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# St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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**Sunday October 27, 2019** 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. *Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (ca. 306). Ven. Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – ca. 1114). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Andrew, Prince of Smolensk (1540). Martyrs Capitolina and Eroteis of Cappadocia (304). Saint Claudia Procula (1st c.). Martyrs Mark, Soterikhos, and Valentine (304).*

## **This Week Schedule**

Thursday 10/31 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Friday 11/1 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 11/2 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 11/3 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*Followed by Coffee Hour*

## **Reader Schedule**

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b></u>	<u><b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b></u>	<u><b>EPISTLE</b></u>
Oct 27	J PECK	PECK	PECK
Nov 03	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Nov 08	ARCHANGEL MICHAEL		
Nov 10	SULPIZI	J PECK	CAREY
Nov 17	DORAZIO	BUNITSKY	FINCK



## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(Martyr Nestor)*

Your holy martyr Nestor, O Lord,  
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our  
God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through his intercessions, save our souls!

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with  
You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Martyr Nestor)*

Having fought the good fight,  
you won immortal glory, O Nestor.  
You became a perfect soldier for the Master  
through the prayers of the martyr Demetrius.//  
Together with him you are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

### **Tone 2 Prokeimenon**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
(Ps 117/118:4)

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me  
over to death.*  
(Ps 117/118:18)

## **Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**

*The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.*

*In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.*

*It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:*

*I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.*

*And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows –*

*how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

*Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.*

*For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.*

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

*Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.*

*And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

### **Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

## **Gospel Luke 8:26-39**

*Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.*

*And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.*

*When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"*

*For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.*

*Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.*

*And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.*

*Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.*

*Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.*

*When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.*

*Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.*

*They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.*

*Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.*

*Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,*

*"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.*

### **Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**This Week's Announcements**

**All Parish Meeting** Today, 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.

**St Michaels Day Celebration** The feast day of the Archangel Michael and all the Bodiless powers will be celebrated Thursday, Nov. 7th with Vespers & Litiya at 7:00 p.m. and then on Friday, Nov. 8th at 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Joyous feast to all!

**The St. Michael's Dinner** On Sunday, November 10 after Divine Liturgy we will have our St. Michael's day dinner. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food contributions. If you have any questions, please see Anne Riley or Karen Hojnicky.

**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 .

**Study Group** Once again this past Thursday, six of us continued with the gospel of St. Matthew. We resumed reading and discussing "The Sermon on the Mount" in chapter seven. We will finish with the Sermon on the Mount this Thursday at 10 a.m. and begin chapter eight. All are welcome to join us!

**Women's Retreat** A Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Department Curriculum and Education of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA, will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at St. Tikhon's Monastery. The topic for this year's retreat is: "We Are Pilgrims On This Earth." The speaker will be Fr Theodore Petrides. The cost for the retreat is \$10 which includes lunch. It is open to all women. Registration must be received by November 9, 2019. For more information, please contact Matushka Emilia Shepherd (910)988-3462 / officermillie79@gmail.com.

***Coffee Hour/Service Duty/ Volunteers*** We are beginning to compile our 2020 stewardship lists for coffee hour, candle duty, and church cleaning. As Julianne Peck mentioned in her email, we are looking for new volunteers to sign up for coffee hour and also candle duty and church cleaning. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for any new volunteers. If you wish to work as a team, please identify it on the sheet. Also, let us know if there are any other changes to last year's list as this will be used as our starting point. Thank you in advance for your service.

***Amazon Smile for St. Michael's*** At this time of year, as Nativity approaches, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael's could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael's a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael's, so it is easy to use. We have already been receiving benefits from this program. Just type the address into your web browser. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

## **Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate**

October 27, 2019

Steward Sunday



To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is in our midst!

I greet you, my coworkers and stewards, in the joy of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and I offer my prayerful gratitude to God for the love, courage, and generosity you have shown for the Orthodox Church in America. Today in the Orthodox Church in America we commemorate Steward Sunday, a day where I invite you to join me, and the members of the Holy Synod, in supporting our Orthodox Church in

America, by prayerfully contributing to the great work we are called to do here in North America.

We have much work to do, but we must first give thanksgiving to Almighty God for the very fact that we, you and I, are here, 225 years after the arrival of Saint Herman, 195 years after the arrival of Saint Innocent, and 125 years after the arrival of Saint Tikhon on these shores. We are here, as a faithful community of bishops, clergy, monastics, and faithful Christians, to receive the blessing of these saints and to strive to emulate their example, so as to offer an Orthodox presence as a genuine local church here in North America.

Next year, we will celebrate fifty years of autocephaly. To be sure, this is a tremendous milestone for us, and in those fifty years we have accomplished much. But as we begin to plan our celebrations I note that the granting of autocephaly was not a reward or a recognition but rather a call to service: service to Holy Orthodoxy on this continent and to the sharing of the refreshment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a dry and thirsty land. Today, on this Steward Sunday, I am asking each of you to express your love for the Orthodox Church in America and for our Lord in a tangible way - through a sacrificial gift to the Stewards.

May the Lord continue to grant you every blessing for your salvation and for the growth of His Body, the Church.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a cross symbol followed by a stylized cursive name, likely 'Tikhon'.

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

**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

<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>27-Oct</b>	M Kiflemariam	Hojnicky/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemariam	Farrell
<b>3-Nov</b>	Hamwi/Morjana	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Skomorucha
<b>10-Nov</b>	St. Michael's Day Dinner Riley/Hojnicky	Bunitsky/Morjana	Carey	Maloney
<b>17-Nov</b>	Najemy/Kendall	Riley/Riley	Baldychev/Shatley/	Gundersen
<b>24-Nov</b>	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Sulpizi/Finck	Suplizi	Farrell

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

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

Feast of St. Michael the Archangel Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

Nativity Fast Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

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