



**Sunday June 3, 2018 1st SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone 8. All Saints. Martyr Lucillian
and those who suffered with him at Byzantium: four
youths—Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; and
the Virgin Paula (270-275). Hieromartyr Lucian—
Bishop, Maximian—Presbyter, Julian—Deacon,
Marcellinus and Saturninus, at Beauvais in France (81-
96).**

This Week's Schedule

*Saturday 6/9 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
All Saints Sunday 6/10 Hours 8:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
followed by Coffee Hour*

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
June-3	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Jun-10	WALES	WALES	WALES
Jun-17	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Jun-24	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's blood shed through-
out all the world.
She cries to You, O Christ God:
“Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Saints)*

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (*Ps 67/68:35*)

Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –

of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)

Gospel Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Parish Council Meeting Just a reminder that the parish council will meet on Thursday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

Ss. Peter and Paul Fast The spirit of Holy Pentecost leads us to another feast and fast of the church. The feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29th. 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. The Feast is preceded by a fasting period called Saints Peter and Paul Fast.” The fast is different from year to year since it always begins on the Monday following the first Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints' Sunday). The fast in preparation for the feast begins this year on June 4th and continues to the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29th.

Father's Day Brunch: There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for all who is are willing to help with our annual Father's Day Luncheon on June 17th. Please sign up today. Father has graciously given a dispensation for dairy items (*please indicate foods with dairy*). If you have any questions, please see Juliana Bunitzky or Silvana Oberto.

Study Group Summer Break Our Study group will be taking a break for the Summer months of June /July/August. We will meet once again in September.

Greeters Ministry In response to the Paschal season and after discussions with the parish council we would like to, once again, start a greeter's ministry. St. Michael's has been blessed with several guests and visitors and what a better way to respond to those who are sent to us than offering a formal welcome. We are looking for at least two people willing to volunteer to lead and organize this ministry. Please consider your calling to be a greeter and see Fr. Barnabas or Jeff Kendall for more details.

Martyrs and Confessors

On June 1 we remember Saint Justin the Martyr, and the next day we celebrate Saint Nicephorus the Confessor. These titles, Martyr and Confessor, have different meanings, as we would expect.

A martyr, which means "witness," is one who gives his or her life for the faith. A confessor is a person who does not actually die for the faith but witnesses to it under difficult and often dangerous conditions. The lives of these two saints commemorated a day apart make it clear that both kinds of witness demand courage and fortitude.

These two men might both be described with a third title: apologist. The word "apology" in its original meaning doesn't have the connotation of making amends after having done something wrong. "Apologetical" writings are those that explain and defend the faith, which Justin and Nicephorus both did.

Saint Justin, born to pagan parents, studied many forms of philosophy, searching among them for the truth about God. He was always left unsatisfied, and one day he met an old man who challenged him and got him to admit his dissatisfaction. The man told him about the writings of the prophets and the Savior they describe, urging him to read and to pray for enlightenment. Justin did read and pray, and became a committed Christian. Seeing the willing self-sacrifice of Christ's followers, he became even more convinced of the truth of their belief. Justin was able to save many Christian lives by writing his "Apologia," explaining the faith for those who were new to it. After reading this work, the Emperor Antoninus halted the persecution of Christians. In the following years, Justin convinced many people to become believers. When in the year 166 he faced martyrdom due to false accusations, he was able to answer the government official who asked him, "Do you think by dying you will receive a reward from God?" Justin replied, "I do not think; I know."

Several centuries after Justin's martyrdom, Saint Nicephorus became Patriarch of Constantinople in 806. He was immediately controversial, having reluctantly accepted appointment by the Emperor while still a layman. This appointment, not surprisingly, was unpopular with many monks and priests. There were also those who disapproved of some of his patriarchal decisions. Most significantly, as a staunch defender of the veneration of icons, he later came into conflict with an equally staunch enemy of icon veneration--the new emperor, Leo, who allowed him to be harassed and finally exiled him.

During his years of harsh isolation, Nicephorus wrote several apologetical works defending the importance of icons, never backing down in his insistence that they must be part of Orthodox worship. He declined all offers to regain imperial favor by renouncing his views, and died in 829.

Martyrs and confessors acquired certainty about the faith through prayer, study and effort. They dared to say things like, "I do not think; I know." In our day, when such words might well bring accusations of arrogance and exclusivity, we need their example more than ever.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'Some of the things given to us by God for our use are in the soul, others are in the body and others relate to the body. In the soul are its powers; in the body are the sense organs and other members; relating to the body are food, money, possessions and so on. Our good or bad use of these things given us by God, or of what is contingent upon them, reveals whether we are virtuous or evil.'

St. Maximos the Confessor

"If one does something consistent with the will of God, he will assuredly face temptation, since, for every good that comes about, there is either a temptation that precedes it or a temptation that follows it. Nor, indeed, is

there certainly that something is genuine and consistent with the Will of God unless it has first been tested through temptation."

*Abba Dorotheos of Gaza
"Various Letters and Sayings"*

"If [the disease of sin] is natural, then it cannot be cured. Thus it would remain always, no matter how hard you worked to rid yourself of it. If you accept this thought, you will lose heart, and say to yourself: this is how it is. For this is that woeful despair, which, once it has been introduced into people, they have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness (Ephesians 4: 19).

"I shall repeat again: Maintain the conviction that our disorderliness is not natural to us, and do not listen to those who say, 'It is no use talking about it, because that is just how we are made, and you cannot do anything about it.' That is not how we are made, and if we undertake to cure ourselves, then we will be able to do something about it."

St. Theophan the Recluse

"It is well known that obedience is the chief among the initiatory virtues, for first it displaces presumption and then it engenders humility within us. Thus it becomes, for those who willingly embrace it, a door leading to the love of God."

*St. Diadochos of Photiki
"The Philokalia"*

"Do not neglect prostration. It provides an image of man's fall into sin and expresses the confession of our sinfulness. Getting up, on the other hand, signifies repentance and the promise to lead a life of virtue. Let each prostration be accompanied by an invocation of Christ, so that by falling before the Lord in soul and body you may gain the grace of the God of souls and bodies." (Theoliptos, 1250-1332)

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest JohnNehrebecki, Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer, George Sarmousakis

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, Leah Reed, Jameson Edward Reed, Anastacia Sarmousakis

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Jacquelyn Marie Wham, Rachael Irene Shatley, Stephanie Riley, Catalina Mary Finck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
3-Jun	POT LUCK - Kendall	Bunitsky/Lewis	Farrell	Lewis
10-Jun	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Clause/Whalen	Gundersen
17-Jun	FATHER'S DAY	Riley/Riley	Hines	Farrell
24-Jun	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Finck	Skomorucha
1-Jul	POT LUCK- Jon Whaler	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis	Maloney