



St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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**Sunday November 27, 2016 23rd SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Greatmartyr
James the Persian (421). Ven. Palladius of
Thessalonica (6th-7th c.). St. Jacob, Bishop and
Wonderworker of Rostov (1392). Uncovering of the
Relics of St. Vsávolod (Gabriel) of Pskov (1192).
Seventeen Monk Martyrs in India (4th c.). St.
Roman (5th c.). Repose of Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of
Yuriev Monastery (Solovétsky Monastery—1633).**

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 12/03 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/04 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. (Feast of St. Barbara)

followed by coffee hour & church school

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Nov 27	J RILEY	A RILEY	J RILEY
Dec 4	J BUNITSKY	K BUNITSKY	FINCK
Dec 11	L SULPIZI	SOUDER	CAREY
Dec 18	L WALES	A WALES	L WALES
Dec 25	NATIVITY OF CHRIST		
Dec 25	A RILEY	J RILEY	J RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Great Martyr James the Persian*)

Long-suffering James, you astounded all
by enduring horrible tortures with great patience.
As the evil assembly performed the slaughter,
you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord.
Through your sufferings you received your crown,
and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God.
Entreat Him to save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Great Martyr James the Persian*)

You listened to your faithful wife
and contemplated the judgment of God, holy James;
you despised the threats and commands of the Persians,
accepting the cutting of your body and though you were a vine.
Therefore you were revealed as a martyr worthy of honor.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps 27/28:9*)

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)*

v: *He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps 90/91:2)*

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

Special Welcome Welcome to Archpriest Timothy and Matushka Anastasia Hojnicki and family . Thanks to Fr. Tim for leading us this morning while both our families are able to spend some extra time together.

Many Years Many years to our Reverend Deacon James Carpenter celebrating the 2nd anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Deaconate (Nov. 21). We want to thank him for his service to St. Michael's and to Christ's Holy Church. May our Lord grant him long life, health , happiness, and many years of service.

Family Promise Thanks to Ellen and Mark Gundersen and all of our volunteers this week. Thank you for your time and talents in this work!

St. Barbara's Day Celebration Next Sunday Dec. 4th we will celebrate the feast of the Great Martyr Barbara. St. Barbara is venerated in many cultures and is highly regarded as a patron especially those bearing her name. For St. Barbara's day, in imitation of the different disguises she used to elude her father, some culture dress in costumes as part of the celebration. Join us next week to celebrate this blessed feast.

Teen Decorating Gathering We will have a teen gathering on Saturday evening Dec. 10th following vespers. We are hoping to deck the halls of our parish hall. Join us!

Bookstore Nativity Gifts The Bookstore will have an icon sale over the next three weekends. Stop by for discounted prices.

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity fast continues until Dec. 25th .(please make an effort) The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew's Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: 'Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wisemen, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb' (Vesperal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day)

Study Group We will resume on Dec. 1st at 10 a.m., reading and discussing *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. All are welcome to join us.

Basics of Orthodoxy Class Our class will break for December and we will return again on a NEW night, Thursday evening s at 6:30 p.m. starting January 12th, 2017. All are welcome to join us

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

The more good deeds you perform, the more and more your immortal soul will rise from worldly, selfish feelings. The more good deeds you do the more your soul will flee falsehood. The consequence of this is that your immortal soul will get closer to Heaven. And in Heaven there is God's perfect and absolute truth. If you perform good deeds, you will be lifted higher and higher above the Earth. You will breathe the fresher air of Heaven, and you will be closer and closer to God.

St Luke of Crimea

Prayers for the Departed: Hieromonk Alexander, Archpriest Oleg, Nabil Gouda, Dolores Kozak, Jesse Jones

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, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Harry Kutch, Stephanie Hojnicki, Walter Danchenka, Abigail Brightwell

Service Ministries

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
27-Nov	Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Gerassimakis	Maloney
4-Dec	Elia/Gundersen/ Farrell	Bunitsky/Lewis	Whalen/ Fink	Lewis
11-Dec	Peck/Wales	Elia/ Morjana	Nativity Cleanup	Gundersen
18-Dec	Hojnicki/Flynn/ Roberts	Riley	Farrell	Farrell
25-Dec	Nativity	Sulpizi/ Finck	Kendall	No Library

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE	VESPERS and LITURGY
Nov-27	Team Gabriel
Dec-04	Team Conover
Dec-11	Team George
Dec-18	Team Gabriel

Attendance Nov 13 Divine Liturgy: 130