



Sunday August 19, 2018 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. *Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Andrew Stratelates and those with him (2593 soldiers) in Cilicia (4th c.). St. Pitirim, Bishop of Perm (1456). Martyrs Timothy, Agapius, and Thecla, of Palestine (304-306). Ven. Theophanes of Docheiariou (Mt. Athos—16th c.). The “DONSKAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos*

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday 8/25 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/26 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Aug 26	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Sep 02	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Sep 8	NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Sep 09	SOUDER	LEWIS	CAREY
Sep 14	ELEVATION OF THE CROSS		
Sep 16	WALES	WALES	WALES

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 1 Troparion *(Dormition)*

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 5 Troparion *(Marty Andrew Stratelates)*

You renounced the glory of earthly rank
and inherited the Kingdom of Heaven;
you adorned your incorruptible crown as with beautiful stones.
You led an army of martyrs to Christ,
and with the Angels in the never-fading light
you found Christ the never-setting Sun.
Together with those who suffered with you,
holy General Andrew,//
ever pray to Him that He may save our souls!

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 2 Kontakion *(Martyr Andrew)*

Standing before the Lord in prayer like a star near the sun,

you were filled with ineffable joy beholding your desire: the treasure of the Kingdom.

You sing without ceasing to the immortal King together with the Angels throughout the ages./

With them, General Andrew, unceasingly pray for us all!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Dormition)*

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.

For being the Mother of Life, //

she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(*Lk 1:46-47*)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.*

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 2

v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification! (Ps 131/132:8)

Gospel Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'

'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Tone 1

Refrain: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
(*Ps 115/116:13*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

AAC Update at Coffee Hour Today At coffee hour today, Catalina Finck will offer us an update on the OCA All American Council, held July 23-27, 2018. Catalina served as St. Michael's lay delegate to the AAC.

Upcoming Family Promise St. Michaels will co-host Family Promise the week of Sept. 2nd. Will you please sign up on the board to cook, serve & provide hospitality at St. Philips Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington on these days: Monday, Sept. 3, Tuesday, Sept. 4 & Thursday, Sept. 6th. Contact Ellen Gundersen at 610.388.0695 or email at ellengundersen5@gmail.com. These families need and appreciate your compassion and understanding.

FP School Supplies Collection Family Promise is collecting money for homeless children's "back to school" supplies. Will you please donate cash or check (to St. Michaels for family promise) in the basket after liturgy or during coffee hour? We'll use this to buy Walmart / Target gift cards to give to Family Promise children. Thank you for your kindness. see Ellen Gundersen with questions.

Upcoming Parish Picnic We are planning to have our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 16th. Once again, this year we hope that having the picnic after Labor Day the weather (God willing) will be a bit cooler and that more will be able to attend. Hope to see you there!

Study Group to Begin Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume on Thursday, September 13th at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Two Icons Full of Love

The icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows the Mother of God lying on her deathbed. Jesus Christ, surrounded by angels, tenderly holds her luminous soul which in His glory He has taken to Himself. Her face is serene, and she is surrounded by the apostles.

"Dormition" means "falling asleep." Saint Paul writes in I Thessalonians 4:13: "I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others do who have no hope."

The icon of the Dormition shows the reason for hope. Death cannot have the final word, because Christ is taking His mother to heaven. The apostles are sad, but not prostrate with grief, because they know the fulfilled promise of the Lord. The angels in the icon show that those heavenly beings will be there for us, too.

The hymns for the feast of the icon are also encouraging. The troparion and kontakion say that in her falling asleep, the Theotokos does not forsake the world but continues to pray for us. Just as Christ continues in His love for His mother, she is consistent in her loving concern for the world.

Mark 14:58 reads: "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." This is the source of the title of the icon "not made by hands." John's Gospel records that "the temple He was speaking of was His body. After His resurrection His disciples recalled what He had said, and they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken" (John 2:20-1).

There are a few stories of how the image came to be. The one traditionally accepted by many sources is related in the Prologue from Ochrid: Prince Abgar of Edessa in Syria heard of Christ's miracles and healings. He sent a messenger to Palestine imploring Christ to come and heal his leprosy.

Rather than leave Palestine, Christ gave Ananias a cloth on which He had wiped His face, leaving a perfect impression. When Abgar kissed it,

most of the leprosy fell away, and later when he received baptism from the apostle Thaddeus he was completely healed.

Abgar put the cloth in a gold frame and placed it at the entrance of the city of Edessa for people to venerate. Above it he wrote, "O Christ our God, everyone trusting in You shall not be put to shame."

When a grandson of Abgar fell into idolatry, believers hid the image to keep it from destruction. Centuries later, with the city under Persian attack, the Theotokos told the Bishop of Edessa where to find the long-forgotten icon.

He found it and processed around the city with it. The Persian army miraculously retreated.

Once again, the Theotokos did not forsake the world. Once again, the world was given a healing, loving image of Christ, Who is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), the One who heals and loves us all.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

Love does not know how to be angry, or provoked, or passionately to reproach anyone. The proof of love and knowledge is profound humility, which is born of a good conscience in Jesus Christ our Lord.

-St Isaac the Syrian

"Souls that love truth and God, that long with much hope and faith to put on Christ completely, do not need so much to be put in remembrance by others, nor do they endure, even for a while, to be deprived of the heavenly desire and of passionate affection to the Lord; but being wholly and entirely nailed to the cross of Christ, they perceive in themselves day by day a sense of spiritual advance towards the spiritual Bridegroom."

Saint Macarius the Great

Prayers for the Departed: Mat. Mary Dirga, Maria Proch, 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. Dimitry Perez, 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, Anastacia Sarmousakis, Ioana

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Stephanie Riley, Catalina Mary Finck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Clean</u>	<u>Library</u>
19-Aug	Peck/Wales	Telep/Baldychev	Farrell	Gundersen
26-Aug	O. Arshinova and Julia	Bunitsky/Lewis	Hines	Farrell
2-Sep	POT LUCK	Elia/Morjana	Clause/Whale	Skomorucha
9-Sep	Najemy/Kendall/Baldychev	Riley/Riley	Finck	Maloney
16-Sep	Parish Picnic	Sulpizi/Finck	Skomorucha/	Lewis