



Sunday November 11, 2018 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — *Tone 7. Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (204). Martyr Stephanida (Stepanida, Stephanie) of Spain (2nd c.). Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826). Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow (1434). Ven. Martýrii, Abbot of Zelénsk (Pskov—1603). Repose of Saint Stephen Dečani of Serbia. Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397).*

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 11/17 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 11/18 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee hour & Church school

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Nov 11	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Nov 18	SOUDER	SULPIZI	LEWIS
Nov 21	ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Nov 25	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Dec 02	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Dec 09	SULPIZI	SOUDER	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(for the Martyrs)*

Your holy martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida, 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 8 Troparion *(Venerable Theodore)*

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs:
all-wise Father Theodore, your teachings have gleamed with light upon
all things.//
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith://
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(for the Martyrs)*

Today the Church honors those who fought the good fight and died
for their faith:
the victorious Menas, the noble Victor, and the ascetic Vincent.
The Church glorifies their divine struggle and cries out with
love:

“Glory to You, O Christ, Lover of mankind!”

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Venerable Theodore*)

Your ascetic life, equal to an Angel's,
made you radiant through your athlete's contest;
blessed by God, O Theodore, you became a companion of the Angels,
with whom you unceasingly intercede for us all.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(Ps 28/29:1)*

Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

*v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.
(Ps 91/92:2)*

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

All Parish Meeting Thanks to all who participated in our annual parish meeting. Please pray for St. Michael's continued works and efforts in the life of the Church.

Many Year to the Newly Illumined Congratulation to the newly illumined Anastasia Grace Riley. Anastasia is the daughter of Jeremy and Stephanie Riley. We ask that our Lord bless and keep her and her family for many years!

Study Group to Resume Our study group will resume this week (Thurs. Nov. 15) 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 are available in the back of the church.

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity Fast begins this week (Nov. 15th). The fast continues until the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew's Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: 'Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wisemen, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb' (Vesperal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day). Please try and make an effort!

Thanksgiving Molieben Thursday morning Nov. 22 we will offer a Molieben of Thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. To be thankful (from the Greek *eucharistia* or thanksgiving) is a profound reality and a central practice of Orthodox Christians: "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good...." Join us!

Church Library Be sure to check out a book or DVD during the Nativity fast!

Bookstore Nativity Gifts The Parish Bookstore continues its ongoing sale. Stop by for a gift at discounted prices.

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Several feasts are dedicated to the Mother of God commemorating and celebrating her life. Next Tuesday evening we will celebrate Her entrance in to the Temple. In this feast we encounter the holiness of Mary as a small child separated from the world, brought to live in the Temple a life set apart, consecrated, and in a state of intimacy with God. “*A deep mystery covers the earthly life of the Most-Holy Theotokos from her childhood to her repose. Her life in the Jerusalem Temple was concealed. ‘If you were to ask me,’ said the Blessed Jerome, ‘how the Most-Holy Virgin passed the time of her youth, I would answer that this is known only to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel detailed to protect her.’*” (TTWH) We will celebrate this feast with Vespers Liturgy on Tues. Nov 20th at 6:30p.m.

Surprised by Christ

The primary audience for the Gospel of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew was his fellow Jews. One of his main goals was to show that Christ fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies that the Jews revered. It seems appropriate to review a book written by an Orthodox priest who is a convert from Judaism, Father James Bernstein. He grew up as a devout Jew, very knowledgeable about his faith, and with an inquiring mind that wanted to find the reasons for things. His book "Surprised by Christ" tells us about his journey to Orthodox Christianity. The journey itself is an appealing story. Father James writes of the initial attraction between himself and his wife Bonnie: "She told me that though she had read about Jews in the Bible, she had never knowingly met one. I was the first, and a New Yorker besides. I told her that I had never knowingly met someone of Okie and Swedish descent as beautiful and mellow as she." A special value of the book is that Father James shows, through his own study and experience, how Orthodoxy completes the faith of the Old Testament. Though raised to view the New Testament as "the enemy's book" he was curious enough as a teenager to borrow a copy and to read it at night under the covers with a flashlight. He found himself "mesmerized" by its description of Jesus Christ.

Driven to find out whether this Jesus could be the one described in the Old Testament prophecies he already knew well, he studied them even more closely. His account of that study is rewarding reading for anyone who wants to learn more about how the Church interprets the Old Testament, and why it is the basis of so much of our prayer and teaching. He gives helpful and instructive insights into Jesus' life and work as the fulfillment of the prophets' words.

Father James also was looking for a church that maintained the kind of worship he knew: "As a Jew, I desired worship that contained a sense of mystery, was rooted in ancient Jewish practice, and centered on God and our Communion meal with Him." He did not find these elements fully in Protestantism or in Roman Catholicism, but discovered them in wholeness in the Orthodox Church. He is never smug, or disrespectful toward the Protestant Church and the Roman Church, but reading his analysis of their deficiencies when compared to Orthodoxy is a valuable means for Orthodox Christians (also without smugness or disrespect toward others) to know their own faith better.

Father James writes candidly that he did not always find Orthodox people to be as attractive as the Orthodox Faith itself is. He urges parishes to be welcoming to newcomers, having experienced indifference and even coldness in some of his early visits to churches. But for those who share his desire to invite others to discover Orthodoxy, "Surprised by Christ" is a fine companion.

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

"Let us, therefore, strive to gain this love for ourselves, let us acquire this tenderness towards our neighbor so that we may guard ourselves from wickedly speaking evil of our neighbor, and from judging and despising him. Let us help one another, as we are members one of another. Which of us, having a wound on his hand or foot, or any other member, would despise it and cut it off, even if it turned septic? Would he not rather bathe it and take away the poison and put a plaster on it, sign it with the cross, apply a relic, and pray and beg the saints to pray for its cure, as Abbot Zosimos used to say [10]—to put it simply, not to turn aside or run away from our own members even those of bad reputation but to do all we can to cure their disease. In this way we ought to bear one another's burdens, to help one another and be helped by others who are stronger than ourselves, to think of everything and do everything that can help ourselves and others, for we are members one of another,' as the Apostle says. If we are one body each is a member of the other. If one member suffers, all the others suffer with it. "

+ St. Abba Dorotheos of Gaza (505-565 or 620 AD)

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Joseph Martin, Archpriest Vincent Saverino, Marie Holowatch, Patricia Belmont, 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, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Virginia Sekerak

Prayers for Catechumen: Robert Jaquette

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

Date	Coffee Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaner	Library
11-Nov	PARISH FEAST DAY	Telep/Baldychev	Finck	Skomoruch
18-Nov	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Bunitsky/Lewis	Skomorucha/Lewis	Maloney
25-Nov	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Elia/Morjana	Peck/Peck	Lewis
2-Dec	POT LUCK - Peck	Riley/Riley	Baldychev/Shatley/S	Gundersen
9-Dec	Bacuta/Fravel	Hojnicki/Souder	General Cleaning	Farrell