



Sunday October 21, 2018 21st SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST — Tone 4. Ven. Hilarion the Great (371-372). Translation of the Relics of St. Hilarion, Bishop of Meglin in Bulgaria (1206). Ven. Hilarion, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Ven. Hilarion, Abbot, of Pskovoezérsk (Gdovsk). Ven. Theóphil (Theophilus) and Jacob (James), Abbots of Omutch (Pskov—ca. 1412). Martyr Dasius, Gaius, and Zoticus, at Nicomedia (303). Ven. Philotheus of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1610). Ven. Visarion (Bessarion) Sarai and Sophronie, of Ciorara, Confessors, and Martyr Oprea of Salistie, in Romania (1776).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 10/27 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/28 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Oct 21	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Oct 28	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Nov 04	SULPIZI	LEWIS	CAREY
Nov 11	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 8 Troparion *(for Venerable Hilarion)*

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,
and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe.
Our Father Hilarion, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their
chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Venerable Hilarion)*

Today we gather to sing hymns in your honor,
bright star causing the grace of God to shine in our hearts.
You were a light to those in darkness,
lifting up to heaven those who cry out://
“Rejoice, Hilarion, the pride of hermits!”

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them
all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!
(*Ps 103/104:1*)

Epistle Galatians 2:16-20

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'

And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Book Store Sale Our Parish Bookstore is having a sale during the month of October. Please stop by for that book that you wanted at a discounted price.

All Parish Meeting On **Sunday Nov. 4th, 2018**, during the coffee hour, we will have our Annual All Parish Meeting. Please make plans to stay following Divine Liturgy for this important work in the life of the church.

Winter Coat Collection We are collecting clean winter coats for the Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington. They feed, clothe and shelter men, women and families. Please drop CLEAN winter coats for all ages in the bin in narthex. Used coats should be in good condition. **LAST DAY IS OCT. 28th.** See Ellen Gundersen with questions.

Study Group This past Thursday ten of us the continued our study of St. Matthew. Our study group will continue this week with chapter 4 of St. Matthew. All are welcome to join us!

Coffee Hour/Service Duty/ Volunteers It is that time of the year where we look to put our stewardship into action. We have been blessed with many gifts and talents at St. Michael's, it is now your turn to offer your talents in Coffee Hour, Cleaning, Service Duty, Parish Council, etc. Please consider the offering of self as part of your regular stewardship. Sign up sheets will be posted in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Dn. James Carpenter or Jeff Kendall for more details. Guidelines for Coffee Hour will be available next week.

Church School We are offering church school classes for preschool ages 3yrs - 5yrs and for primary ages 6yrs - 9yrs. We are still looking for volunteers, teachers, and substitutes for the 2018-19 church school year. All those interested in helping with church school please see Fr. Barnabas.

Amazon Smile At this time of year, as Nativity approaches, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael's could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael's a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael's, so it is easy to use. We have already been receiving benefits from this program. Just type the address into your web browser. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

“Parenting in the Orthodox Family Today”

Source: The Path of Orthodoxy | Popadija Aleksandra Petrovich | 01 May 2014

In the Holy Orthodox Church, child rearing has long been considered a God-appointed, sacred and extremely important mission, as evidenced by the writings of St. John Chrysostom on education of children. Other saints (St. Theophan the Recluse, St. Silhouan the Athonite and New Martyr Empress Alexandra Romanova, to name a few) have also addressed the issue of family life and the upbringing of children.

Having this in mind, it is all the more puzzling for some why so many Orthodox couples struggle to raise their children within an Orthodox Christian frame of values.

Certain Orthodox sources seem to suggest strict segregation from the world, and home-schooling as an ideal to aspire to. As much as this sounds noble-minded and fool-proof, it is not necessarily the exclusive, even authentic, interpretation of the teachings of our Church.

Additionally, contemporary Orthodox families are more involved in modern society than our ancestors. It is therefore increasingly difficult to isolate our children completely from the outside world and its influence, particularly in this new, fast-paced digital age. Obviously, there has to be a balance that enables us to be in the world, but “not of this world,” and parents are charged with the task to give children the tools to cope with secular challenges and yet remain true to the Faith by witnessing to it with their everyday actions. Fr. Tom Kazich introduces this problem more broadly in his excellent article, “The Missing Child”, printed in The Path, February 2012.

So, how is it that, having the solid teachings of the Church as support, along with a few random compilations from the Holy Fathers about family life, that the contemporary Orthodox parents feel lost and complain of the lack of guidance in raising their families in the Faith?

It could be that for an average Orthodox person, weighed down by everyday errands and worries, such resources are not so obvious or readily available, and that they do not have access to proper interpretations of Church writers in the modern context. These would most directly be provided by the parish priest. Also, certain Church writings might seem to offer a lot of theory, but not much practical advice on how to meet existing challenges that parents face.

Many younger parents belong to a generation that did not have the privilege to grow up in a Christian home, and they feel disconnected from the vast experience and traditions that such a life offers. These parents are now actively searching for a new set of values to impart to their children that would arguably be deeper than the superficial adherence to societal rules of proper conduct.

Seeing that quite a few Orthodox texts and books are painfully disengaged from real life, contemporary Orthodox parents often turn to secular parenting books in search of answers to their child rearing dilemmas. However, while there are plenty of “real issues” addressed in them, few of these books even remotely reflect the values and goals of parenting the Orthodox would find relevant.

So, what are these experts saying? It proves to be a tall order – 1) their advice to take charge of our children’s life, and 2) the enormous responsibility thrown at parents to be the omniscient, omnipotent enablers of their children’s happiness and success in this world. No mention, naturally, of giving our children over to God’s care and tending to their souls rather than worrying about their worldly success and material needs alone. After all, parents need a break, too, and relief from

the pressure to break the code of perfect parenting. Ironically, oftentimes this pressure comes from the very people who advertise their intention to help. (see note below)*

Today's parents are stressed out, overworked and anxious about doing the right thing by their children. This concern often inspires them to "overdo it" in their parenting efforts, resorting to what has been labeled as "helicopter parenting," micro-managing their children's existing activities and burdening them with an ever increasing list of new ones.

Furthermore, one rising trend in child rearing practices is to succumb to the fear-mongering that parents are exposed to in the media and society at large. It consists of creating an impression that our children are constantly in danger of something, whether it be germs, the traffic, unsafe playgrounds, swimming, tree-climbing, bullying, pedophiles, kidnappers... As a result we see fewer and fewer kids walking or biking to school, playing in the streets with their friends and engaging in activities long considered the staples of a fun-filled childhood. Of course, there are some real threats out there, but they should be put into perspective, and not blown out of proportion.

As far as the Orthodox parents are concerned, they do not have to feel pressured to assume God's role to protect their children from all known and unknown threats. It is an impossible task for a human. An Orthodox person understands that, after doing one's best to take care of one's offspring, "practicing what we preach" to our children and prayer with faith are what truly supplements any shortcomings of faulty human actions.

As a mother of three, I will admit that I have experienced my fair share of anxiety and mistakes in raising my children. Will they remain Orthodox throughout their life, will they preserve their virtues and values, will they forget how to speak Serbian – all in an environment not conducive to any of it? Often, in times of greatest distress and insecurity, I have wished for a manual that would just outright tell me how to be a good Orthodox mother who will raise her children to love God and His Holy Church. However, this great God's gift of children does not come with ready care instructions.

Ultimately, the best advice I have ever heard is that we should spend less time talking to our children about God, and more time talking to God about our children, that is, praying to God for them. And by striving to draw nearer to God, we can be sanctified by God's grace and our home made holy, along with the family living in it.



Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Vincent Saverino, Marie Holowatch, Patricia Belmont, Mat. Mary Dirga, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, 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 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, Michael Sinovich, Laura Cristina Najemy

Prayers for Catechumen: Robert Jaquette

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

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
21-Oct	Bacuta/Fravel	Riley/Riley	Bunitsky	Lewis
28-Oct	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Gundersen
4-Nov	POT LUCK - Baldychev	Hojnicki/Souder	Clause/Whalen	Farrell
11-Nov	PARISH FEAST DAY	Telep/Baldychev	Finck	Skomorucha