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Sunday July 21, 2019 5th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 4. Prophet Ezekiel (6th c.
B.C.). Ven. Simeon of Emessa, Fool-for-Christ, and
his fellow ascetic, Ven. John (ca. 590). Ven. Onuphry
(Onuphrius) the Silent, and Ven. Onísim, Recluse, of
the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 12th-13th c.). The
“ARMATIA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

This Week Schedule

Wednesday 7/24 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 7/27 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 7/28 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>
July 21	DORAZIO	PECK	PECK
July 28	J PECK	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Aug 04	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Aug 6	TRANSFIGURATION		
Aug 11	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Aug 15	DORMITION		

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 4 Troparion *(for Saints Simeon and John)*

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace//
through the prayers of Venerable Simeon and John!

Tone 2 Troparion *(Prophet Ezekiel)*

We celebrate the memory
of Your Prophet Ezekiel, O Lord;
through him, we beseech You://
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 2 Kontakion *(for Saints Simeon and John)*

Let us praise the venerable Simeon
as an equal to the angels,
for he walked in the flesh upon the earth as a bodiless angel
shining forth to all as an example of the virtues;
and with him let us honor his companion,

the ever memorable and God-bearing father John, //
for they ceaselessly pray to the Lord for us with faith and love!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Prophet Ezekiel)*

You have been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel,
proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lamb and Creator, //
the Son of God, Who has ever revealed Himself.

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 Romans 10:1-10

*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may
be saved.*

*For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according
to knowledge.*

*For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish
their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.
For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who
believes.*

*For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man
who does those things shall live by them."*

*But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your
heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from
above)*

*or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from
the dead).*

*But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your
heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):*

*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your
heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth
confession is made unto salvation.*

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 Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Communion Hymns

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

This Week's Announcement

Blessing of Vehicles Postponed Due to the Heat Due to the hot weather this weekend we will postpone our Blessing of the Vehicles until next week. In commemoration of the holy prophet Elijah (July 20) who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot, we will be offering the blessing of vehicles next Sunday following Liturgy. The glorious prophet Elijah is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. The blessing is for cars and any kind of vehicle (kids can bring bikes).

Parish Office Closed this Week The parish office will be closed Mon. July 22- Fri. July 26. Fr. Barnabas and family will once again be away. For any parish emergencies or problems during the week please call Fr. Dn. James Carpenter (609) 202-4255 or Jeff Kendall (302) 420-6600. Thank you!

Dormition Fast and August Feast Days The liturgical calendar once again comes to its close in August with the fourth and final fasting season of the Church year along with two major feasts. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1st and peaks on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. On Aug 6th, the Church celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This feast commemorates our Lord's transfiguration before his disciples on Mt. Tabor. In His Transfiguration He reveals His glory to the disciples. In Him they (and we) now see for themselves the glory of God present in the person of Christ. Please plan to join us for these feasts as we make our way to the end of yet another liturgical year.

Vacation Church School Aug.1st-Aug.3rd Please mark your calendars, our vacation church school will be held Thursday, August 1st through Saturday, August 3rd, 2019. Our focus will be on the vocations of the Divine Liturgy. Our VCS will conclude with the Divine Liturgy on Aug. 3rd. We encourage all the faithful of St. Michael's to join us even though the focus will be on letting our little ones use their gifts. Please see Laura Whalen or Fr. Barnabas for more information.

Inquirer's/ Basics of Orthodoxy Class Fr. Barnabas will be offering an Inquirer's/Basics of Orthodoxy Class on Saturday evenings in August. The first class will meet Saturday Aug. 10th following Vespers at 6:00 p.m. Any an all who are interested in finding out more or who are interested in becoming Orthodox should try to attend.

Service to the Holy Altar Fr. Dn. James is pleased to announce that we will be receiving new altar servers. Service to the Holy Altar is a serious responsibility open to males ages 7years old and older. Those who are interested will be offered some instructional sessions prior to service and must be committed. Serious candidates should see Fr. Dn. James or Thaddeus (Scott) Lewis for more information.

Traveling this Summer? Try to Go to Church! 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, contact the priest ahead of time to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. May God bless your travels and come back safe and sound! * *If you do travel, please do not take a vacation from your financial support of our parish! The Church is here working even when you are not.* **Thank you for your mindfulness and continued support!* *

Church Library Summer Reading: Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, in the Church hall. There's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

Can You Teach People by Ignoring Them?

Saint Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium, was from Cappadocia like his contemporary Saint Basil the Great. Also like Saint Basil he had to deal with various false teachings that became popular during his lifetime. One of his chief opponents was Macedonius, a man who didn't merely teach wrong ideas, but used his position as a bishop to persecute some who did not agree. Macedonius was a power-hungry and cruel person who finally fell into disgrace, but not before he had done great damage to the Church and to many believers.

The basic teaching of Macedonius and his followers was that the Holy Spirit is merely a created being, not one of the divine and uncreated Persons of the Holy Trinity. His teaching went along with that of the Arians, who taught that Jesus Christ is not the divine Son of God. Bishop Amphilochius argued powerfully against these teachings, knowing that they could lead people to misunderstand the truth about God. He persuaded Saint Basil to write his famous treatise on the Holy Trinity, and stood up to the threats of Macedonius and his friends. Amphilochius also pleaded with the Emperor Theodosius to remove the false teachers from their positions of authority in the Church, especially the Arians who denied the divinity of the Son of God. The emperor was not willing to listen until the saint found an ingenious way of making his

point. He asked for an audience with the emperor, and entered the royal chamber in which Theodosius was seated with his son, Arcadius.

Giving a proper greeting to Theodosius, Bishop Amphilochius completely ignored Arcadius. This snub of the royal heir angered the emperor, who was ready to punish Amphilochius for it, but the bishop quickly spoke up and said, "Now you see, O Ruler, how you cannot tolerate disrespect to your son! In the same way, God the Father does not tolerate disrespect to His Son, and turns away from those who deliberately dishonor the Lord Jesus Christ and lead others to do the same by false teaching."

Theodosius was amazed at the bishop's willingness to risk his imperial anger, and realized from this how important the matter was.

Amphilochius knew that people will lose hope of their own salvation if they do not believe that Jesus Christ is equal in power and mercy to God the Father, and therefore able to save them.

In Saint Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians (3: 6-1) he expresses concern about some members of that community who were using their expectation of the Second Coming as an excuse to live in idleness. Paul warns the believers to ignore any such person, and have nothing to do with him. But like Amphilochius, Paul was concerned not with punishing but with saving people. He tells the Thessalonians: "Do not look on him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother."

Kontakion - Tone 2

*Holy thunder, spiritual trumpet,
nurse of the faithful and axe striking down heresy,
hierarch Amphilóchius,
great and well-pleasing servant of the Trinity,
as you stand forever with the angels,
unceasingly pray for us all.*

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>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Love every person indiscriminately. Never mind if they're weak and sinful. Don't think about the sin, but about where the person comes from, which is the image of God Himself. Don't let the weaknesses of others bother you -- their badness, pride, envy, voracity or gluttony. You're not short of problems yourself. Basically, as regards our relationship to sin, we're all the same."

+St. John of Kronstadt

Prayers for the Departed: Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,, David Rex

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Archbishop Nikon, Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
21-Jul	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky/Finck	Maloney
28-Jul	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Bunitsky/Morjan	Farrell	Gundersen
4-Aug	Hamwi/Morjana	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen	Farrell
11-Aug	Najemy/Kendall	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Skomorucha
18-Aug	Riley/Souder	Hojnicky/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney
25-Aug	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Gundersen

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Dormition Fast Aug. 1st-15th

VCS August 1st- 3rd

Transfiguration Aug. 6th

Parish Council Meeting Aug. 8th

Dormition of the Theotokos Aug. 15th