



## St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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**Sunday June 25, 2017 — 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.** All Saints of Britain and Ireland. Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis (ca. 304). Ss. Peter and Fevronia (tonsured David and Euphrosyne), Wonderworkers of Múrom (1228). Ven. Dionysius the Hagiorite (1375). Ven. Dometius of Dionysiou (1405). Monk Martyr Procopius of Iveron.

### **This Week's Schedule**

**Wednesday 6/28** Vespers & Liturgy Ss. Peter & Paul 6:30 p.m.

*\*Memorial Service 5:30 p.m. \**

**Saturday 7/01** Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 7/02** Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*followed by Coffee Hour*

### **Reader Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jun-25	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
July 02	RILEY	RILEY	BRASOWSKI
July 09	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
July 16	WALES	WALES	WALES
July 23	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK

## 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 4 Troparion**      *(Nativity of St John the Baptist)*

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,  
although we cannot praise you worthily,  
we honor you in love at your nativity,  
for by it you ended your father’s silence and your mother’s barrenness,//  
proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(Virgin Martyr Febronia)*

Your lamb Febronia calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice:  
“I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering.  
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You,  
and I died so that I might live with You.  
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,  
for I have offered myself in love.”  
Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced  
with You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

### **Tone 3 Kontakion**      *(Nativity of St John the Baptist)*

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ’s Forerunner,  
who is the fulfillment of every prophecy;  
for in the Jordan,  
when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the Prophets,//

he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

## **Tone 2     Prokeimenon**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
(Ps 117/118:4)

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)*

## **Epistle Romans 5:1-10**

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

*And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;*

*and perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

*For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

*For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die*

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

*For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

## **Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

## **Gospel Matthew 6:22-33**

*The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.*

*But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

*Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?*

*Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

*Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?*

*So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;*

*and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

*Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

*For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

## **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**

***Ss. Peter & Paul Vespers & Divine Liturgy Wed. at 6:30 p.m.*** The feast of the *Holy Apostles Peter and Paul* is celebrated on *June 29<sup>th</sup>*. From the 4th Century on, the Church has celebrated this feast which is spiritually linked with Holy Pentecost. It stands as the witness of the Apostles immediate fruit at the descent of the Holy Spirit when it came upon

them. We will celebrate the feast with Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Memorial Service** This Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will offer the Panakhida for Infants on occasion of the one year anniversary of the falling asleep of Arsenius Peck. Memory Eternal!

**Parish Pot Luck/ Fellowship July 2<sup>nd</sup>** We hope that during the Summer months that we can extend our pot lucks to include some extended fellowship outdoors. We invite all to stick around for our next parish potluck and extended fellowship outside (weather permitting), Sunday July 2, 2017.

**Reminder:** For those of you that were paying your National and Diocesan Assessments on a quarterly basis, this is just a midyear reminder for paying those assessments. The yearly assessment is \$166 per adult or \$41.50 per quarter. We have envelopes in the Narthex for your use or you can just make a notation on your check referencing the assessments. So far, we have received about \$4,800 compared to the \$14,500 that we will be assessed by the end of the year. We still have some ways to go to reach our responsibility to the diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

**Church Library Summer Reading:** Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, outside the Church Hall. 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.

**Traveling this Summer? Try to Go to Church!** Visit the "Orthodoxy in America" website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: [www.orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://www.orthodoxyinamerica.org) - Check it out! Also, Father Barnabas can contact a priest ahead of time for you to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. If you do travel, also please

remember to not take a vacation from your Financial support of our parish! We are here even when you are not! Thank you, God bless your travels and come back safe and sound!

**By No Means!**

*During this week the daily readings include Romans 11: 2-36, all but the first verse of the chapter.*

*The words "By no means!" are Saint Paul's emphatic answer to a rhetorical question he asks in that first verse: Has God rejected His people? Paul identifies himself as one of those people, an Israelite, descended from Abraham and belonging to the tribe of Benjamin. He then says, "God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew." Israel is and will always be the people God "foreknew" and will never reject, as promised in the Old Testament.*

*Paul acknowledges that Israel has often abandoned God by worshipping false deities. Many years earlier the prophet Elijah was so aware of this same kind of abandonment that he told God, "I alone am left." But God assured Elijah that He had kept for Himself a remnant, "seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al."*

*Paul then says, "So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace." But the larger part of Israel, aside from this believing remnant, has refused to believe, and so God has given them a "spirit of stupor, eyes that should not see and ears that should not hear."*

*What is God's reason for doing this? Is it to make them "stumble so as to fall?" Again Paul insists, "By no means!" God's purpose is to stir the Israelites to jealousy when they see Him turn to the Gentiles. That jealousy will make them turn back to Him. Paul puts it in personal terms: "Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them."*

*Paul cautions the Gentiles not to boast that they are keeping the faith while the Jews have failed to do so. He calls Israel the root of a "cultivated olive tree," while the Gentiles "have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree" and grafted into the cultivated one. Israel's disobedience to God was the means of the Gentiles being brought to faith in Him, but the Israelites are still the "natural branches" which will be "grafted back into their own olive tree."*

*We can't fully understand God's inscrutable ways, Paul says but we do know that the one necessary thing, for both Jews and Gentiles, is faith in the Deliverer sent by God: Jesus Christ. In Acts 2:37-40 we have the example of many Jews joining the Church when they hear Peter preach about Him. It is these Jews, with the Gentiles, who will be the members of the early Church.*

*Saint John Chrysostom, commenting on this chapter, says that salvation is open to all of us if we will "order [our] own doings aright." And we do that, he says, "...by being free of all passions, and showing gentleness to them that affront and wrong us. For thy Father is so to them that blaspheme Him."*

*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>.*

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

*Do not despise any man, however poor he may be; but behave with full respect and kindness to every well-intentioned man, especially to the poor, as to our members worthy of compassion — or, rather, to members of Christ — otherwise you will cruelly wound your soul.*

*O, how easy it would appear to be to live in simplicity and love, and yet how difficult it is for our corrupt hearts to live in love!*

*At every step there is a pretext for enmity against our brother.*

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

*"The Church, through the temple and Divine service, acts upon the entire man, educates him wholly; acts upon his sight, hearing, smelling, feeling, taste, imagination, mind, and will, by the splendour of the icons and of the whole temple, by the ringing of bells, by the singing of the choir, by the fragrance of the incense, the kissing of the Gospel, of the cross and the holy icons, by the prosphoras, the singing, and sweet sound of the readings of the Scriptures."*

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

**for the Departed:** Anwor Kawaja, Edmund, Sophia, Michael Sensor, Agnes Timchak, Joseph Fetchina

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Michael Hatrak, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, 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, Anne Peck, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Jamie (James) Clause

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Tatyana Klimova, Elizabeth Clause

**Prayers for Catechumens:** Stephanie Smiertka Riley

**Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated:** Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-Waters

<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-Jun</b>	Najemy/ Kendall	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Hines	Farrell
<b>2-Jul</b>	Pot Luck (Set up & clean up All help)	Bunitsky/Lewis	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
<b>9-Jul</b>	Oberto/ C.Peck	Elia/Morjana	Finck	Maloney
<b>16-Jul</b>	LaChance /Shatley /Hines	Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
<b>23-Jul</b>	Gerassimakis /Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Gundersen