



**Sunday June 17, 2018 3rd SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST — Tone 2. All Saints of Britain and  
Ireland. Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia  
(362).**

**This Week's Schedule**

*Saturday 6/23 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*  
*All Saints Sunday 6/24 Hours 8:40 a.m.*  
*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>
Jun-17	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Jun-24	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(from the Menaion, for the Martyrs)*

Your holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, O Lord,  
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You,  
our God.  
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with  
You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(from the Menaion, for the Martyrs)*

Because of your perfect faith in Christ, all-blessed martyrs,  
you drank the cup of His sufferings with generous hearts.  
You renounced the idols of Persia,  
and, yourselves three in number, proclaimed your belief in the Holy  
Trinity.//  
We ever beseech you to pray for us all.

### **Tone 2      Prokeimenon**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my  
salvation. *(Ps 117/118:4)*

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me  
over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)*

### **Epistle Romans 5: 1-10**

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

*And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

*For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

*For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.*

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

*For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

### **Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

### **Gospel Matthew 6:22-33**

*The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.*

*But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

*Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?*

*Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

*Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?*

*So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;*

*and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

*Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

*For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

## **Communion Hymns**

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

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

***Special All Parish Meeting*** We will be holding a special all parish meeting on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 during coffee hour. We ask for as many as possible to stay as the council will present cupola maintenance and repair work.

***Happy Father's Day*** Today is our annual Father's Day Luncheon. Any and all are invited to join us. We want to offer to all a Happy Father's day, Many years!

Thanks to all who helped at today's luncheon honoring our fathers.

***Many Years Graduates*** Congratulation and Many Years to graduates from St. Michael's Kate Bunitsky and Nicholas Carey. We want to offer our best wishes and prayers for continued health, success, and length of days. Many Years!

***Fr. Barnabas to be Away*** The parish office will be closed this week (June 18-22). Please call Fr. Dn. James Carpenter (609) 202-4255 or

Jeffrey Kendall (302) 420-6600 if there are any parish emergencies or problems. Thank you!

***Summer Giving / Summer Vacationing*** If you are heading out on vacation please do not take a vacation from your financial support of St. Michaels. St Michaels is here even when Her parishioners are away, and She continues to count on Her people for support. If you do travel, also visit the “Orthodoxy in America” website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: [www.orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://www.orthodoxyinamerica.org) - Check it out! Also, whichever parish you visit on vacation please remember to contact the priest ahead of time to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. Thank you, God bless your travels and come back safe and sound!

***Prayer List*** Fr. Barnabas and Dn. James continue to try and keep up with our ongoing prayer list for the divine services. Going forward, for good order’s sake, they will keep names on the prayer list for about three months, unless told otherwise, or unless there is a long-term need. Please let them know if there are names that have been removed that need to be placed back because of a long-term need. We will try to remind everyone of this policy on a regular basis.

***Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul*** 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). Vespers for the feast will be Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

***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.

## **Even Miracle Workers Have Their Bad Moments**

*On June 14th we remember the prophet Elisha, who was the disciple and successor of another great prophet, Elijah. In his eagerness to serve God, Elisha performed many miracles. Often these wonderful acts benefited people's physical health as well as their spiritual well-being. For example, the men of the city of Jericho complained to him that "the water is bad and the land is unfruitful." Elisha was able to purify the water, and as a true prophet he gave the credit and glory to God working through him: "Thus says the Lord, 'I have made this water wholesome; henceforth neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it' " (2 Kings 2: 21).*

*Another time, Elisha provided a stew made of herbs and wild gourds for a group of "sons of the prophets." Tasting it, the men cried out that there was "death in the pot." Elisha merely added some meal, and made the food harmless and tasty. When someone brought him twenty loaves of barley and some fresh grain, he instructed his servant to give it to the men. But the servant complained that it wasn't nearly enough to feed all 100 of them. Elisha calmly repeated his instructions, and again said the words the Lord had given him: "They shall eat and have some left" (2 Kings 4: 38-44). Sure enough, in a way similar to Jesus' feeding of the 5000, everyone was satisfied, and there were lots of leftovers.*

*When a widow cried out to him that creditors were about to enslave her children to pay the family's debts, Elisha offered practical but miraculous help. He instructed her to borrow containers from her neighbors, and then provided oil to fill every one. When there were no more containers, the oil stopped flowing, and Elisha told the woman to "sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest" (2 Kings 4: 7).*

*One of Elisha's best-known miracles involved another woman in distress. The account of the Shunamite woman is given in 2 Kings 4: 8-37 and it is one of the fifteen Old Testament readings for Holy Saturday. Through Elisha's prayer, this hospitable woman is able to conceive a child. But a bad moment comes for the prophet when the child dies. She reproaches Elisha, and he says to his servant that "she is in bitter distress; and the Lord has hidden it from me, and has not told me." How helpless he must have felt, and perhaps momentarily abandoned by God. But by arduous prayer he is able to revive the child.*

*Elisha's mentor Elijah also had bad moments. Having killed Jezebel's prophets, he feared for his life and even "asked that he might die" rather than continue his prophetic work (I Kings 19: 4).*

*When our own bad moments come, it's good to remember that we are not alone in having them, and that God will help us through them, just as He helped His miracle-working prophets.*

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

*'You have the power to incline either upwards or downwards: choose what is superior and you will bring what is inferior into subjection.'*

*St. Thalassios the Libyan*

*Constantly wrestle with your thought, and whenever it wanders call it back to you. God does not require from those still under obedience prayer completely free of distractions. Do not despond when your thoughts are filched, but remain calm, and unceasingly recall your mind. Unbroken recollection is proper only to an angel.*

*St John Climacus the Ladder of Divine Ascent*

*The all-wise St. John Chrysostom said: "A place will not save us if we do not carry out the will of God." It is told of a monk who lived in a monastery where five brethren loved him and one brother offended him. Because of this one brother who offended him, he moved to another monastery. However, in this monastery eight of the brethren loved him and two of the brethren offended him. He then fled to a third monastery. But here, seven of the brethren loved him and five of the brethren offended him. He set out for a fourth monastery but along the way he thought: "How long will I flee from place to place? I will never find peace in the whole world. It would be better for me to become patient." He pulled out a piece of paper and wrote in bold letters: "I will endure all for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." When he entered the fourth monastery here also some love him and others offended him. But he patiently began to endure the offenses. As soon as someone offended him, he would take out that piece of paper and read: "I will endure all for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." So with patience he succeeded and all loved him and he remained in that monastery until his death.*

**Prayers for the Departed:** *Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber*

**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. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Patrica, Lubov, Stephanie Hojnicky, Leah Reed, Jameson Edward Reed, Anastacia Sarmousakis, Ioana*

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

<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>17-Jun</b>	FATHER'S DAY	Riley/Riley	Hines	Farrell
<b>24-Jun</b>	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Finck	Skomorucha
<b>1-Jul</b>	POT LUCK- Jon Whaler	Hojnicky/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis	Maloney
<b>8-Jul</b>	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Telep/Baldychev	Peck/Peck	Lewis
<b>15-Jul</b>	Afoworki	Bunitsky/Lewis	Baldychev/Sylvest	Gundersen