
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday August 4, 2019 7th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 6. Holy Seven Youths
("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus: Maximilian,
Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian
(Constantine), and Antoninus (250). Martyr
Eudoxia of Persia (362-364). Martyr Eleutherius of
Constantinople (4th c.).

This Week Schedule

Monday 8/5 Great Vespers Transfiguration 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8/6 Transfiguration Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by blessing of first fruits

Wednesday 8/7 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 8/8 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8/10 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 8/11 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 6	TRANSFIGURATION		
Aug 11	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Aug 15	DORMITION		
Aug 18	SKOMORUCHA	PECK	PECK
Aug 25	J PECK	SULPIZI	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took captive hell, //
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus)*

Your seven holy martyrs, 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 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty
hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of
all.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus)*

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this
world,
preferring the eternal things of Heaven.
They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead
and buried the snares of the devils. //
O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to
Christ!

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (Ps 27/28:9))

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

Epistle Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.”

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps 90/91:2)

Gospel Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

VCS Thanks! Thanks to all of parents and volunteers who participated in our 2019 VCS. Our focus on the vocations of the Divine Liturgy is a work in progress, however letting our little ones use their gifts was a blessing to all. Special thanks to Laura Whalen, Paula Daubert, and Fr. Dn. James and all who offer themselves for the sake of our youth.

Feast of Transfiguration 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. We will celebrate with Vespers on Monday Aug. 5th at 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the feast will be Tuesday morning Aug 6th at 9:00 a.m. followed by the blessing of the first fruits.

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. Please plan to join us for these feasts as we make our way to the end of yet another liturgical year.

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos The feast commemorates her glorification and salvation in Jesus Christ. Fr. John Hopko says that, "the feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world". According to tradition, while in prayer, an angel appeared to the Theotokos telling her that she would leave this world. As a token and promise that her Son awaited, the angel gave her a branch with flowers from Eden. So on this day in honor of the greatest flower of womanhood, and the first to receive the promise of the awaiting kingdom, flowers are brought for blessing. We will celebrate this feast with Vespers on Sunday Aug. 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Aug. 15th at 9:00 a.m. followed by the blessing of flowers and seed.

Parish Council Meeting Just a reminder that our August parish council meeting will be held Thursday Aug. 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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 who are interested in finding out more or who are interested in becoming Orthodox should try to attend.

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.

Bearing with Each Other

In Romans 15: 1-7 Saint Paul writes that we who are strong should bear with the failings of the weak.

But the term "bear with" means more than what we often take it to mean, a kind of polite putting up with others. Paul shows us an expanded meaning by quoting Psalm 69:9 as applying to Jesus Christ: "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." The "me" is Christ, who bore insults, or reproaches, that humanity was too weak to bear. He carried the burdens of humanity's failures and weaknesses.

The whole 9th chapter shows how Christ bore with human weaknesses and failings. In the early verses of Chapter 9, the Pharisees have made the insulting accusation that He is a blasphemer, and have questioned His practice of eating with tax collectors and sinners. In their superficial understanding, they rush to accuse with hostile questions rather than acknowledge miraculous healings.

Jesus continues His work despite the insults. He heals a woman with a debilitating hemorrhage, then raises the dead daughter of a ruler of the synagogue. Though the crowds have seen previous miracles, they show the feebleness of their faith by laughing at Him when He says that the girl is "not dead but sleeping." But the girl's father, like the woman with a hemorrhage, has shown real faith and that, not the crowd's weak faith and derisive laughter, draws Jesus' attention and effort.

Verses 27-35 tell the story of two blind men who ask Jesus to heal them. This time, He asks them directly about their faith: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" When they answer that they do believe, He touches their eyes, heals them, and says, "According to your faith be it done to you."

But human weakness is evident again. The two men gladly accept the healing, but are not strong enough to obey Christ's "stern" charge that they not tell anyone. Instead they go and "spread His fame throughout all that district." Then, when He encounters and restores a demon-possessed person who cannot speak, the Pharisees react with another insult: "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

In Chapter 9's final verses, Jesus tells why He bears with His people despite all their insults and faintness of heart. He knows they are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

He also knows there is work to do—the work of salvation—and tells His disciples to pray that God the Father will send "laborers into His harvest."

Saint Paul, who also bore with others' insults and weakness, gives similar reasons for carrying on his work. He says that we bear with our neighbor "for his good" (Romans 15: 2). We work with steadfastness, encouraged by the Scriptures, so that "with one voice" we may glorify the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We work so that we all, together, may be saved.

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

"...The life of the parents is the only thing that makes good children. Parents should be very patient and 'saint-like' to their children. They should truly love their children. And the children will share this love! For the bad attitude of the children, the ones who are usually responsible for it are their parents themselves. The parents don't help their children by lecturing them and repeating to them 'advices', or by making them obeying strict rules in order to impose discipline. If the parents do not become 'saints' and truly love their children and if they don't struggle for it, then they make a huge mistake. With their wrong and/or negative attitude the parents convey to their children their negative feelings. Then their children become reactive and insecure not only to their home, but to the society as well..."

St Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia (1906-1991)

"Parents always want their children to be happy, content, and thankful to them for all their work and sacrifice. So when they see their children in a bad mood and unthankful, they're saddened. It's the same with our Heavenly Father. He has given us everything, but we are unsatisfied and gloomy. Instead of thanksgiving and praising God for everything, we only express our thankfulness with our lips, and our hearts remain cold. Joy is thankfulness, and when we are joyful, that is the best expression of thanks we can offer the Lord, Who delivers us from sorrow and sin."

Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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>
4-Aug	Hamwi/Morjana	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen	Farrell
11-Aug	Najemy/Kendall	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Skomorucha
18-Aug	Riley/Souder	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney
25-Aug	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Gundersen
1-Sep	J. Peck/Weins	Bunitsky/Morjana	N Carey	Farrell
8-Sep	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Riley/Riley	Hines	Skomorucha

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Dormition Fast Aug. 1st-15th

Transfiguration Aug. 6th

Parish Council Meeting Aug. 8th

Dormition of the Theotokos Aug. 15th