
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday January 19, 2020 31st SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 6. Ven. Macarius the Great of
Egypt (390-391). Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394-
395). St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.).
Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near
Caves – 12th c.). Ven. Makáry the Deacon, of the
Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Righteous
Theodore of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ (1392).
Opening of the Relics of Ven. Savva (Sabbas) of
Storozhévsk and Zvenígorod (1652).

This Week's Schedule

Thursday 1/23 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Friday 1/24 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 1/25 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 1/26 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>
Jan-19	J PECK	PECK	PECK
Jan-26	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Feb-2	SULPIZI	SKOMORUCHA	WALES
Feb-9	BUNITSKY	DORAZIO	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion *(St Macarius of Egypt)*

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body
You were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father
Macarius.
You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer;
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.
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!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt)*

The Lord truly placed you in the house of abstinence,
as a star enlightening the ends of the earth.//
Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps 27/28:9*)

v: *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)*

Epistle 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)*

v: *He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps 90/91:2)*

Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcements

Holy Water and Home Blessings Holy water will be available in the Nave for the next two week and always available throughout the year upon request. Fr. Barnabas will also be available for home blessings, please see Fr. Barnabas or Mat. Daria for scheduling.

Parish Giving This year, our Parish has achieved a level 5 giving to the Diocese and National Churches. As a result, the assessment for each adult will be \$200 per year or \$50 per quarter. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for your use and to be used as reminders for you throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

Study Group Our Study group continued this week reading and discussing the “healing of the paralytic” and the “calling of Matthew the tax collector” in chapter 9 of the gospel of St. Matthew. We will continue this Thursday Jan. 16th at 10 :00 a.m. All are welcome!

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple The feast of the Presentation or Meeting of the Lord in the Temple takes place forty days following the Nativity of Jesus (Feb. 2). The feast celebrates Christ’s fulfillment of the Law of Moses calling for all the first born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, be consecrated to God. At this time, we also see His mother Mary undergo the ritual purification offering the sacrifices prescribed in the Law. In the feast Christ’s encounters, the Elder Simeon who had long awaited His coming, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, leads the Messiah into the Temple. This year the feast also falls on Zacchaeus Sunday. We will celebrate with vespers and Iytia on Sat. Feb 1st and liturgy Sun. Feb. 2nd. The blessing of candles is traditionally offered at this feast.

Welcome to the Newly Illumined This morning we welcome into the Church Mila Christopher Estifanos Waters.by the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation. Mila is the daughter of Estela Estifanos Asfeha and Christopher Waters. May our Lord may grant the newly illumined and her family, health, long life and Many Blessed Years!

The Elliotts have a Son! Stephen Thomas Elliott was born on Theophany to John (Joe) and Colleen Elliott. (6lb, 12oz) Glory to God! If you would like send a card and/or gift their address is: PO Box 472, Detroit, Oregon 97342

Or... you can just pass cards and gift cards for either Target or Amazon to Chris & Nona Carey. They'll put everything into a 'care package' from St. Michael's at the end of January.

Fund raiser for Father John Zabinko St. Michael's parish son, Archpriest John Zabinko, suffered a devastating stroke nearly 2 years ago. He continues to be wheelchair bound and transportation is a challenge. As a result, he has not been able to get out very often or get to church. A Go Fund Me has been established asking for donations to help cover the cost of a "new" used handicap vehicle that has a ramp. A new Handicap vehicle is over \$50,000 and a used is half that. Donations can be made online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fund-raiser-for-father-john-zabinko>

From Slave to Bishop

The Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy began life in Phrygia as the slave of a prominent Christian named Philemon.

Saint Paul's Letter to Philemon is the source of some of our information about Onesimus, and about the way his life intertwined with Paul's. For one thing, Paul was acquainted with Philemon. But more importantly, Onesimus and Paul were imprisoned together.

Onesimus was not a very satisfactory slave. He had probably stolen from his master, as Paul indicates when he makes a generous offer to Philemon: "If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account" (v. 18). Paul also writes that he knows Onesimus was "useless" to Philemon. So probably the slave was a runaway, and ended up in a prison where he met Paul. Some scholars believe this was in Rome, but Paul endured imprisonments in other places, such as Ephesus. This would have been a more likely place for the fleeing Onesimus to reach than distant Rome.

But wherever it was that they were confined, the two men had plenty of time to talk with each other. Paul took a fatherly interest in Onesimus, who must have been fearful and wary, and shared the good news of the Gospel with him. Paul's teaching and his loving care had such a profound effect on Onesimus that finally he was baptized.

Many people believe that the main purpose of Paul's letter to Philemon was to encourage him to receive Onesimus back with compassion rather than anger. It's true that Paul urged Philemon to go far beyond the usual master-and-slave relationship, asking him to receive the runaway "no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother" (v. 16). Paul even says, "Receive him as you would receive me." He was asking Philemon to remember that all people have God as their common Master, and are equal in His sight.

But there was more to the letter. Paul was actually asking to have Onesimus back with him. While not directly requesting Philemon to send him, Paul writes, "I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me..." (v. 12).

Onesimus was eventually reunited with Paul, continuing to work with him and learn from him. Later he became a bishop, and traveled to far countries to spread the Gospel, carrying on the work of the original apostles after they died.

The early Christians insisted that every person, no matter of what class or rank, was welcome to join the family of believers. Onesimus is proof of that, rising as he did from powerless bondage to the rank of bishop. Even when condemned to death as a Christian he was grateful to Saint Paul, another prisoner in miserable conditions who still could convey the joy of Jesus Christ.

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Do you want to live properly? Make sure you have humility, because without it there's no proper life. People start being abandoned by God once they lose their humility. Love humility and you'll never fall into one of the devil's traps."

- St. Ephrem the Syrian, 306-373 AD

"To be quiet is the fruit of a royal and noble upbringing. Those who've learned how to be quiet have also learned how to talk. Because to be quiet is the product of rational thought. IN the same way as speaking

prudently is. People who don't know how to be quiet can't hold a conversation either."

- St. Nektarios, (1846-1920), Metropolitan of Pentapolis and Wonderworker of Aegina (feast day is celebrated on November 9

"It seems that we do not understand one thing: it is not good when we return the love of those who love us, yet hate those who hate us. We are not on the right path if we do this. We are the sons of light and love, the sons of God, his children. As such we must have His qualities and His attributes of love, peace, and kindness towards all."

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica (1914-2003)

"Not knowledge you learn, but knowledge you suffer. That's Orthodox spirituality."

- Abbess Gavriilia (1897-1992), a 20th century saintly Greek Orthodox nun

"But for the searching and right understanding of the Scriptures there is need of a good life and a pure soul, and for Christian virtue to guide the mind to grasp, so far as human nature can, the truth concerning God the Word. One cannot possibly understand the teaching of the Saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life. Anyone who wants to look at sunlight naturally wipes his eye clear first, in order to make, at any rate, some approximation to the purity of that on which he looks; and a person wishing to see a city or country goes to the place in order to do so. Similarly, anyone who wishes to understand the mind of the sacred writers must first cleanse his own life, and approach the Saints by copying their deeds. Thus united to them in the fellowship of life, he will both understand the things revealed to them by God and, thenceforth escaping the peril that threatens sinners in the judgment, will receive that which is laid up for the Saints in the Kingdom of Heaven."

—St. Athanasius (296-373 AD), On the Incarnation of the Word of God, 57.

Prayers for the Departed: Fr. John Kuchta, Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, David Rex

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. John Nightingale, 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, Sam Sylvest

Prayers for Catechmens Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
19-Jan	Hojnicky/Flynn/Roberts	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev/Shatley/ Sylvest
26-Jan	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Riley/Riley	Suplizi
2-Feb	Shatley/Hines	Sulpizi	Riley
9-Feb	J. Peck/Mackenzie	Hojnicky/Najemy	Bunitsky/Finck

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Entrance of our Lord into the Temple Feb. 2nd

Important Dates for 2020

- Great Fast Begins.....March 2
- Holy Pascha..... April 19
- Ascension.....May 28
- Pentecost.....June 7