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**Sunday September 15, 2019** 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Nicetas (Nikita) the Goth (ca. 372). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (3rd c.). Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Martyr Porphyrius the Actor (361). Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (415).

### **This Week Schedule**

Thursday 9/19 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 9/21 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Inquirers/Basics Class 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/22 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour

### **Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Sep 15	WALES	WALES	WALES
Sep 22	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Sep 29	SULPIZI	PECK	PECK
Oct 06	DORAZIO	SULPIZI	FINCK
Oct 13	WALES	WALES	WALES

## 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 1 Troparion**

O Lord, save Your people  
and bless Your inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross,//  
preserve Your habitation!

### **Tone 3 Troparion**      *(Greatmartyr Nicetas)*

You defeated error and triumphed in martyrdom,  
Nicetas, namesake of victory;  
for you conquered the ranks of the enemy  
and ended your contest by fire.//  
Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

### **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**      *(Greatmartyr Nicetas)*

You stood firm and defeated delusion  
and have received your martyr's crown, Nicetas, namesake of victory;  
you are rejoicing with the Angels,

together with them you are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

#### **Tone 4 Kontakion** *Elevation of the Cross Elevation of the Cross*

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,  
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;  
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,  
granting them victories over their adversaries//  
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

#### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (*Ps 98/99:5*)

*v: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps 98/99:1)*

#### **Epistle Galatians 2:16-20** (*Sunday after the Elevation*)

*knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.*

*But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!*

*For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.*

*For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.*

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

#### **1 Corinthians 16:13-24**

*Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.*

*I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.*

*I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.*

*For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.*

*The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.*

*All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.*

*The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s.*

*If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!  
(Ps 73/74:2)*

*v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)*

### **Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation)**

*When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

*For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.*

*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?*

*Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

*For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”*

*And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”*

### **Matthew 21:33-42**

*Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.*

*Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.*

*And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.*

*Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.*

*Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'*

*But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'*

*So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.*

*Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"*

*They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."*

*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"*

***(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)***

## **Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,  
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;  
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.  
Now at its Elevation,  
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

## **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (*Ps 4/5:6*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **This Week's Announcement**

**Study Group** Our study group resumed this past Thursday with the gospel of St. Matthew. Six of us continued reading and discussing the "Lord's Prayer" in chapter six of St. Matthew. We will continue with chapter six this Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

***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.

***Annual Meeting Reports*** Our annual parish meeting is coming up in October. Just a reminder that reports in preparation for our all parish meeting should be submitted to Jeff Kendall. Thank you all for your continued work for St. Michael's!

***Church School*** Church school will begin on Sunday Oct. 6th during the coffee hour. The class will be for school children ages 5-12 yrs. We will also offer the molieben for church school on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> following the liturgy. Thanks to all for the continued support of the youth education ministry.

### ***The Cross***

*The Feast of the Exaltation (or Elevation) of the Cross, coming so soon after the beginning of the Church year on September 1st, reminds us that during the whole year the cross will be central to our lives as Christians.*

*The story of the feast is familiar to most of us. We admire the persistence of Saint Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine, who despite her age traveled through the Holy Land and established churches in places that had special meaning in the life of Christ. One of the most important of these places is Golgotha, outside the city walls of Jerusalem. There Helen had workers dig, and there they discovered the True Cross. This was the place where she built the best-known of the churches she established, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.*

*The icon of the feast shows the church, standing in the midst of the city of Jerusalem. The Cross, as we would expect, is very prominent in the icon, and near it stand St. Helen and Emperor Constantine, both with crowns. The Bishop of Jerusalem, Saint Makarios, is shown elevating the Cross for believers to venerate. These figures are joined by a group that includes bishops and priests, monastics, and people who live in the city.*

*A well-known verse about the cross comes from I Corinthians: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1:18). Saint Paul encourages us here to do two things. First, we can confidently hold to our faith in spite of ridicule and mockery; it is a given that we will face these things because those who don't believe or don't understand the faith will consider it "foolishness." If we know that other believers have faced skepticism before us, we can be prepared for it and not be shaken. Paul adds power to his words by quoting God's own promise, which assures us that He will "destroy the wisdom of the wise" (Isaiah 29:14).*

*The second thing Paul encourages is patience. Verse 18 refers to "us who are being saved." This calls us to remember that our salvation takes place over the whole time of our life. We can expect that things may not go well for us in this world, because the world is fallen and it's a long journey to the Kingdom. But if we are patient, we will know that we are "being saved" through the course of our life so long as we earnestly strive to be what God wants us to be.*

*In this same passage, Paul expresses in four words the life work of a Christian: "We preach Christ crucified" (1:23a). We believe it and we also proclaim it. If we meet derision, we can lean on the words of the Troparion for the feast. We know that God will, "by the power of the cross, preserve [His] habitation."*

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### ***Wisdom from the Holy Fathers***

*"Pursue the small consolation that is acquired in time of toil, that you may be accounted worthy of that great consolation which dispels the troubles of this life of sorrows for those who find it. Do not despise small things, lest you be deprived of great ones."*

*St. Isaac the Syrian "Ascetical Homilies" (Homily 25)*

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

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** 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, Alexandra Grishin

<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>15-Sep</b>	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Baldychev/Shatley/	Maloney
<b>22-Sep</b>	M. and S. Peck/Finck	Hojnicki/Souder	Suplizi	Gundersen
<b>29-Sep</b>	Shatley/Hines	Telep/Baldychev	Riley	Farrell
<b>6-Oct</b>	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Bunitsky/Morjana	Bunitsky/Finck	Skomorucha

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

Church School begins Oct. 1st

All Parish Meeting Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>