



## St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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**Sunday March 25, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
— Tone 1. The Annunciation of our Most Holy  
Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary . St Mary of  
Egypt.**

### This Week's Schedule

**Wednesday 3/28 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.**

**Friday 3/30 Lazarus Saturday Vespers 6:30 p.m.**

**Lazarus Saturday 3/31 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

**Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.**

**Palm Sunday 4/01 Sacrament of Chrismation 8:15 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

**Followed by Coffee hour & Church School**

### Reader Schedule

DATE	3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUR	6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR	EPISTLE
Mar-25	LEWIS	SOUDER	FINCK
Apr-1	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Apr-15	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Apr-22	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure <sup>^</sup>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 <sup>^</sup>Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      (*Annunciation*)

Today is the beginning of our salvation,  
the revelation of the eternal mystery!  
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin  
as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.  
Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:  
“Rejoice, O Full of Grace,/  
the Lord is with you!”

### **Tone 8 Kontakion**      (*Annunciation*)

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts!  
We, your servants delivered from evil  
sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos.  
As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity//  
so that we may sing; “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”

### **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)

### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God! (Ps 95/96:2)

### **Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14**

*But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.*

*Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*

*For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

### **Hebrews 2:11-18 (Feast)**

*For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*

*And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."*

*Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

*For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.*

*Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

*For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.*

### **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)*

### **Tone 1**

v: *He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth. (Ps 71/72:6)*

### **Gospel** Mark 10:32-45

*Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:*

*"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."*

*Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."*

*And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"*

*They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."*

*But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"*

*They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."*

*And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.*

*But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.*

*Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.*

*And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.*

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

### **Luke 1: 24-38 (Feast)**

*Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,*

*Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.*

*Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

*And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”*

*But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.*

*Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*

*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.*

*He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.*

*And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*

*Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”*

*And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*

*Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.*

*For with God nothing will be impossible.”*

*Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

**(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)**

### **The Hymn to the Theotokos**

O earth, announce good tidings of great joy: O heavens, praise the glory of God!

Since she is a living Ark of God  
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,  
praising her in joy with the Angel’s song:

“Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.

(*Ps 131/132:14*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Holy Week is Almost Here!** This coming Saturday we will celebrate Lazarus Saturday with liturgy at 9:00 am. One week from today is Palm Sunday, our Lord's entrance in to Jerusalem, and the beginning of the Holy Week schedule. During Holy Week the Church commemorates our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, His Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Holy Week is when all Orthodox Christians should make extra effort to give their full attention to the services of the Holy Week and Pascha. April calendars are available in the Narthex.

**Palm Sunday Chrismation** Next Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. we will welcome into the Church Stephanie Riley through the sacrament of Holy Chrismation. May God grant her many years! All are welcome to attend.

**Family Promise Ministry** We'll be providing dinners and fellowship for Family Promise Monday, March 26th and Tuesday, 27th at St. Philips Lutheran Church (5320 Limestone Rd. 19808). However, on Thursday, March 29th, we will serve dinner here in St. Michael's social hall due to evening services at St. Philips. Please sign up to help on the board in the narthex and contact Ellen Gundersen with questions 610.388.0695.

**Archbishop MARK to Visit for Pascha** We are happy to announce that His Eminence Archbishop MARK will join us this year for Holy Pascha. Archbishop MARK will spend Holy Week visiting different parishes and will be with us for Pascha night (Nocturnes, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy). His Eminence will also be with us for our Pascha night agape & sharing of the baskets.

**Pascha Basket for Archbishop MARK** We are planning on putting a small Pascha basket together for Archbishop Mark to share in our Paschal agape meal. Anyone interested in helping put something together please see Fr. Barnabas or Jeff Kendall

**Pot Luck & the Life of a Saint after Presanctified on Wednesdays** On Wednesday evenings during Great Lent we will be having Lenten pot luck dinners along with a presentation on the life of a saint. All are welcome to join us. Please see Fr. Dn. James if you are interested in presenting or reading the life of a saint.

**Read a book during Lent!** Check out the library table today at coffee hour; new books have been put out for this season of Lent. More titles are available downstairs in the library. If there is an additional book that

you would like the bookstore to order, please see Juliana Bunitsky or Mary Anne Farrell.

**Lenten Confessions** During the Lenten season confessions will be available on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. prior to Presanctified Liturgy. Time for confession is also available on Saturday evenings following Great Vespers.

**Parking at the Church** We continue to ask individuals to please park in the designated areas. The parish council realizes that parking close to the church is limited, however for safety sake please do not park in the fire/ambulance lanes. We need to keep these areas open in case of any emergency. We ask that if the parking lot is full please park on the street and be sure not to block anyone in. Thank you!

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

*What is a merciful heart?*

*It is a heart on fire for the whole of creation, for humanity, for the birds, for the animals, for demons, and for all that exists.*

*By the recollection of them the eyes of a merciful person pour forth tears in abundance.*

*By the strong and vehement mercy that grips such a person's heart, and by such great compassion, the heart is humbled, and one cannot bear to hear or to see any injury or slight sorrow in any in creation.*

*For this reason, such a person offers up tearful prayer continually even for irrational beasts, for the enemies of the truth, and for those who harm him, that they be protected and receive mercy... because of the great compassion that burns without measure in a heart that is in the likeness of God.*

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

*Homily 81*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen, John Berket

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, 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, James Hicks, 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, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicki

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed, Jacquelyn Marie Wham, Rachael Irene Shatley, Stephanie Riley

**Prayers for Catechumens:** Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	Coffee Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaner	Library
25-Mar	Pacienza/George	Riley/Riley	General Cleaning	Gundersen
1-Apr	POT LUCK - Finck	Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Farrell
8-Apr	PASCHA	Hojnicki/Souder	Clause/Whalen	No Library
15-Apr	Peck/Wales	Telep/Baldychev	Finck	Skomorucha
22-Apr	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Bunitsky/Lewis	Skomorucha/Lewis	Maloney

**Church School Reminder**

March 25 Class Annunciation

April 1 No Class Palm Sunday

April 8 No Class Holy Pascha

April 15 St. Thomas Sunday Egg Hunt