



**St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church**

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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**Sunday February 19, 2017 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 2. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphias (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch (363). Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus (7th c.). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530).

**This Week's Schedule**

*Saturday 02/25 Sacrament of Holy Chrismation 10:00 a.m.  
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 02/26 Hours 8:40 a.m.*

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

*followed by coffee hour & Forgiveness Vespers*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Feb-19	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Feb-26	SOUDER	PECK	PECK
Mar-5	LEWIS	SULPIZI	CAREY
Mar-12	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	BRASOWSKI
Mar-19	LEWIS	SOUDER	FINCK
Mar 25	ANNUNCIATION		
Mar-26	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 Troparion**     *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### **Tone 1**            **Kontakion**     *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory,  
all things shall tremble,  
and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;  
the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;  
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,//  
and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous  
Judge!

### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon**

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. (Ps 146/147:5)*

*v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)*

### **Epistle** 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

*But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.*

*But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.*

*For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?*

*And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?*

*But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.*

*Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.*

*Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?*

*If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.*

## **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)*

*v: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. (Ps 94/95:2)*

## **Gospel Matthew 25:31-46**

*When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

*All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

*And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

*Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;*

*I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'*

*Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?*

*When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?*

*Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'*

*And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

*Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

*for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;*

*I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'*

*Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'*

*Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*

*And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

## **Communion Hymns**

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **This Week's Announcement**

***Great Lent to Begin*** Just a reminder that our Lenten journey will begin with ***Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*** following coffee

hour. All should make a sincere effort to begin the Lenten season with this service and the "Mutual rite of forgiveness". "On Forgiveness Sunday, we sing of Adam's exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us.

*If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither*

*will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Mt 6.14–18).”*

***Family Promise*** We want to thank all of you for your continued stewardship efforts in our Family Promise ministry. It is an Incredible ministry and we are blessed to be a part of it. A special thanks to Ellen and Mark Gundersen who continue to coordinate and serve as liaisons between St. Michael’s and Family Promise.

***Work Day/ Cleanup March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>*** Calling all stewards, we need some significant help with some outdoor cleanup. We need to clean debris and trash out of the wooded area of our property. The project will be a two day cleanup Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. A parish wide email will be sent out shortly with more details. Please help us in being good stewards of our parish property.

***Perogie Available*** Thanks to all who came and helped pinch perogies this past week. Perogies are available for sale in the church hall. Please see Elizabeth Melnick. Get them now before they are gone!

***Diaper Drive*** We are conducting a Diaper Drive to benefit Catholic Charities Bayard House. Bayard House serves young mothers in need. Diapers of all sizes and baby wipes would be appreciated. To contribute, drop items off over the next two Sundays: Feb 26 and March 5. If you have any questions, see Anne Riley.

***Study Group*** Our Study group will continue this Thursday at 10 am with the 15<sup>th</sup> Step from “The Ladder of Divine Ascent”. All are welcome to join us.

***Basics of Orthodoxy Update*** We will be offering the basics of Orthodoxy class on Friday evenings during the Lenten season. We will begin this Friday evening Feb 24<sup>th</sup> following vespers. All are welcome to attend.

## Challenge from Saint Andrew

As Great Lent begins on February 27, we begin chanting and singing "The Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete" and continue each evening in church. Saint Andrew took part in the Sixth Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in the year 680, and then served as Archdeacon at the Cathedral of Hagia Sophia in that city. Later he was consecrated as a bishop in the city of Gortineia, on the island of Crete. In addition to these important services to the Church, he wrote sermons, as well as some of

the most famous hymns we have, many in praise of the Theotokos. The best-known of the hymns written by Andrew is the Canon with which we begin the season of preparation for Great and Holy Pascha.

The words of the Canon challenge us in several ways. First, they contain innumerable Biblical references which may not be familiar. We don't all have the broad knowledge of the Scriptures that a good number of Andrew's hearers in earlier centuries possessed. So when the Canon verse reads, "You, my soul, have revolted from the Lord like Dathan and

Abiram" we may have to look up these two men in Chapter 16 of the Book of Numbers. There we will find that they rebelled against Moses and Aaron and asked them, "Why do you exalt yourselves above the congregation...Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey; to kill us in the wilderness...?" Moses replies that it is God they are rebelling against, and Saint Andrew uses the incident as a warning to trust God and not be rebellious, "but with all your heart cry 'Spare!', that a yawning gulf of the earth may not swallow you."

The Canon also challenges us to follow Biblical examples. Saint Andrew writes, "The Shunammite woman of old with right good will entertained the righteous man. But you, my soul, have taken into your house neither stranger nor traveler." This offers us a good spiritual exercise: We can consider, with serious prayer, what it means for us to "take into our house" those whom God may send, and how we will go about it.

We're also challenged to be worthy of Christ's saving acts: "You laid down Your body and blood for all, O Crucified Word; Your body in order to renew me, Your blood in order to wash me, and You did surrender Your spirit, O Christ, in order to bring me to the Father...Eden

that was closed is open; things on high and below, creation and all peoples are saved and worship You."

Great Lent is given to us as a time to work toward meeting these challenges. We can be assured that with God's help we are able to do so. Referring to Exodus 14:16 Saint Andrew writes: "Imagine Moses' staff striking the sea and fixing the deep as a type of the divine Cross, by which you too, my soul, can accomplish great things."

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

*Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.*

*St. Leo the Great*

*"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."*

*St. Leo the Great*

*"The natural property of the lemon tree is such that it lifts its branches upwards when it has no fruit, but the more the branches bend down the more fruit they bear. Those who have the mind to understand will grasp the meaning of this."*

*St. John of the Ladder*

*'If you have faith in the Lord you will fear punishment, and this fear will lead you to control the passions. Once you control the passions you will accept affliction patiently, and through such acceptance you will acquire hope in God. Hope in God separates the intellect from every worldly attachment, and when the intellect is detached in this way it will acquire love for God.'*

*St. Maximos the Confessor*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Anwor Kawaja, Alan Theophan Shatley  
**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, 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, James Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Walter Danchenka, Anne Peck, George Coyle  
**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Tatyana Klimova  
**Prayers for Catechumens:** Carolyn Peck, William Wennburg, Stephanie Smiertka  
**Prayers for Newly Illumined/Chrismated:** Emily (Theodora) Zushi, Misty (Mary) Robinson, Cedric Peck

<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>19-Feb</b>	Meatfare Pot Luck	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Finck	Lewis
<b>26-Feb</b>	Cheesefare Pot Luck	Bunitsky/ Lewis	Skomorucha/ Lewis	Gundersen
<b>5-Mar</b>	<b>Pot Luck</b>	Elia/ Morjana	Baldychev/ Shatley- Sylvest	Farrell
<b>12-Mar</b>	<b>Najemy/Kendall</b>	Riley	Sulpizi	Skomorucha

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VESPERS and LITURGY</b>
Feb-19	Team Conover
Feb-26	Team Gabriel
Mar-5	Team George
Mar-12	Team Conover

Attendance

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy: 113 Feb/12<sup>th</sup> Liturgy: 120