



**Sunday September 25, 2016 14th SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5.** *Rest of Ven. Sergius (Sérgii), Abbot and Wonderworker of Rádonezh (1392). Ven. Euphrosyne of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Euphrosyne of Suzdal' (1250). Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1595). Martyr Paphnutius and 546 companions in Egypt (3rd c.).*

**This Week's Schedule**

*Saturday 10/01                      Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 10/02                      Hours 8:40 a.m.*

**Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**  
*followed by coffee hour*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Sep 25	L SULPIZI	SOUDER	PECK
Oct 2	J RILEY	A RILEY	FINCK
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 5 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(for St Sergius)*

A zealot of good deeds  
and a true warrior of Christ our God,  
you struggled greatly against the passions in this passing life;  
in songs and vigils and fasting you were an image and example  
to your disciples,  
thus the most Holy Spirit lived within you,  
and you were made beautiful by His working.  
Since you have great boldness before the Holy Trinity,  
remember the flock which you have wisely gathered,//  
and do not forget to visit your children as your promised,  
venerable Sergius, our father!

### **Tone 5 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

### **Tone 8 Kontakion**      *(for St Sergius)*

Bound by the love of Christ, O venerable one, and following  
Him with unwavering desire,  
you despised all carnal pleasures, and you shone like the sun in  
your land.  
Therefore, Christ has enriched you with the gift of miracles.  
Remember us, who venerate your most holy memory//

and who call out to you: “Rejoice, Sergius, made wise by God!”

### **Tone 5 Prokeimenon**

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.(Ps 11/12:7)

*v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)*

### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
(Ps115/116:15)

#### **Epistle 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4**

*Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.*

*Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.*

*For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?*

*And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.*

*For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.*

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

*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 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)*

*v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)*

## **Tone 6**

*v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

### **Gospel Luke 5:1-11**

*So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.*

*Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

*When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

*So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

*For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."*

*So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.*

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

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

***Parish Family Picnic*** Thanks to all who made our Parish Family Picnic such a wonderful time last week. A special thank you to Catalina Finck, Alice Morjana, and Hope LaChance for all their extra work in making the picnic a success.

***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/HsSdzYhIOerSQPJ2>

Paper copies will be available for all who do not use the computer.

***Study Group to Resume this Thursday*** Our study group will resume this Thursday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. with “The Ladder of Divine Ascent.” All are welcome to join us.

***Attention all Catechumens and Inquirers*** We will be offering a class on the “Basics of Orthodoxy” on Saturday evenings prior to Vespers at 4:00 p.m. Classes will begin on Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us.

***From our Church Library:*** Now that a new church calendar year is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, outside the Coffee Hour room. Our library team has set out a new selection of books, and there's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

### ***Mothers of Saints***

This week, we remember a saint who lived in the 14th century but who was glorified very recently, in 1992. She is Maria, the mother of Saint Sergius of Radonezh.

Her story gives insight into the effect on mothers when a child desires to become a monastic. Young Bartholomew (Saint Sergius' baptismal name) expressed this desire fairly early in life. But both his brothers were married and had families to take care of, so the parents were not eager to let him leave. He agreed to delay his departure in order to take care of them. This was especially important for Maria. Had her husband died, she would have had only her sons to depend on.

In respecting his parents' wishes, Bartholomew was similar to Saint John Chrysostom, whose mother Anthusa had been widowed very young. When her son told her he wanted to be a monk, Anthusa pointed out that there were family lands to be managed, taxes to be paid, and wily officials eager to take advantage of an inexperienced and unworldly woman who had suddenly been thrust into great responsibility. Like Bartholomew, John put off his entry into the monastic life to help his mother.

Though Maria needed her son, she was open to God's plan for him. In this she was like other holy mothers. Hannah, the mother of Samuel,

dedicated her long-awaited only child to the Temple. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, paid attention when the child in her womb leaped for joy at the sound of the Virgin Mary's greeting, and called her "the mother of my Lord." Maria and her husband lost no time in bringing their little Bartholomew to church and offering him as God's servant, believing this was His will for the child.

Maria was fortunate in having raised children who loved and cared about each other. In this too she was like other mothers of saints. Gregory of Nyssa wrote with great admiration and gratitude about his sister Macrina. Many saints made sure their siblings were provided for before becoming monastics. Bartholomew did this, bequeathing his considerable possessions to a brother before entering the new life in which he would be tonsured with the name Sergius.

Again like other holy mothers, Maria made an agreement with her husband that they would go to separate monasteries. That is where they spent the remaining years of their lives. The title given to Maria by the Church is "Venerable Schema-Nun." That she became a schema-nun means that she reached a high spiritual level in the judgment of her superior, the abbess. She had already taken the formal vows of chastity, obedience, poverty and stability of place. She was already entitled to wear the mantle of a monastic. But as a schema-nun, she reached the highest level of monasticism.

Saint Maria lived as a wife, a mother, and an advanced monastic, all in one lifetime. It's a richness befitting the woman who mothered and raised one of Russia's greatest saints.

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

*"The soul of a humble man is like the sea: throw a stone into the sea--for a moment it will ruffle the surface a little, and then sink to the bottom. Thus do afflictions disappear down into the heart of the humble man, because the strength of the Lord is with him."*

† *St. Silouan of Mount Athos*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Harry Wujcik, Nabil Gouda, Vasily & Helene Obertyschew

**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 Kovolravich, Pearl Minnich, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Harry Kutch, Stephanie Hojnicky

**Prayers for Women and the Children to be born of them:**  
Kristine

*Service Ministries*

<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>25-Sept</b>	Gerassimakis/ Bunitsky	Riley	Gerassimakis	Lewis
<b>2-Oct</b>	Whalen/ Gabriel/ Sheeler	Sulpizi/ Fink	Whalen/Fink	Gundersen
<b>9-Oct</b>	Najemy/Kendall	Hojnicky/Souder	Farrell	Farrell
<b>16-Oct</b>	Kraiter/Cretu/ Vladimirova	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Kendall	Skomorucha
<b>23-Oct</b>	Bacuta	Bunitsky/ Lewis	Baldychev/ Shatley	Maloney

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

**VESPERS and LITURGY**

Sep-25  
Oct-02  
Oct-09  
Oct-16  
Oct-23

Team Gabriel  
Team George  
Team Conover  
Team Gabriel  
Team George