

**Sunday October 8, 2017 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1.** Ven. Pelagía the Penitent (457). Ven. Dosiféi (Dositheus), Abbot of Verknéóstrov (Pskov—1482). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka (1612). Ven. Thais (Taíssia) of Egypt (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch (303). Monk Martyr Ignatius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1814). Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1379)

**This Week's Schedule**

**Saturday 10/14** Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 10/15** Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*followed by Coffee Hour & \*Annual Parish Meeting\**

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Oct 08	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Oct 15	WALES	WALES	WALES
Oct 22	SULPIZI	SOUDER	BRASOWSKI
Oct 29	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Nov 05	SULPIZI	LEWIS	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 8 Troparion**      *(Venerable Pelagia)*

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,  
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.  
By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away  
but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.//  
Therefore your spirit, venerable Pelagia, rejoices with 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**      *(Venerable Pelagia)*

You wore out your body through fasting, vigils, and prayer  
beseeching the Creator to forgive your deeds completely.  
You achieved this, O holy Mother Pelagia,  
thereby showing up the way to repentance.

### **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 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

*But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

*As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."*

*Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,*

*while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.*

### **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 7:11-16**

*Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.*

*And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.*

*When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."*

*Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."*

*So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.*

*Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."*

## **Communion Hymn**

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

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

***Annual Parish Meeting Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>*** St. Michael's Annual Parish Meeting or General Assembly will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> during the coffee hour. St. Michael's parish continues, by God's grace, to prosper. The annual meeting is a good opportunity to see the blessing of our Lord at work and an opportunity to see our stewardship in action. Please be sure to attend. St. Michael's parish needs your talents!

***Parish Council Meeting Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>*** This is just a reminder that our parish council will meet one more time before the annual parish meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the 2018 parish council please see Jeff Kendall.

***Family Promise Thank You*** Thanks to everyone for making this week's Family Promise one of the best....your cooking was excellent as always and you always clean up perfectly and without complaint!! Your fellowship with parents and play time with children were visible and awesome. And you did this with the highest noise level and most energetic group of children we've had. THANK YOU.  
Yours in Christ,  
Ellen Gundersen

***Wedding November 11<sup>th</sup>*** John (Joe) Elliott & Colleen McDonald are getting married on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. They would like to warmly invite all the faithful of St. Michael's to attend. They ask for your prayers in the Rite of Holy Matrimony.

***"Wedding Welcome"*** – *John (Joe) Elliott & Colleen McDonald*  
To show our love & support we've planned an informal "wedding welcome" in conjunction with the coffee-hour pot luck luncheon on Sunday, November 5th. For those who have expressed interest in a gift, 'Orthodox' gift items would work well or perhaps gift cards for Macy's or Amazon. See Nona Carey if you have any questions.

**Church School** Just a reminder that there will be *no church* school next Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> due to our annual parish meeting. We will resume on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, we could use some parents/ volunteers to help organize the Harvest party on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Study Group** This past Thursday, seven of us continued to look at and discuss the diocesan presentation on the “*Effective Church Model*”. The study group is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**Paraklesis on Wednesday Evenings** There have been several requests for a prayer service during the week to help strengthen us in our resolve and struggle. The service of the “Paraklesis” or “Service of Supplication” is a service most often addressed to the Theotokos, but can be used to seek the intercessions of any saint. The feature of a paraklesis is the inclusion of a supplicatory canon to the saint whose intercessions are being sought. It is appropriate to be served at any time of need. We hope to tentatively begin on Wed. evening Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please consider making a commitment to be a reader or be willing to offer the responses. See the signup sheet in the narthex if you are interested in helping or being a part of the mid-week service of supplication.

### ***Venerable Thais (Taïssia) of Egypt (4th c.)***

*Saint Thais of Egypt, raised by her mother in a spirit far removed from Christian piety, led a depraved and dissolute life. She was famed for her beauty, leading many on the path to perdition.*

*The account about the prodigal Thais spread throughout all Egypt and reached even Saint Paphnutius, a strict ascetic who had converted many to salvation. Paphnutius dressed himself in worldly attire and went to Thais, giving her money as though he wished to pay for her favors. He pretended to be afraid that someone would see them, so he asked her if there were a place they would not be discovered. Thais said that they could lock the door and enjoy complete privacy. “But if you fear God,” she said, “there is no place where you can hide from Him.” Seeing that she knew about God and the punishment of the wicked, the Elder asked why she led a sinful life and enticed others to ruin their souls. He told her about the eternal punishment she would have to face for her own sins, and for the people who had been corrupted and destroyed by her. The words of Saint Paphnutius so affected the sinner that she gathered up all her riches acquired through her shameful life, then set them afire in*

*the city square. Then Saint Paphnutius shut her up in a small cell, where for three years she*

*dwelt in seclusion. Turning toward the East, Thais constantly repeated the short prayer, "My Creator, have mercy on me!"*

*"From the moment I entered into the cell," said Thais to the Elder before her death, "all my sins constantly were before my eyes, and I wept when I remembered them."*

*Saint Paphnutius replied "It is for your tears, and not for the austerity of your seclusion, that the Lord has granted you mercy."*

*Saint Thais was ill for three days, then fell asleep in the Lord. So this woman, who had been a harlot and a sinner, has entered the Kingdom of God before us (Mt. 21:31). Saint Paul the Simple (October 4) saw in a vision the place prepared for the penitent Thais in Paradise.*

### ***Venerable Pelagia the Penitent (457)***

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa (Saturday of Cheesefare Week). Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. "We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls," he said.

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, "Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness." After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in

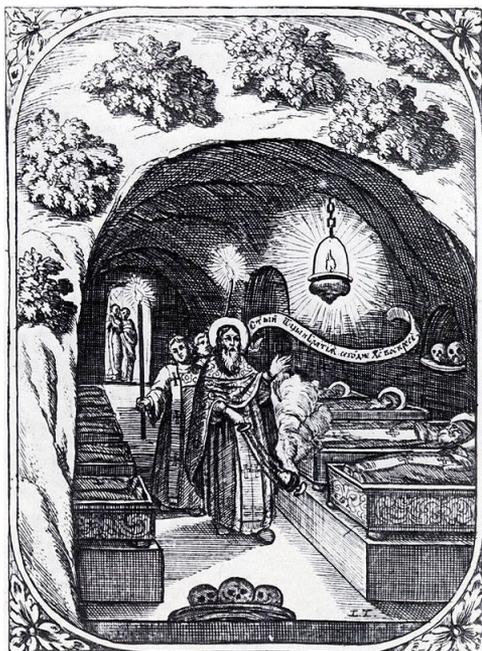
## Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

*If you are truly merciful, then when what is yours is unjustly taken, don't be sad inside, and do not tell of our loss to your neighbor. Let a better loss, inflicted by those who insult you, be absorbed by your mercy.*

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

*'He who repents rightly does not imagine that it is his own effort which cancels his former sins; but through this effort he makes his peace with God.'*

*St. Mark the Ascetic*



*Venerable Dionysius the Recluse  
of the Kiev Caves  
Commemorated on October 3*

*Saint Dionysius, Hermit of the Kiev Caves, Far Caves, called Schepa, is mentioned briefly in the Kiev Caves Paterikon. In the year 1463 during Paschal Matins, Dionysius went around censuring the relics of the God-pleasers buried in the Kiev Caves. When the monk cried out: "Holy Fathers and brethren, today is the great day! Christ is Risen!" their reply resounded like thunder: "Truly, He is Risen!"*

*From that very day Saint Dionysius lived as a recluse, and after many labors he fell asleep in the Lord. The miracle involving Saint Dionysius is mentioned in the 8th Ode of the Canon of the Kiev Caves Saints. He is also commemorated on August 28, and on the second Sunday of Great Lent.*

**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, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle

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

**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>8-Oct</b>	Najemy /Kendall	Riley	Baldychev/Sylvest	Farrell
<b>15-Oct</b>	Bacuta / Fravel	Sulpizi/Finck	Suplizi	Skomorucha
<b>22-Oct</b>	Elia/Gunderson/Farre	Hojnicki/Souder	Riley	Maloney
<b>29-Oct</b>	Oberto/ C.Peck	Baldychev	Bunitsky	Lewis
<b>5-Nov</b>	PARISH POT LUCK	Bunitsky/Lewis	Farrell	Gundersen

***Church School Reminder***

Oct. 8 Class  
 Oct. 15 No class  
 (Annual Parish Meeting)  
 Oct. 22 Class  
 Oct. 29 Class/ Harvest Party  
 Nov. 5 Class

***ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE***

Oct-8            Roel  
 Oct-15          Andrew  
 Oct-22          Rafael  
 Oct-29          Roel  
 Nov-5            Andrew