



***Sunday September 10, 2017 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation.***

Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia (305-311). Ven. Paul the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Bl. Prince Andrew, in monasticism Joasaph, of Kubensk (Vologda—1453). Apostles Apelles, Lucius, and Clement of the Seventy (1st c.).

***This Week's Schedule***

***Wednesday 9/13 Eve of the Elevation of the Holy Cross***

*Vespers & Divine liturgy 6:30 p.m.*

***Saturday 9/16 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.***

***Sunday 9/17 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.***

*followed by Coffee Hour*

**Reader Schedule**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u></b> | <b><u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u></b> | <b><u>EPISTLE</u></b> |
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| Sep 10             | SOUDER                            | LEWISCAREY                        |                       |
| Sep 14             | ELEVATION OF THE CROSS            |                                   |                       |
| Sep 17             | BUNITSKY                          | BUNITSKY                          | LEWIS                 |
| Sep 24             | SULPIZI                           | SOUDER                            | BRASOWSKI             |
| Oct 01             | RILEY                             | RILEY                             | FINCK                 |

## 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 the Feast)*

Your nativity, O Virgin,  
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!  
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,  
has shone from you, O Theotokos.  
By annulling the curse,  
He bestowed a blessing.//  
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(for the Martyrs)*

Let all who rejoice at their triumph honor those three virgin martyrs,  
who are united to God as sisters  
and who pour forth fair streams of grace:  
Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora,  
who were in all things courageous;  
they ever pray to the Trinity for us.

### **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 4 Kontakion**      *(for the Martyrs)*

Invincible in your struggles for the Holy Trinity,

and through your love for each other as sisters,  
you defeated the foe of the spiritual life,  
and with the five virgins, entered victoriously into the heavenly mansions  
where you ever rejoice with the angels in the presence of the King of all!

**Tone 4 Kontakion** *(for the Feast)*

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,  
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,  
Adam and Eve -- from the corruption of death.  
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and  
sing to you://  
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of  
our Life.”

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon** *(Cross)*

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. *(Ps 27/28:9)*

*v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me. (Ps 27/28:1)*

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
*(Lk 1:46-47)*

**Epistle Galatians 6:11-18** *(Sunday before the Elevation)*

*See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!  
As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would  
compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution  
for the cross of Christ.*

*For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to  
have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.*

*But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails  
anything, but a new creation.*

*And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon  
them, and upon the Israel of God.*

**2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4** *(Resurrection)*

*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.*

### **Tone 1 (Sunday before the Elevation)**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps 88/89:19)*

*v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. (Ps 88/89:21)*

### **Tone 8 (for the Theotokos)**

*v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. (Ps 44/45:10)*

### **Gospel John 3:13-17 (Sunday before the Elevation)**

*No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.*

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

### **Matthew 22:1-14 (Resurrection)**

*And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:*

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,  
and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding;  
and they were not willing to come.  
Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited,  
“See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed,  
and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’  
But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm,  
another to his business.  
And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.  
But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his  
armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.  
Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were  
invited were not worthy.  
Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the  
wedding.’  
So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all  
whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled  
with guests.  
But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did  
not have on a wedding garment.  
So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding  
garment?’ And he was speechless.  
Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him  
away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and  
gnashing of teeth.’  
For many are called, but few are chosen.”  
**(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)***

## **Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers;  
childbearing is strange for virgins.

But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished. /

Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify you.

## **Communion Hymns**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.(Ps 115/116:13)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **This Week's Announcement**

***Elevation of the Holy Cross*** The second major feast of the church year is the Elevation or Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Truly, the Nativity of the Theotokos is seen as the beginning of our salvation, and the Cross is seen as the culmination of our salvation. By Christ's death on It, our salvation was accomplished. Mary is also closely associated with the Cross, for she was the mystical paradise in whom the Tree of Life sprouted; this Tree of Life, Christ our Savior, then planted on earth the life-creating Tree of the Cross (from the Feast). And as He suffered and died on the Life-giving Tree of the Cross, so too we are called upon to take up our own crosses on our shoulders and to die daily for the sake of Him Who died for us. We will celebrate with both Vespers and Divine Liturgy on the eve of the feast Wednesday evening September 13th at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

***Parish Council Meeting*** Our September parish council meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please let Jeff Kendall know if you are unable to attend.

***Upcoming Parish Picnic*** Next Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> is our parish picnic. We hope to see you there!

***Family Promise Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>*** Please help cook, serve a meal and eat with homeless families Mon. Oct. 2, Tues. Oct. 3 and Thurs. Oct. 5 at St. Philips Lutheran church 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Family Promise helps homeless families find jobs, training and homes and has a 83% success rate of keeping them in homes after more than one year. We need to share our hope, compassion, smiles and encouragement with them and especially their children. Please sign up on board in narthex. see Ellen Gundersen 610.388.0695 or puffins1000@gmail.com.

***Annual Meeting Reports*** Our annual parish meeting is coming up in October. Just a reminder that reports in preparation for our all parish meeting should be submitted to Catalina Fink by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for your continued work for St. Michael's!

**Study Group Begins Sept. 14th** Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. The study group is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**Church School Survey** We are asking all parents to participate in our Church School Survey. All parents should have received an email with a link to the survey. Any parent who did not receive the link please see Catalina Finck. The survey will help us in our efforts to effectively educate our youth in the Orthodox faith. *Please remember that the Church serves as a support on the road to eternal life and teaches that it is the primary responsibility of the parents for the spiritual formation of their children.* If anyone is interested in serving as teacher please see Fr. Barnabas or Catalina Finck. Church School will officially begin Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

**† Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora  
at Nicomedia (305-311) September 10**

*They were three sisters, raised in the Christian faith in Bithynia. Together they withdrew from the world and lived together in virginity on a lonely mountain, devoting themselves to prayer, fasting and labor. Though they wished only to live unknown to the world, their wonderworking gifts were discovered, and many people began to come to them for healing of ailments.*

*In this way word of them reached the governor Fronton, who had them arrested and brought before him. Struck by their beauty (which had only increased despite their fasting and hard labor), the governor tried to flatter them, promising that he would send them to the Emperor to be given in marriage to noblemen.*

*When he saw that this had no effect, the governor threw the sisters into prison. First he had Menodora tortured to death, then brought her two sisters to view her mutilated body, commanding them to deny Christ or meet the same fate. When they refused, they were subjected to the same fate. Christians recovered and buried the bodies of the three holy martyrs.*

**Prayers for the Departed:** William Hulik, Nabil, George Coyle, Grace, Helen

**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, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, 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, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Beverly (Elizabeth) Hulik, Benito, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski, Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria

**Prayers for Catechumens:** Stephanie Smiertka Riley

| <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>10-Sept</b> | Peck / Wales              | Hojnicki/Souder            | Gerassimakis                 | Skomoruch             |
| <b>17-Sep</b>  | <b>Parish Picnic</b>      | Sheeler/Baldychev          | Clause/Whalen                | Maloney               |
| <b>24-Sep</b>  | Hamwi /Morjana            | Bunitsky/Lewis             | Finck                        | Lewis                 |
| <b>1-Oct</b>   | Pot Luck                  | Elia/Morjana               | Skomorucha/ Lewis            | Gundersen             |
| <b>8-Oct</b>   | Najemy /Kendall           | Riley                      | Baldychev/Sylvest            | Farrell               |

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

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| Sep-10 | Roel                 |
| Sep-14 | Andrew (Exalt/Cross) |
| Sep-17 | Andrew               |
| Sep-24 | Luke                 |