



**Sunday January 24, 2016 TONE 1**

*34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female servants (5th c.). St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan' (1529). Martyrs Babylas (Vavíla) of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3rd c.).*

***This Week's Schedule***

Saturday 1/30: Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1/31: Hours 8:40 a.m.

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

*followed by Fellowship/ Coffee hour & Church School*

**Reader Schedule**

DATE	3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUR	6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR EPISTLE	
Jan-31	CARPENTER	PECK	BRASOWSKI
Feb-2	Meeting of the Lord in the Temple		
Feb-7	BUNITSKY, S	SOUDER, C	WALES
Feb-14	CARPENTER	SULPIZI, L	PECK
Feb-21	RILEY, A	RILEY, J	CAREY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 1**      **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 3**      **\*Troparion** (*for Venerable Xenia of Rome*)

Living the life of a stranger in the world,  
you estranged yourself from every sin;  
you abandoned comforts and fleeting honors  
and betrothed yourself to your Immortal Bridegroom.//  
Glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

(or this troparion)

### **Tone 5**      **\*Troparion** (*for Blessed Xenia of St Petersburg*)

Having lived as a stranger in the world,  
you outwitted the deviser of evil  
by your pretended foolishness, O Xenia.

You received the grace from God  
to foresee and foretell things to come.//  
Now as you have been translated from earth to heaven,//  
you are numbered with the choirs of the Angels.

**Tone 1 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**Tone 2**      **Kontakion** (*for Venerable Xenia of Rome*)

We celebrate the memory of the life you lived as a stranger in the world,  
and as we honor you with love, O Xenia,  
we praise Christ, Who gave you power to grant healing to all;//  
ever pray to Him on our behalf!

(or this Kontakion)

**Tone 4**      **\*Kontakion** (*for Blessed Xenia of St Petersburg*)

You gave your wealth to the poor, O Xenia,  
and accepted poverty out of love for Christ;//  
having lived a life rivaling the Angels, you were accounted worthy of  
glory on high.

**Tone 1**      **Prokeimenon**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

(Ps 32/33:22)

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

### **Epistle 1 Colossians 3:4-11**

*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.*

### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..*

(Ps 17/18:47)

*v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

### **Gospel Luke 18:35-43**

*Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.*

*And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.*

*So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.*

*And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."*

*Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."*

*And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.*

### **Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **This Week's Announcements**

**Family Promise** Our parish continues to serve as a "Support Host" to homeless families in the Wilmington area. We will once again be serving as Support Host Feb. 8th, 9th, & 11th. We will need drivers, cooks, meal servers, help with children's homework and activities, and overnight support for emergencies. We ask that you consider offering yourself to this worthy ministry. Please sign up in the narthex to help feed the homeless at Family Promise Feb. 8, 9 & 11.

**Diocesan Assembly** Fr. Barnabas and Fr. Dn James will be representing St. Michael's at the Diocese of Eastern PA annual assembly this Thurs. and Fri. Jan .28th & 29th. We will provide any and all reports, decisions, and information to the parish at large in the next few weeks.

**Diocesan Transition from Assessments to Proportional Giving** As we transition to the proportional giving with the Diocese and National Church, each parish was given the option to gradually transition to this new process. We have decide that for this year, St. Michael's will continue to submit the assessments based on the number of adults in the parish using \$160 per adult. We submit these assessments on a monthly basis whether or not the assessments have come in. This is a reminder that you can begin submitting your assessments for 2016. As we did last year, you can either submit the total assessment at one time or on a quarterly basis of \$40 per quarter per adult. We will again have envelopes available in the narthex for your submittals. We will also be sending out reminders throughout the year. Thank you.

**Available Now Parish Directory 2016** The 2016 parish directory is available in the back of the church for all to take.

**Study Group** This past week nine of us continued with the reading and discussing of 2nd Corinthians chapter 9. Our next study group will meet on Thursday Feb 4th. We will continue with chapter 9 of 2nd Corinthians. The study group is an excellent opportunity for continuing adult education. Please join us!

### **Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind for 2016**

**Meeting of the Lord in the Temple** Feb 2nd  
**Zacchaeus Sunday** Feb 14th  
**Meatfare Sunday** March 6th  
**Cheesefare / Forgiveness Sunday** March 13th (Archbishop MARK+)  
**Beginning of Great Lent** March 14th  
**Annunciation** March 25th  
**Palm Sunday** April 24th  
**HOLY PASCHA** MAY 1st

## Family Promise of Northern New Castle County

### *Thanks From a Graduate*

My name is Eric and I am a graduate of Family Promise. I am a single father of 3 teenage children and 2 grown children. I came to Family Promise because I went through a rough patch. I worked for the Postal Service for ten years and three years at Chrysler. I was making good money and I was independent with no help needed for my family.

Then one day, it all changed. I hurt myself at the job and I couldn't work at Chrysler anymore. I tried getting disability and got denied. Being male with children, it was tough. I fell behind in rent and eventually got evicted. For twenty months, I bounced around with my two sons. My daughter stayed with her older sister. At the time, there were only two programs that would take in single fathers. Now, Family Promise is the only one.

I received a call from Family Promise that saved my life. In less than five hours, I was a resident at Family Promise and had my first dinner at Limestone Presbyterian. I was able to get myself together and get my kids stabilized in school and get back into the workforce.

I met beautiful pastors and volunteers and they helped with everything including homework and spiritual counseling. I got access to everything I needed at the Day Center: phone, computers, showers and staff support to find a job and housing. I could take care of business but I was finally at peace.

One of the congregations took the kids out to see neighborhood Christmas lights. Family Promise brought back peace; this is what we had been missing for almost two years. This what we should be celebrate! Family Promise made sure we did not want for anything. I worked on Christmas but everyone else went to Longwood Gardens thanks to Family Promise. That was a good day for everyone.

Through Family Promise, I gained employment, actually from a volunteer who came through the Day Center one day. A few weeks later, you all helped me get a house. About 20 volunteers did everything on moving in day. They literally had me sit down in a chair and moved in everything. We still talk. If I ran across a problem or I needed support, Family Promise was there. They are in my corner and I'm in their corner. I want to help the next family that comes through Family Promise.

When I'm sitting in the living room, on a couch Family Promise gave me, it does sometimes sound like a circus is going on but I love it. That's my family and that is what you really helped me get back. ***A graduate dad of five***

***Preventing and ending homelessness for families by engaging faith-based congregations, volunteers, and donors.***

**Giving Hope -Keeping Families Together-Providing Stable Housing. Learn more about Family Promise: 302.998.2222 [www.familypromisede.org](http://www.familypromisede.org)**





**Prayers for the Departed:** *Helen Bunitsky, Violet Ross*

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** *Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. David Shewczyk, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Lemlem Resat, Harry Wujcik, , Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Lily Nassif, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, John Maloney, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Georgia Harb, Maria and Doug Dozier*

**Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them:** *Maria Peck,, Elizabeth Clause, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky*

### Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee/ Fellowship Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	<u>Library</u>
<b>24-Jan</b>	Elia/Gundersen/Farrell	Sulpizi/Fink	Baldychev/ Shately	Gundersen
<b>31-Jan`</b>	Peck/ Wales	Hojnicki/Souder	Sulpizi	Farrell
<b>7-Feb</b>	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Sheeler/Baldychev	Riley	Skomorucha
<b>14-Feb</b>	Bacuta	Bunitsky/Lewis	Bunitsky/Oberto	Maloney
<b>21-Feb</b>	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Fravel	Lewis

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