



**Sunday June 24, 2018 4th SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST — Tone 3. Nativity of the Holy
 Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John .
 Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Dymisk (Novgorod—1224).
 Righteous Youths John and Jacob (James) of Meniugi
 (Novgorod—1566-69). Seven Martyred Brothers:
 Orentius, Pharnacius, Eros, Firmus, Firminus,
 Cyriacus, and Longinus, in Georgia (4th c.).**

This Week's Schedule

Thursday 6/28 Vespers Ss. Peter & Paul 7:00 p.m.

Friday 6/29 Liturgy Ss. Peter & Paul 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 6/30 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7/1 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Jun-24	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
July 01	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
July 08	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
July 15	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
July 22	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Nativity of St John the Baptist)*

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,
although we cannot praise you worthily,
we honor you in love at your nativity,
for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's barrenness,//
proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Nativity of St John the Baptist)*

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner,
who is the fulfillment of every prophecy;
for in the Jordan,
when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the Prophets,//
he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (*Ps 46/47:6*)

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:10)

Epistle Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 13:11-14:4 (Forerunner)

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps 30/31:2)

Tone 1

v. Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. (Luke 1:68)

Gospel Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 (Forerunner)

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.

But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.

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 Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.

His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John."

But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."

So they made signs to his father – what he would have him called.

And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled.

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea.

And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people,

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Welcome to the Newly Illumined! Welcome to the newly illumined Glykeria Anassa Peck, received into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism and Chrismation this morning. May God grant her and the entire Peck family Many blessed years!

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul Just a reminder that this week is the celebration of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Vespers for the feast will be Thursday June 28th at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on June 29th at 9:00 a.m. Join us for this feast celebrating the fruit of the Holy Spirit!

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

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 - 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!

VCS July 30th -August 1st We will be offering Vacation Church School this summer July 30th through August 1st. Please make plans to be with us. There will be more details to come.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

It is not necessary to fear weakness, for the Lord came down from Heaven for the weak. If a man recognizes his weakness and repents, the Lord in his mercy will not remember his weaknesses and sins. The most necessary things to fear are devilish pride, vainglory, hostility and condemnation, but weaknesses serve to humble our imagined piety. Don't be surprised that good people who are close to the Church and are deep believers are always heaping abuse when they are wounded. These people are superficial, they have no understanding of the one thing needful, and so outward piety does them no good.
Letters from a Russian monk

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, Maria & Doug Dozier, 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*

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
24-Jun	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Finck	Skomorucha
1-Jul	POT LUCK- Jon Whaler	Hojnicky/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis	Maloney
8-Jul	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Telep/Baldychev	Peck/Peck	Lewis
15-Jul	Afoworki	Bunitsky/Lewis	Baldychev/Sylvest	Gundersen
22-Jul	Oberto/Peck	Elia/Morjana	Hines	Farrell

Last Week's Attendance
Divine Liturgy: 107