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Sunday October 13, 2019 17th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 8. *Fathers of the 7th
Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus,
Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (251).
Ven. Benjamin of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th
c.). Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica (1st-2nd c.).
Martyr Benjamin, Deacon, of Persia (421-424). St.
Nicetas the Confessor of Paphlagonia (838). New
Martyr Chryse (Zlata) of Bulgaria (1795).
Translation of the “IVERON” (“IBERIAN”) Icon of
the Most-holy Theotokos to Moscow (1648).*

This Week Schedule

Thursday 10/17 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Friday 10/18 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 10/19 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 10/20 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 13	WALES	WALES	WALES
Oct 20	SKOMORUCHA	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Oct 27	J PECK	PECK	PECK
Nov 03	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful
One!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Fathers)*

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is
Your Name forever! (*Daniel 3:26:Song of the Three Holy Children v.3*)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty."

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v : Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v : Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 1 (Fathers)

v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)

Gospel Luke 8:5-15

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Communion Hymns

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Welcome to the Newly Illumined! Welcome to the newly illumined Eleanor Kendall, received into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism and Chrismation this morning. May God grant her and the entire Kendall family Many blessed years!

New Catechumen Welcome also to our newest catechumen Kristin Mackenzie. We look forward to being part of her continued journey towards baptism in the Orthodox Church.

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.

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

Demanding Less Than We Are Entitled To

Saint Paul once wrote about a deliberate personal choice he made, not to take advantage of all the rights that were due him.

The reading is I Corinthians 9: 13-18. In these verses Paul writes that he has "made no use" of the rights of an apostle. In earlier verses, 4-6, he has delineated some of these rights. He asks, "Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brother of the Lord and Cephas? "

Then in verse 7 he expands on his thought: "Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?" Paul claims his right to "reap material benefits" from those among whom he has "sown spiritual benefits" and says that God has established this right for His chosen servants, the apostles who give their lives over to preaching His word.

But after making this spirited defense of the rights he's entitled to, he states that he won't claim them. Why? Because he receives his greatest reward from the knowledge that he is serving God by preaching, and doing so without imposing on his hearers the burden of providing for him.

The Church remembers a saint who made a choice similar to Saint Paul's. He is the martyr bishop Alexander of Comana. He had a brilliant mind, and was so well-educated that he could discuss any area of philosophy. But his real love was for the Scriptures, which he found to be superior to any worldly philosophy.

Alexander's intellectual greatness entitled him to a lofty position in the academic world. But he worried that such prominence could be a burden, obstructing his spiritual life, so he gave it up and lived as a humble coal-seller in Comana. Nobody much noticed him until the day when the bishop of Comana died.

Saint Gregory of Neocaesarea presided over the council to elect a new bishop. Again and again, as the members evaluated candidates solely on their appearance or good manners, Saint Gregory cautioned them to give less emphasis to mere outward appearance and behavior. Someone jokingly called out, "Well, if appearances don't matter, let's elect Alexander the charcoal seller!"

Saint Gregory, knowing how God can work even through a trivial joke, insisted on having Alexander brought in. He questioned the shy man in blackened rags, and discovered the truth of his past. Ordering him to be bathed and dressed in clean clothes, he then took Alexander before the council. Asking him a series of questions, Saint Gregory showed the members, to their astonishment, that this man could speak about Christ's teachings with great authority and grace. He was elected Bishop of Comana.

We're often told not to judge by outward appearances. Like the council members in Comana, in so doing we might miss the astonishing things that lie just below the surface.

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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, 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

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/Skomoru	Riley/Riley	Farrell	Maloney
20-Oct	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Clause/Whalen	Gundersen
27-Oct	M Kiflemariam	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemariam	Farrell
3-Nov	Hamwi/Morjana	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Skomorucha

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

All Parish Meeting Oct. 27th

Nativity Fast Nov. 15th

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21st