear above Leo's head as the two men met.

Two years later, in 455, the Vandals and their leader Gunderic did loot Rome, pillaging homes and taking many of its citizens as slaves. Leo wasn't able to stop the destruction that time, but he urged the people not to lose hope or faith.

Despite the outward turbulence of his years as Pope, Saint Leo was not distracted from the task of articulating the faith correctly. He insisted that the two natures of Christ must always be clearly expressed as truth. His words are still used by the Church: "One and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, known in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation..."

Saint Leo knew that the repentance Joel wrote about meant maintaining faith in God even when devastated by foreign invaders. But he knew that it also meant continuing to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ's two unbreakably united natures. Only by believing in God even when facing physical suffering, while also honoring Him as "one and the same Christ...known in two natures..." can we be worthy of the Day of the Lord.

Troparian - Tone 3

You were the Church's instrument
in strengthening
the teaching of true doctrine;
you shone forth from the West
like a sun dispelling the errors
of the heretics.
Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God
to grant us His great mercy.

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Prayers for the Departed: *Archpriest John Udics, Archimandrite Athanasy, Helen Bunitsky*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. David Shewczyk, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Lemlem Resat, Harry Wujcik, , Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Lily Nassif, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Georgia Harb, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caton Tompkins, Michael Vannello*

Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them: *Maria Peck,, Elizabeth Clause, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky*

Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee/ Fellowship Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	<u>Library</u>
14-Feb	Bacuta	Bunitsky/Lewis	Bunitsky/Oberto	Maloney
21-Feb	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Fravel	Lewis
28-Feb	Gerassimakis/ Bunitsky	Riley	Gerassimakis	Gundersen
6-Mar	Whale/ Gabriel/ Sheeler	Sulpizi/ Fink	Whalen/ Fink	Farrell
13-Mar	Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday	Hojnicki/ Souder	Farrell	Skomorucha

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