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**Sunday August 25, 2019** 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barse and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).

## **This Week Schedule**

Wednesday 8/28 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 8/31 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Inquirers/Basics Class 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/1 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*\*followed by Parish Picnic\**

## **Reader Schedule**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u></b>	<b><u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u></b>	<b><u>EPISTLE</u></b>
Aug 25	J PECK	SULPIZI	FINCK
Sep 01	SULPIZI	DORAZIO	CAREY
Sep 08	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 3 Troparion**      *(Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus)*

Holy Apostles, Bartholomew and Titus,  
entreat the merciful God,  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

### **Tone 1 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Tone 4 Kontakion**      *(Holy Apostle Bartholomew)*

You appeared as a great sun to the world with miracles and rays of  
teaching.  
You guide to the Light all who venerate you,  
O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Holy Apostle Titus)*

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ’s mysteries,  
you were Paul’s companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God.  
Therefore we cry out to you:  
“Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!”

## **Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!  
(Ps 32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

### **Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

*For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.*

*We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.*

*And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;*

*being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.*

*I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.*

*For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

*Therefore I urge you, imitate me.*

## **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..  
(Ps 17/18:47)*

*v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

### **Gospel Matthew 17:14-23**

*And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,*

*“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.*

*So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”  
Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation,  
how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him  
here to Me.”*

*And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was  
cured from that very hour.*

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not  
cast it out?”*

*So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief: for assuredly, I say to  
you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain,  
'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be  
impossible for you.*

*However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”  
Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of  
Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,  
and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they  
were exceedingly sorrowful.*

### **Communion Hymn**

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

### **This Week's Announcement**

***Parish Picnic Next Week*** We are planning to have our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be food, drinks, and fun. Please see Julianna Peck for ways to help. We hope to see you all there!

***FAMILY PROMISE:*** St. Michaels volunteers will again serve meals to homeless families on Monday, 9/2 (Labor Day), Tuesday 9/3 and Thursday 9/5 at St. Philips Lutheran Church. Please volunteer to share our Lord's compassion and love with them and sign up on poster board in the narthex. For questions talk with Ellen Gundersen or email: [ellengundersen5@gmail.com](mailto:ellengundersen5@gmail.com).

***Inquirer's/ Basics of Orthodoxy Class*** Fr. Barnabas will be offering an Inquirer's/Basics of Orthodoxy Class on Saturday evenings. The class will meet Saturday evenings 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.

***Nativity of the Theotokos*** We will celebrate the first major feast of the new church year with the Nativity of the Theotokos (Sept. 8). The feast honors the birth of the Mother of God and the salvation that comes through her Son. We will celebrate with both Vespers on the eve of the feast on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 7 & 8.

***Study Group to Begin*** Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume on Thursday, September 12th at 10 a.m. We will continue with our study of the Gospel of St. Matthew. All are welcome to join us!

### ***A Man with a Mustard Seed***

*We read in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus told His disciples: "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you"(17: 6).*

*Most of us, reading this passage, see it as a striking image. Perhaps when we were church school students we were given mustard seeds as an encouraging reminder that even a little faith can eventually achieve wonderful things.*



*But how many of us really believe that our faith could bring about big changes, especially against great odds? Do we have faith at least as substantial as a mustard seed?*

*One man who did have that faith is Saint Nicholas (or Nicolai) of Japan, who worked to foster Orthodox Christianity in that country.*

*He was born Ivan Kasatkin in 1836 in Smolensk, Russia. A bright student, he won a scholarship to the St. Petersburg Theological Academy and began his studies there in 1856.*

*Four years later, an announcement was posted on the Academy's notice board: Graduates were invited to apply for the position of chief priest at the Russian Embassy Church in Japan. Ivan Kasatkin, reading the announcement, felt deeply drawn to the idea of going to Japan. He hurried to complete his application, and was soon given the good news that he had won the position. In June of that year, 1860, he was tonsured*

*a monk and given the name Nicholas. He spent the following winter making the long voyage to his new country.*

*Nicholas knew what he would face when he arrived. He was a missionary in a land where Christianity was prohibited. There was widespread persecution of its adherents; Japanese called it a "vicious" religion. The Bible and numerous other needed books had not yet been translated.*

*He began slowly, spending years talking to people in the streets, in order to absorb Japanese culture and language and to show that he respected both. His first convert, a samurai and son of a Shinto priest, helped him bring others to the faith, but he was not looking for large numbers. Having seen the Japanese people's high regard for the written word, he sought out Christian spiritual works to translate, while continuing to meet and talk with people.*

*Over time the number of converts to the Orthodox faith in Japan grew and Fr. Nicholas was eventually consecrated Bishop of Tokyo. Parishes and schools were established, and a number of Japanese men were educated and ordained as clergy for the Mission.*

*The Russo-Japanese War (1904-5) was a time of danger and uncertainty for Nicholas, as the most visible Russian in Japan. But he declined special protection, and quietly went on with his work of translation and visits to his parishes, by then numbering over 200. He would live for another 11 years, carrying on with his work energetically despite illness and the many demands placed on him.*

*When we wonder how much our faith can really do, Nicholas' life is a memorable example. Even if we never have as much faith as he had, a mustard seed grain's worth can grow into something beautiful to glorify God.*

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## *Wisdom from the Holy Fathers*

*We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope.*

*St. Nectarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 3*

*"Do not be greatly disturbed by the arrangement of your fate. Have only the unwavering desire for salvation and, standing before God, await His help until the time comes."*

*St. Ambrose of Optina*

*'I cannot sufficiently be astonished that such is the insanity of some men, such the impiety of their blinded understanding, such, finally, their lust after error, that they will not be content with the rule of faith delivered once and for all from antiquity, but must daily seek after something new, and even newer still, and are always longing to add something to religion, or to change it, or to subtract from it!'*

*St. Vincent of Lerins*

**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, Mat. Jan Kozak, 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

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>25-Aug</b>	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Gundersen
<b>1-Sep</b>	J. Peck/Weins	Bunitsky/Morjana	N Carey	Farrell
<b>8-Sep</b>	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Riley/Riley	Hines	Skomorucha
<b>15-Sep</b>	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Baldychev/Shatley/	Maloney
<b>22-Sep</b>	M. and S. Peck/Finck	Hojnicki/Souder	Suplizi	Gundersen

***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

Parish Picnic (Church New Year) Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>