



St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday October 6, 2019 16th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone 7. *Glorification of St.
Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of
the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas (1977 — Sept
23rd O.S.). Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st
c.). Monk Martyr Macarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt.
Athos — 1590). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos “O
ALL-HYMNED MOTHER”.*

This Week Schedule

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

Friday 10/11 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 10/12 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 10/13 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>
Oct 06	DORAZIO	SULPIZI	FINCK
Oct 13	WALES	WALES	WALES
Oct 20	SKOMORUCHA	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Oct 27	J PECK	PECK	PECK
Nov 03	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St Innocent)*

O Holy Father Innocent,
in obedience to the will of God,
you accepted dangers and tribulations,
bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.
You showed us the way;
now by your prayers help lead us//
into the Kingdom of Heaven!

Tone 2 (another) Troparion *(for St Innocent)*

You evangelized the Northern people of America and Asia,
proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues,
O Holy Hierarch, Father Innocent,
Enlightener of Alaska and All America, whose ways were ordered by the
Lord.//
Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 2 Kontakion *(for St Innocent)*

Your life, holy Father Innocent, Apostle to our land,
proclaims the dispensation and grace of God!
For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ,

you were kept unharmed and exalted in humility..
Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(*Ps 28/29:1*)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (*Ps 48/49:3*)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,

by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (*St Innocent*)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)

Tone 2

v: The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps 36/37:30)

Gospel Luke 7:11-16

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

John 10:9-16 (*St Innocent*)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Communion Hymns

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Fr. Barnabas Powell to Speak at St. Stephen's On Tuesday Oct. 8 at St. Stephen's in Philadelphia, Fr. Barnabas Powell will be offering a talk entitled "Why Do I Do the Things I Do?....and What Can I Do About It?" (*The Christian understanding of the passions and their remedy*). Fr. Barnabas is a well-known speaker and host of "Faith Encouraged" on Ancient Faith Radio. The talk will begin at 7 p.m. more details can be found at ststephenscathedral.org.

Veterans Collection Once again the St. Michaels family will be donating to help local Veterans and their families! For Thanksgiving, they are requesting \$25 gift cards from local grocery stores to supplement their

dinner tables! OR you can donate any amount, and we will purchase the gift cards for them! Fill out the slip in Narthex, place card or money in the envelope and place in the collections basket or drop off in candle room. Deadline: NOV. 3rd. See Sam Sylvest or Ellen Gundersen .

Prospora Bakers Requested - St. Michael's could use your help in baking the holy bread and small Prospora that is used every Sunday and on Holy Days. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please see Susan Skomorucha. Baking instruction is available.

All Parish Meeting On Sunday October 27th, 2019, during the coffee hour, we will have our Annual All Parish Meeting. Please make plans to stay following Divine Liturgy for this important work in the life of the church.

Reports Annual Meeting 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 today 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. 6th following the liturgy. Thanks to all for the continued support of the youth education ministry.

Study Group Our study group continued this past Thursday with the gospel of St. Matthew. seven of us continued reading and discussing "The Sermon on the Mount" in chapter six of St. Matthew. We will continue with chapter seven this Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Longinus the Centurion

This week we remember the martyred saint Longinus the Centurion (Oct. 11th), who stood at the foot of the cross and pierced the side of Our Lord with a spear. He was moved, as he stood there, to make a powerful confession of faith. He declared, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" If we think for a moment about what took place during the hours before Longinus uttered his memorable words, we'll have to dwell on some ugly

scenes. Soldiers like Longinus were responsible for many of the terrible things done to Our Lord during those hours. Jesus was mocked, scourged, ridiculed and crowned by having sharp thorns put roughly on his head. The soldiers were more than willing to cast lots for His clothing, and to hear without anything but agreement the mocking of passersby as He endured agony on the cross. Longinus belonged to the Roman Empire's fighting elite. He was trained to value power, and to believe in ruthless suppression of any who were perceived to be Rome's enemies. He would have been unlikely to have compassion for, or interest in, an itinerant preacher who had stirred up the populace in an alarming way. He could watch without emotion as that preacher was put to death in the slow, incredibly painful way reserved for criminals who were not citizens of Rome. Longinus, according to most sources, was the officer in command at the Lord's crucifixion. It was his job to make sure that those on the crosses were definitely dead. This is why it is surprising to find, in some modern books that claim to "demythologize" the Christian Gospel, the bald assertion that we there were no eyewitnesses to the Crucifixion. These books then claim that without eyewitnesses we have no certainty that Jesus Christ actually died and rose again. Yet the Gospel of John, in 19: 31-35 tells us in detail how the soldiers dealt with the crucified bodies that day, and in verses 26-27 it tells us how Jesus gave His Mother into John's care. So there were a number of witnesses, a fact which is one of the foundations of our faith. Longinus was one witness who was overcome by what he experienced when Jesus died. He was awestruck at seeing the earth shake and the rocks split, and he knew that Jesus was the Son of God, as He had claimed to be. The rest of his life, after he accepted baptism, was spent as a follower of Christ who witnessed to others. He died a martyr at the hands of Pilate's soldiers, who pursued him and reluctantly followed their orders to kill him.

Just a bored centurion who had to make sure the Jewish troublemaker on the cross was really dead—those ordinary words describe Longinus. Yet he was changed, to become a great witness to the Resurrection. That is what God can do, and all the "demythologizing" books in the world can't undo it. Troparion - Tone 1:

Longinus, you beheld the King of Glory who was nailed to the Cross, yet shone on those in darkness. You were enlightened by His rays and became a martyr and save those who cry: Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!

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 Hojnicki, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
6-Oct	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Bunitsky/Morjana	Bunitsky/Finck	Skomorucha
13-Oct	C. Peck/Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Riley/Riley	Farrell	Maloney
20-Oct	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Clause/Whalen	Gundersen
27-Oct	M Kiflemariam	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis/M Kiflemariam	Farrell

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Church School begins Oct. 6th

Parish Council Meeting Oct. 10th

All Parish Meeting Oct. 27th

Nativity Fast Nov. 15th

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21st