



Sunday November 11, 2018 25th SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST — *Tone 8. Martyr Plato of Ancyra (ca. 306). Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Caesarea, and the youth Barulas (303). Martyrs Zacchæus the Deacon, and Alphæus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (303).*

This Week's Schedule

*Tuesday 11/20 Eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos
 into the Temple Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 p.m.*

Thursday 11/22 Thanksgiving Molieben 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 11/24 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 11/25 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>
Nov 18	SOUDER	SULPIZI	LEWIS
Nov 21	ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Nov 25	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Dec 02	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Dec 06	ST. NICHOLAS DAY		
Dec 09	SULPIZI	SOUDER	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Martyrs Plato and Romanus)*

Your holy martyrs Plato and Romanus, O Lord,
through their sufferings has 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 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful
One!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Martyr Plato)*

Your holy memory delights the universe, O Plato,
bringing us together to honor you in our joy.
With hymns we praise your great deeds,
crying out to you with faith:
“Save our land from its enemies, O holy one!”

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v : Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v : Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

Gospel Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'

So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."'

But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple We will celebrate this feast with Vesperal Liturgy on Tues. Nov 20th at 6:30p.m. Several feasts are dedicated to the Mother of God commemorating and celebrating her life. 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.

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!

No Study Group Our study group will break for Thanksgiving this week. We will resume next week (Thurs. Nov. 29) 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.

Many Years! Many years to our Reverend Deacon James Carpenter celebrating the 4th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Deaconate (Nov. 21). We want to thank him for his service to St. Michael's and to Christ's Holy Church. May our Lord grant him long life, health, happiness, and many years of service!

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity 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!

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.

Rigor and Gentleness

I Timothy 5:22-6:11 is from a Letter that is one of a group of three (the others are II Timothy and Titus) called the Pastoral Epistles. They are meant to guide a young man in leading his flock, and to warn him about problems he will face in the Church.

In the first few verses of the passage we see uncompromising instruction followed immediately by compassionate concern. Timothy is admonished not to be hasty in the "laying on of hands", which may have to do with ordination or with the reinstatement into the Church's sacramental life of people who have repented of sin. In either case, it is a serious responsibility calling for sound judgment and careful deliberation. The words are sober and forceful.

But in the very next verse, the words become almost motherly in tone: "No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments." This is an unabashedly personal, loving expression of care for another "worker in Christ's vineyard." The early followers of Our Lord understood the difficulties and demands of leadership, as well as the stress and anxiety it could cause. With few exceptions they were supportive of each other and ready to help, advise, and encourage.

Chapter 6 begins by addressing the relations between slaves and masters. It shows how particularly difficult life was for a slave who was a Christian and had a "believing master." The words warn slaves not to assume that they can behave casually toward their masters because those masters are their brothers in Christ. Slaves are told only to serve "all the better" because as believers their masters are God's beloved. This is a rigorous requirement for the one in servitude, yet it gives slaves a high spiritual purpose: to serve with dedication and by so

doing to make sure that "the name of God and the teaching may not be defamed."

Verse 10 contains some well-known words: "The love of money is the root of all evil." This terse statement also sets a rigorous standard concerning the appropriate Christian attitude toward wealth. But the words that directly follow are not so well-known, and once again they reflect a gentle concern for those who have fallen into the trap of caring too much for money: "...it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs." This is not condemnation, but sincere compassion for people who are overwhelmed by something that is not good for them. If Christians are called to follow certain principles rigorously, it is because worldly temptations will cause them suffering if they do not. The next verse ends the passage. It is another exhortation to young Christian leaders to be strong and to set a good example. They are encouraged to "aim at" six things. The six are righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and, like a "cap" to all the rest, gentleness.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"My children, beware of all unrighteousness, and do not give in to envy or slander. Refrain from anger, and do not practice usury. Beware of unjust judgment. Do not swear an oath falsely, but rather fulfill it. Do not indulge the bodily appetites. Always be meek and bear all things with love. This virtue is the beginning and root of all good."

+*St. Barlaam, Abbot of Khutyn (12th century)*

"Evil does not exist by nature, nor is any man naturally evil, for God made nothing that was not good. When in the desire of his heart someone conceives and gives form to what in reality has no existence, then what he desires begins to exist. We should therefore turn our attention away from the inclination to evil and concentrate it on the remembrance of God; for good, which exists by nature, is more powerful than our

inclination to evil. The one has existence while the other has not, except when we give it existence through our actions."

+St. Diadochos of Photiki, (c. 400 AD - c. 486 AD), On Spiritual Knowledge and Discrimination: One Hundred Texts, Philokalia, Vol. I

"Humility, in an inexplicable manner, elevates us above created things and preserves the Grace of God in our lives. So let's bear in mind the wise warning which says: 'The devil doesn't eat and doesn't drink, so in a sense that makes him the greatest ascetic. But it doesn't make him any less the devil'. Humility is the only weapon that defeats the devil, the necessary condition for salvation, the mystical divine force which gathers everyone into it. Where there is humility, there also is the glory of God. The eye of the flower of the soul blossoms into a plant that never fades."

+Saint Isaac the Syrian

"Light is the property of a star, as simplicity and humility are the property of a holy and God-fearing man. Nothing distinguishes more clearly the disciples of Christ than a humble spirit and a simple way of life. The four Gospels shout this aloud. Whoever has not lived in this humble manner is deprived of his share in Him who 'humbled Himself... to death, even the death of the cross' (Phil. 2:8), the actual Lawgiver of the divine Gospels."

*+St Hesychios the Priest, "On Watchfulness and Holiness
Written for Theodoulos," Philokalia, Vol. I*

"Any place can be a place of Resurrection, as long as you live in Christ's humility."

+Abbess Gavriilia (1897-1992), a 20th century Greek Orthodox nun

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Joseph Martin, Archpriest Vincent Saverino, Marie Holowatch, 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	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
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/	Gundersen
9-Dec	Bacuta/Fravel	Hojnicki/Souder	General Cleaning	Farrell
16-Dec	Najemy/Kendall	/Baldychev	Suplizi	Skomorucha