



Sunday October 09, 2016 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America (1989—Sept 26th O.S.). Holy Apostle James (Jacob), Son of Alphæus (1st c.). Ven.

Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia, of Egypt (5th c.). Righteous forefather Abraham, and his nephew, Lot (ca. 2000 B.C.). Martyrs Juventius and Maximus at Antioch (363). St. Publia the Confessor, Deaconess, of Antioch (4th c.). Ven. Peter of Galatia (9th c.). Hieromartyr Dionysius (Denis, Denys) of Paris, Bishop (ca. 258). The “CHERSON” and “ASSUAGE MY SORROW” Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos.

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday 10/15 *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 10/16 *Hours 8:40 a.m.*

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee hour_ & church school

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Oct 9	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Oct 16	L WALES	A WALES	L WALES
Oct 23	L SULPIZI	SOUDER	S BRASOWSKI
Oct 30	J RILEY	A RILEY	J RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion (*St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow*)

Chosen by God in a turbulent time,
you glorified God in complete holiness,
and attained greatness through humility,
showing forth the power of God through simplicity and piety.
You laid down your life for the Church and her people,
O holy Confessor and Patriarch, Father Tikhon.
Pray to Christ God with Whom you were also crucified,
that He may save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 2 Kontakion (*St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow*)

A gentle manner adorned you:
you showed kindness and compassion to those who repented;
you were firm and unbending in confessing the Orthodox Faith,
and zealous in loving the Lord.
O holy Hierarch of Christ and Confessor Tikhon,
pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God,//
which is of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(*Ps 28/29:1*)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps 48/49:3)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St Tikhon)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

v: *To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)*

Tone 2

v: *The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps 36/37:30)*

Gospel Luke 7:11-16

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

John 10:9-16 (St Tikhon)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil

tidings! (Ps 111/112:6)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

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.

All Parish Meeting On Sunday October 23rd, 2016, during the coffee hour, we will have our Annual All Parish Meeting. Please make plans to stay following Divine Liturgy for this important work in the life of the church.

Reports for Parish Meeting Just a reminder that all reports for the annual meeting should be sent to Catalina Finck as soon as possible in preparation for the all parish meeting.

Volunteer Ministries We are currently compiling the 2017 Volunteer Ministries work schedule and are looking for volunteers. A sign up list is in the Narthex for Fellowship Hour, candle service duty, church cleaning, and the library. Please add your name to the list and if you wish to work with a particular family please add a note to that effect.

Amazon Smile At this time of year, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael's could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael's a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael's so it is easy to use. We have already been receiving benefits from this program. Just type the address into your web browser.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

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 plan to have preliminary survey results at our annual parish meeting. The survey can be found as a part of Google forms at <http://goo.gl/forms/HsSdzYhIOoerSQPJ2> Deadline for surveys is October 16th, 2016. Please take a few moments to share your input.

Study Group Six of us continued our study group this past week. We are reading and discussing *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. We will meet again this Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

Basics of Orthodoxy Class We will be offering a class on the "Basics of Orthodoxy" on Saturday evenings prior to Vespers at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

Longinus the Centurion

This week we remember the martyred saint Longinus the Centurion (Oct. 11th), who stood at the foot of the cross and pierced the side of Our Lord with a spear. He was moved, as he stood there, to make a powerful confession of faith. He declared, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" If we think for a moment about what took place during the hours before Longinus uttered his memorable words, we'll have to dwell on some ugly scenes. Soldiers like Longinus were responsible for many of the terrible things done to Our Lord during those hours. Jesus was mocked, scourged, ridiculed and crowned by having sharp thorns put roughly on his head. The soldiers were more than willing to cast lots for His clothing, and to hear without anything but agreement the mocking of passersby as He endured agony on the cross.

Longinus belonged to the Roman Empire's fighting elite. He was trained to value power, and to believe in ruthless suppression of any who were perceived to be Rome's enemies. He would have been unlikely to have compassion for, or interest in, an itinerant preacher who had stirred up the populace in an alarming way. He could watch without emotion as that preacher was put to death in the slow, incredibly painful way reserved for criminals who were not citizens of Rome.

Longinus, according to most sources, was the officer in command at the Lord's crucifixion. It was his job to make sure that those on the crosses were definitely dead. This is why it is surprising to find, in some modern books that claim to "demythologize" the Christian Gospel, the bald assertion that we there were no eyewitnesses to the Crucifixion. These

books then claim that without eyewitnesses we have no certainty that Jesus Christ actually died and rose again.

Yet the Gospel of John, in 19: 31-35 tells us in detail how the soldiers dealt with the crucified bodies that day, and in verses 26-27 it tells us how Jesus gave His Mother into John's care. So there were a number of witnesses, a fact which is one of the foundations of our faith.

Longinus was one witness who was overcome by what he experienced when Jesus died. He was awestruck at seeing the earth shake and the rocks split, and he knew that Jesus was the Son of God, as He had claimed to be. The rest of his life, after he accepted baptism, was spent as a follower of Christ who witnessed to others. He died a martyr at the hands of Pilate's soldiers, who pursued him and reluctantly followed their orders to kill him.

Just a bored centurion who had to make sure the Jewish troublemaker on the cross was really dead—those ordinary words describe Longinus. Yet he was changed, to become a great witness to the Resurrection. That is what God can do, and all the "demythologizing" books in the world can't undo it.

Troparion - Tone 1

*Longinus, you beheld the King of Glory
who was nailed to the Cross,
yet shone on those in darkness.
You were enlightened by His rays
and became a martyr and save those who cry:
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!*

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Every good comes providentially from God. However, it quietly leaves those who are ungrateful, unfeeling and idle."

St. Mark the Ascetic

*The heart itself is but a small vessel, yet there also are dragons and there are lions; there are poisonous beasts and all the treasures of evil. And there are rough and uneven roads; there **are precipices**. But there is also God, also the angels, the life and the kingdom, the light and the Apostles, the treasures of grace – there are all things.*

St. Macarius the Great

Prayers for the Departed: Hieromonk Alexander, Nabil Gouda, Christopher Leach, Jerry Ficks

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, Walter Danchenka

Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
16-Oct	Kraiter/Cretu/ Vladimirova	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Kendall	Skomorucha
23-Oct	Bacuta	Bunitsky/ Lewis	Baldychev/ Shatley	Maloney
30-Oct	LaChance/Shatley/ Hines	Elia/Morjana	Sulpizi	Lewis
6-Nov	Souder/Riley	Riley	Riley	Gundersen

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE

VESPERS and LITURGY

Oct-09	Team Conover
Oct-16	Team Gabriel
Oct-23	Team George
Oct- 30	Team Conover

Last Week's Attendance

10/ 1 Vespers 40 10/2 Divine Liturgy 110
