



**Sunday September 18, 2016 13th SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the**  
**Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. St.**  
 Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.). Martyr Ariadne of  
 Phrygia (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia and Irene of Egypt (3rd  
 c.). Martyr Castor of Alexandria (3rd c.). Greatmartyr  
 Prince Bidzini and Martyrs Princes Elizabar and Shalvi,  
 of Georgia (1660).

**This Week's Schedule**

*Saturday 9/24*

*Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 9/25*

*Hours 8:40 a.m.*

***Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.***

*followed by coffee hour & church school*

**Reader Schedule**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b> | <b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b> | <b>EPISTLE</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Sep 18      | J BUNITSKY                 | K BUNITSKY                 | S BRASOWSKI    |
| Sep 25      | L SULPIZI                  | SOUDER                     | PECK           |
| Oct 2       | J RILEY                    | A RILEY                    | FINCK          |
| Oct 9       | LEWIS                      | PECK                       | PECK           |
| Oct 16      | L WALES                    | A WALES                    | L WALES        |

## **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**

O Lord, save Your people  
and bless Your inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross,//  
preserve Your habitation!  
Entreat Him to save our souls!

### **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**      *(St Eumenes)*

Radiant with divine light, O blessed one,  
illumine us who lovingly praise your precious and glorious passing;  
Hierarch Father Eumenes,  
unceasingly intercede for us all.

### **Tone 4 Kontakion**

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,  
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;  
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,  
granting them victories over their adversaries//  
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (*Ps*  
98/99:5)

v: *The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps 98/99:1)*

**Epistle Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation)**

*Brethren, ... knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.*

*But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!*

*For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.*

*For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.*

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**1 Corinthians 16:13-24**

*Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.*

*I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.*

*I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.*

*The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.*

*All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.*

*The salutation with my own hand – Paul's.*

*If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. *Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!*  
(Ps 73/74:2)

v: *God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)*

**Gospel Mark 8:24-9:1** *(Sunday after the Elevation)*

*When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

*For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.*

*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?*

*Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

*For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.*

*And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."*

**Matthew 21:33-42**

*Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.*

*Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.*

*And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.*

*Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.*

*Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'*

*But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'*

*So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.*

*Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?*

*They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."*

*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"*

***(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)***

## **Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,  
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;  
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.  
Now at its Elevation,  
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (*Ps 4/5:6*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcement**

***Parish Family Picnic Today*** All are welcome to join us for a Parish Family Picnic on Sunday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. There will be food, drinks, and fun. We will also be celebrating the beginning of the church school year with the Molieben for beginning instruction.

***Parish Council Meeting*** Just a reminder that we will have a parish council meeting this Wed. 9/21/16 at 7pm. The main focus of the meeting will be the 2017 budget.

***Family Promise*** St. Michaels needs volunteers to cook and serve dinners to Family Promise families on October 10 (Mon), Oct. 11 (Tues), and Oct. 13 (Thurs). We will do this at the new St. Philips Lutheran Church (our co-host) on 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Please sign up to drive, cook, serve dinner and share your compassion and hope with homeless families in our area. Now that St. Philips completed construction of their new building, it's also a great way to take a look around!!! Sign up on board in Narthex or contact Ellen Gundersen 610.388.0695 or puffins1@verizon.net.

***Attention all Catechumens and Inquirers*** We will be offering a class on the "Basics of Orthodoxy" on Saturday evenings prior to Vespers at 4:00 p.m. Classes will begin on Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us.

***Participate in Our Parish Health Survey!*** We invite everyone to participate in our Parish Health Survey. Your input is important to us.

Through your participation in the survey we hope to evaluate the ongoing work at St. Michael's. We also hope to identify strengths and weaknesses in our overall parish witness and ministry. We will be sending out a parish wide email with a link to the survey. We plan to have preliminary survey results at our annual parish meeting. Please look for it in your email. OR, ... the survey can be found as a part of Google forms at <http://goo.gl/forms/HsSdzYhIOoerSQPJ2> Paper copies will be available for all who do not use the computer.

***From our Church Library:*** Now that a new church calendar year is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, outside the Coffee Hour room. Our library team has set out a new selection of books, and there's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

***Study Group*** This past Thursday six of us finished reading and discussing step five of "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." ***PLEASE NOTE: there will be no study group on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Barnabas will be away.***

### ***Saint Thecla***

*September 24 is the feast day of Saint Thecla, a contemporary of Saint Paul who became an evangelizer, as Paul was, after hearing his teachings.*

*Thecla was born to a rich family in Iconium, a town in Asia Minor. She was expected to marry, and marry well. In fact, her mother had a young man picked out for her. He had an excellent position, and could offer Thecla a secure life. This was important in Thecla's day. An unmarried woman could find herself with no support and no money. Marriage assured a stable place in society, with children to carry on the family name.*

*But something happened to Thecla that made her turn away forever from her mother's dream. The apostle Paul, who had been in Antioch, traveled to Iconium and began teaching at a house near Thecla's. She sat in her open window for three days and nights, listening as Paul spoke about the blessings of giving everything to God. Thecla decided not to marry, and to devote her life to Jesus Christ.*

*Her fiancé Thamyris was furious, and complained to the local governor that Paul was a bad influence. Because Thamyris was so prominent, Paul was arrested and imprisoned*

*.Late at night, Thecla secretly went to the prison, bribed the guards, and stayed to hear Paul's teachings. When her family found her, they turned her and Paul over to the authorities. Paul was driven from the city, and Thecla was sentenced to death. Her mother was so angry at her daughter's disobedient "madness" that she wouldn't intervene.*

*Thecla was tortured, but God delivered her from death. She found her way to Antioch, and soon met Paul there. She helped him preach, and together they did good work for the Lord.*

*Once again, though, a powerful man—the city governor—tried to turn Thecla toward marriage, and when she hurt his pride by refusing, he denounced her to the authorities. She was arrested and sentenced to die in the arena. But the wild beasts wouldn't harm her, and when their attempt to drown her also failed, the officials were so frightened that they let her go. She retreated to a rocky desert cave in the mountains near the town of Ma'aloula, Syria. Through her prayer she converted many and gathered other women monastics around her. She counseled people and healed the sick, never asking for money..*

*Even here, though, she was pursued. Jealous pagan doctors sent young men to harm the saint, now an old woman. But God, hearing her prayers, opened up a fissure in the rock of the cave. Thecla rushed into the space, which immediately closed up again.*

*Today you can visit Thecla's cave, and see in it the still-running spring that provided water for her. The nuns who live in the "Mar Thecla" monastery will tell you her story, and show you the fissure in the rock where this saint, "Equal to the Apostles", left the world and joined her Lord in the Kingdom.*

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*<http://dce.oca.org>.*

### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*"Pursue the small consolation that is acquired in time of toil, that you may be accounted worthy of that great consolation which dispels the troubles of this life of sorrows for those who find it. Do not despise small things, lest you be deprived of great ones."*

***St. Isaac the Syrian "Ascetical Homilies" (Homily 25)***

**Prayers for the Departed:** Harry Wujcik, Melanie Adamcio

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, , Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caiton Tompkins, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, Alma Clothier, Rae Svecz, Andrew Kovolavich, Pearl Minnich, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Harry Kutch, Stephanie Hojnicky

**Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them:**  
Kristine

*Service Ministries*

| <b>Date</b>    | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>   | <b><u>Service Duty</u></b> | <b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b> | <b><u>Library</u></b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>18-Sept</b> | Hamwi/Morjana               | Elia Morjana               | Fravel                       | Maloney               |
| <b>25-Sept</b> | Gerassimakis/<br>Bunitsky   | Riley                      | Gerassimakis                 | Lewis                 |
| <b>2-Oct</b>   | Whalen/ Gabriel/<br>Sheeler | Sulpizi/ Fink              | Whalen/Fink                  | Gundersen             |
| <b>9-Oct</b>   | Najemy/Kendall              | Hojnicky/<br>Souder        | Farrell                      | Farrell               |

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

**VESPERS and LITURGY**

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| Sep-18 | Team Conover |
| Sep-25 | Team Gabriel |
| Oct-02 | Team George  |
| Oct-09 | Team Conover |
| Oct-16 | Team George  |

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