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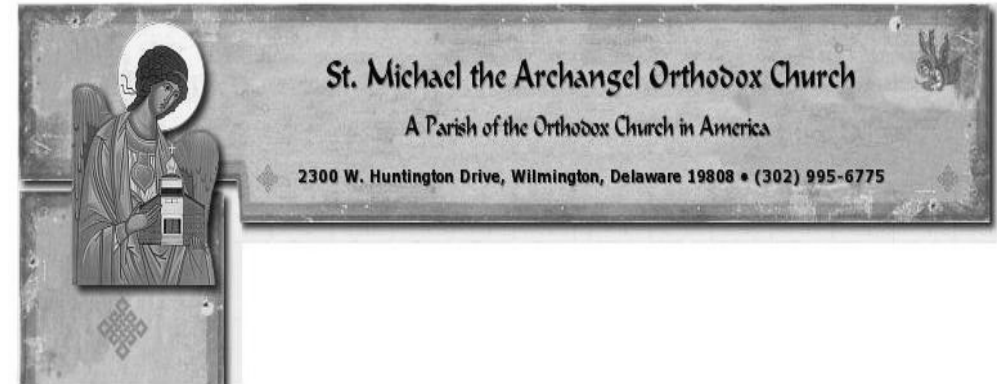
### Service Ministries

Date	Coffee/ Fellowship Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaners	Library
13-Dec	Kutch/ Sulpizi	Riley/ Baldytchev	Kutch/ Sulpizi	Scott Lewis
20-Dec	Elia/ Gundersen/ Farrell	Sulpizi/ Fink	Riley	Gundersen
27-Dec	Souder/ Riley	Souder/ Hojnicky	Carey/ Btnitsky	Farrell
3-Jan	Oberto/Bunitsky	Bunitsky/Lewis	Whalen/Fink	Skomorucha
10-Jan	Conover/Daubert/ George	Elia/Morjana	Farrell	Maloney
17-Jan	Sulpizi/Skomoucha	Riley	Kendall	Lewis

**Income and Expenses (General Fund) – November**  
 Income :\$11,389.30  
 Expenses:\$(8,983.72)

**Year to Date-November**  
 Income :\$159,431.26  
 Expenses: \$ (158,861.46)  
 \$569.80

Last Week's Attendance  
 12/05 Vespers.....45  
 12/06 Divine Liturgy.....96



### Sunday December 13, 2015 TONE 3

**27th Sunday After Pentecost**— Tone 3. REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1837). Sunday of the Forefathers. Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Lucia (Lucy) of Syracuse (304). Ven. Arkády (Arcadius) of Novotorsk (11th c.). Ven. Mardárii (Mardarius)

### *This Week's Schedule*

Saturday 12/19: Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/20: Hours 8:40 a.m.

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

*followed by Church School and Fellowship/ Coffee hour*

### Reader Schedule

DATE	3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUR	6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR	EPISTLE
Dec 13	S BUNITSKY	K BUNITSKY	S BUNITSKY
Dec 20	FDN JAMES	SOUDER	CAREY
Dec 25			
Dec 27	A RILEY	J RILEY	J RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 3 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with  
His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the  
dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of  
hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

### **Tone 2 Troparion** *(Forefathers)*

Through faith You justified the Fore-  
fathers,  
betrotting through them the Church of  
the gentiles.  
These saints exult in glory,  
for from their seed came forth a glori-  
ous fruit:  
she who bore You without seed.//  
So by their prayers, O Christ God,  
have mercy on us!

### **Tone 7 Troparion** *(St Herman)*

Joyful North Star of the Church of  
Christ,  
guiding all people to the Heavenly  
Kingdom;  
teacher and apostle of the True Faith;  
intercessor and defender of the op-  
pressed;  
adornment of the Orthodox Church in  
America:  
Blessed Father Herman of Alaska,//

pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the  
salvation of our souls!

### **Tone 3 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb,  
O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve re-  
joices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine  
majesty of Your power.

### **Tone 3 Kontakion** *(St Herman)*

The eternal light of Christ our Savior  
guided you, blessed Father Herman,  
on your evangelical journey to Amer-  
ica  
to proclaim the Gospel of peace.  
Now you stand before the throne of  
glory;  
intercede for your land and its people:  
peace for the world and salvation for  
our souls!

### **Tone 6\* Kontakion** *(Forefathers)*

You did not worship the graven im-  
age,  
O thrice-blessed ones,  
but armed with the immaterial Es-  
sence of God,  
you were glorified in a trial by fire.  
From the midst of unbearable flames  
you called on God, crying:  
“Hasten, O compassionate One!

for life. The author is a Montessori teacher, and is also trained in the use of the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" program. As she writes, the parable of the Good Shepherd is an especially appealing and important one for young children, who need to feel that they are loved and protected by someone they can completely trust.



Each chapter of the book begins with a quotation from an educator or from Scripture. This is followed by a list of three or four objectives—things the reader should realize after finishing the chapter. At the end of the chapter are suggested activities, based on the content of the chapter.

One chapter's content is a discussion of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit enumerated in Isaiah 11: 1-2. The author offers ways to present them to a child. In another chapter, she advises parents and teachers to ask questions that will encourage children to think and work out answers, rather than cutting off thinking by giving answers.

The book reflects admirable compassion for all kinds of people. For example, the author writes that her church school class creates Christmas cards to be given to homeless people at the parish's Christmas dinner. She asks her young students not to include a cheery message in their cards because writing something like "Have a great Christmas" would "only serve as a reminder that Christmas is not so great" for the homeless. Instead, she writes a note that tells the recipient, "We are keeping you in our prayers."

Elizabeth White took a survey as she began her writing, asking Orthodox parents what they felt was their primary goal. Her personal favorite response is this one: "To help the child fall in love with God." Her book can help parents and teachers accomplish that beautiful goal.

*This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.*

**Christmas Cookie Exchange** A Christmas cookie exchange is a wonderful way to help with the cookie preparation popular at Christmas time. It also gives an opportunity to spend time with the people that you love. Everyone who comes will be sure to leave the exchange with memories of a lovely time, and a large container of delicious Christmas cookies to enjoy on Nativity! The Christmas cookie exchange will be Sunday December 20th following coffee hour. All are invited to come!

**Thursday Study Group** Our next study group will meet on Thursday Dec. 17th. We will once again be reading and discussing from 2nd Corinthians 8 & 9. Bring your Orthodox Study Bible and join us for this opportunity for continued Orthodox adult education.

**Adopt-a-Family** - Thank you to all who donated for this year's adopt a family outreach. May our Lord bless and keep all who remember those in need this Nativity season!

### **December 17 is the feast day of the Prophet Daniel and his companions, the three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Misael.**

The four boys lived at the time of a great tragedy—the conquest of the Kingdom of Judah by the Babylonian Empire. They were among the masses of Jews who were taken away into exile, in what we know as the "Babylonian Captivity." Attractive and intelligent, they were chosen to be trained to serve in the court of King Nebuchadnezzar.

But in spite of intense indoctrination in the language and philosophy of their captives, these four refused to worship the gods of the Babylonians. They were given beautiful clothes, food from the royal table, and other special privileges. Nothing could make them abandon their faith in the God they knew.

Our children and young people face their own challenges. In our culture, full of temptations to abandon that faith, are there ways in which parents and families can help children be strong in the Orthodox faith? A recent book answers "yes."

Elizabeth White's "Following a Sacred Path: Raising Godly Children" (Ancient Faith Publishing, Chesterton, Indiana 2013) presents methods and activities to nourish a strong faith in a child, so that he or she will stay on that "sacred path"

Speedily come to our aid, //  
for You are merciful and able to do as  
You will!"

#### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (*Song of the Fathers*)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children*, v. 3)

v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

#### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (*Ps 115/116:15*)

#### **Epistle Colossians 3:4-11** (*Forefathers*)

*When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

*Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

*Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.*

*But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.*

*Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where*

*there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

#### **Galatians 5:22-6:2** (*St Herman*)

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

*And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

*Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

*Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

#### **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (*Ps 99/100:6*)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (*Ps 99/100:6*)

#### **Tone 6**

v. His seed shall be mighty in the land. (*Ps 111/112:2*)

#### **Gospel Luke 14:16-24** (*Forefathers*)

*Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to*

say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

#### **Luke 6:17-23 (St Herman)**

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem,

#### **This Week's Announcements**

**St. Michael's Christmas Play** will be held on Dec. 27th this year. Please sign up your child on the sheet in the Narthex. Our play will be about the life of St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker.

**Parish Directory 2016** We are currently working on our parish directory

and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!

For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

#### **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)  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps 111/112:6b-7a)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

for 2016. Please take a look at the list in the vestibule and make any additions or changes necessary. Also, please add your names and info if it is not currently on the list.

**Baptism** Next Saturday we will welcome into the Church by virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism Sophia Maria Ochoa. The service will begin at noon. Any and all are welcome to come and share in this blessed event.

**Pictures for Web site and Facebook** One of the aids in our outreach and evangelism is our parish web site and Facebook page. We would like to keep both current with announcements and photos of events and activities at St. Michael's. This is where we could use your help. If you have photos of church events or announcements please see Fr. Barnabas of Thadddeus (Scott) Lewis so that they can be added to this resource.

**Parish Housekeeping** As most of you know recently we have had a few incidents where the church building has been left unlocked and there is evidence of people being in places, such as our mechanical room, where they should not be. This announcement is not meant to embarrass or sadden anyone but to make all aware of the responsibilities of keeping our church and our parishioners/children free from harm. We are asking all to be vigilant when leaving to be sure the church is locked. We also are asking that parents take special care to make sure children are supervised at all times throughout the building. Please be sure to heed any and all posted signs and notices in the church and parish hall. They are meant for everyone's protection and for the care and well being of our building. If you have any questions regarding this please see Fr. Barnabas or Fr. Dn. James Carpenter. Thank you all for your continued cooperation!

**Eve of Nativity Holy Supper:** Holy Supper is a traditional solemn lenten meal on the Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve). Since Christmas is preceded by forty days of fasting, the Holy Supper is the last meal of the fast. This Nativity Eve we would like to invite all to share in Holy Supper. Dinner will begin at about 5:00 p.m. or so and then you can stick around for Nativity Eve Vigil. We welcome especially those who have no family to share. Please come and join our family for this special meal!