



Sunday November 12, 2017 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. *St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople (612-20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Bl. John “the Hairy”, Fool-for-Christ, in Rostov (1580). Prophet Ahijah (960 BC). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhusher, of Mt. Athos (1651).*

This Week’s Schedule

Wednesday 11/15 *Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.*

Saturday 11/18 *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 11/19 *Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Nov 12	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Nov 19	WALES	WALES	WALES
Nov 21	<i>ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS</i>		
Nov 26	J RILEY	A RILEY	J RILEY
Dec 03	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 8 Troparion *(St John the Merciful)*

By endurance you gained your reward, venerable Father;
you persevered in prayer unceasingly;
you loved the poor and provided for them in all things.
Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may
be saved!

Tone 8 Troparion *(Venerable Nilus)*

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,
and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe.
Our Father Nilus, pray to Christ God to save our souls.!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St John the Merciful)*

You distributed your wealth to the poor
and in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful.
Therefore, we honor you and celebrate your memory,
O namesake of mercy.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Venerable Nilus*)

By your vigilant prayer you cut away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent passions.

As you have boldness before the Lord, free me from every danger so that I may cry to you:

“Rejoice, universal father Nilus!”

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

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)

Epistle Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps 90/91:2)

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”

So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Communion Hymn

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

This Week’s Announcement

Stewardship Calling Presentation Nov. 18th & 19th St. Michael’s parish needs your time and talents. We will be offering the Diocesan presentation “Stewardship Calling” following Vespers on Nov. 18th and following Divine Liturgy on Nov. 19th. The presentation will speak to

our current and future Church needs. We hope it will assist and enhance our parish vision and stewardship by addressing our continued and future parish work and ministries.

Paraklesis This Week We will resume Small Paraklesis this Wednesday Nov. 15th at 6: 30 p.m. Please consider making a commitment to be a reader or to learn and help offer the responses. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication.

NEW IN BOOKSTORE: CD of *Paraklesis* to the Most Holy Theotokos, beautifully sung in Byzantine chant by three sisters, ages 11, 13, and 15 from Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Yamika, Washington. We have been singing this version on Wednesday nights. \$12

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity Fast begins Nov.15th. and continues until the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew's Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: 'Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wise men, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb' (Vesperal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day)

Study Group this Week We will resume study group this coming Thursday Nov. 16th. We will continue reading "*Courage to Pray*," by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh. We read and talked about relationships and encounters, not only with God, but with each other. Please check with the bookstore for available copies. The study group meets Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple "A deep mystery covers the earthly life of the Most-Holy Theotokos from her childhood to her repose. Her life in the Jerusalem Temple was concealed. 'If you were to ask me,' said the Blessed Jerome,' how the Most-Holy Virgin passed the time of her youth, I would answer that this is known only to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel detailed to protect her.'"(TTWH) Several feasts are dedicated to the Mother of God commemorating and celebrating her life. On Nov. 21st we will celebrate

Her entrance in to the Temple where we encounter the holiness of Mary as a small child separated from the world, brought to live in the Temple a life set apart, consecrated, and in a state of intimacy with God. We will celebrate Great Vespers Mon. Nov 20th at 7 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Tues., Nov 21st at 9 a.m.

St. Michael's and Amazon At this time of year, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael's could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael's a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael's so it is easy to use. So far this year, we have received over \$130. Just type the address into your web browser. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

Surprised by Christ

On November 16th we remember the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. The primary audience for Matthew's Gospel was his fellow Jews, and one of his main goals was to show that Christ fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies that the Jews revered.

*It seems an appropriate time to review a book written by an Orthodox priest who is a convert from Judaism, Father James Bernstein. He grew up as a devout Jew, very knowledgeable about his faith, and with an inquiring mind that wanted to find the reasons for things. His book *Surprised by Christ* tells us about his journey to Orthodox Christianity. The journey itself makes for an appealing story. Father James writes of the initial attraction between himself and his wife Bonnie: "She told me that though she had read about Jews in the Bible, she had never knowingly met one. I was the first, and a New Yorker besides. I told her that I had never knowingly met someone of Okie and Swedish descent as beautiful and mellow as she."*

A special value of the book is that Father James shows, through his own study and experience, how Orthodoxy completes the faith of the Old Testament. Though raised to view the New Testament as "the enemy's book," he was curious enough as a teenager to borrow a copy and to read it at night under the covers with a flashlight. He found himself "mesmerized" by its description of Jesus Christ.

Wanting to find out whether this Jesus could be the one described in the Old Testament prophecies he already knew well, he studied them even more closely. His account of that study is rewarding reading for anyone who wants to learn more about how the Church interprets the Old

*Testament, and why it is the basis of so much of our prayer and teaching. He gives wonderful insights into Jesus' life and work as the fulfillment of the prophets' words. down the dividing wall of hostility...So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God..." (Ephesians 2: 14, 19). Father James also was looking for a church that maintained the kind of worship he knew: "As a Jew, I desired worship that contained a sense of mystery, was rooted in ancient Jewish practice, and centered on God and our Communion meal with Him." He did not find these elements fully in Protestantism or in Roman Catholicism, but discovered them in wholeness in the Orthodox Church. He is never smug, or disrespectful toward the Protestant Church and the Roman Church, but reading his analysis of their deficiencies when compared to Orthodoxy is a valuable means for Orthodox Christians (also without smugness or disrespect toward others) to know their own faith better. Father James writes candidly that he did not always find Orthodox people to be as attractive as the Orthodox Faith itself is. He urges parishes to be welcoming to newcomers, having experienced indifference and even coldness in some of his early visits to churches. But for those who want, as he does, to know Orthodoxy and invite others to share it, *Surprised by Christ* is an excellent companion and teacher.*

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"I do not wish to be understood as saying that the thought of everlasting punishment or of a most blessed reward has no value. They are indeed valuable because those given over to them are introduced to the first stages of blessedness. In love, however, there is a greater faith, and the joy of it is forever. Taking hold of them it will lead them from servile fear and from the hope of reward to the love of God and to be adopted as sons. It will, so to speak, make of the perfect those who are still more perfect. 'There are many mansions in my Father's house' (Jn. 14:2), says the Lord. All the stars can be seen in the sky, and still there is a great difference between the brilliance of the sun, of the moon, of Venus, and of the other stars. And so it is that the blessed apostle makes out that love is not only higher than fear and hope, but higher than all the charisms, however great and however marvelous these may be in human reckoning".

St. John Cassian

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Stephen Mack, Archpriest Wsevolod Drobot, Protodeacon Keith Russin, Matushka Martha Ermikov, Matushka Marie (Gambal) Kreta,

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, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, 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, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, 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, Rachel Facaros

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
12-Nov	PARISH FEAST DAY	Elia/Morjana	Gerassimakis	Farrell
19-Nov	Hojnicki /Flynn /Rob	Riley	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
26-Nov	Sulpizi /Skomorucha	Sulpizi/Finck	Finck	Maloney
3-Dec	PARISH POT LUCK	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewi	Lewis
10-Dec	Peck / Wales	Sheeler/Baldychev	General Cleaning	Gundersen

Church School Reminder

Nov. 12 Class
 Nov. 19 Class
 *Nov. 26 No Class
 Thanksgiving Holiday
 Dec.3 St. Barbara's Day/ St. Nicholas Activities

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Nov-12 Rafael
 Nov-19 Roel
 Nov. 26 Andrew
 Dec-03 Rafael