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An icon of St. Michael the Archangel, depicted as a warrior with large, feathered wings, wearing a red and gold robe, and holding a sword. He has a halo around his head.

Sunday May 24, 2020 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 5. *Blind Man. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Nikita the Stylite, Wonderworker of Pereyaslav’ – Zalesskii (786). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus, the women: Marciana, Susanna, and Palladia, two children: Cyriacus and Christian, and twelve Tribunes – Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (138-161). St. Vincent of Lérins.*

This Week’s Online Schedule

Today 5/24 Church School (ages 7 to 10) 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 5/26 Re-opening Committee Meeting 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 5/27 Little Angels 5:30 p.m.

Ascension Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 5/28 Ascension of our Lord Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Friday 5/29 Little Angels 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 5/30 Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 5/31 7th Sunday of Pascha Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note all Services and Groups will meet Online

Hymns and Prayers

Priest: “Blessed is the Kingdom...”

Choir: “Amen.”

Priest: “Christ is risen from the dead...” (2 ½ times)

Choir: “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Pentecostarion)*

I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to You in repentance://
“You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pascha)*

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,
You destroyed the power of death.
In victory You arose, O Christ God,
proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the
fallen.

Tone 8 **Prokeimenon**

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)

Epistle Acts 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."

And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."

Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps 118/119:132)

v. Guide my steps according to Your word! (Ps 118/119:133)

Gospel John 9:1-38

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from

God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said,

"How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!

Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.’”
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you!
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: “In the fear of God...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord...”

Priest: “O God, save Your people...”

*Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead...” (sung once, instead of “We
have seen the True Light...”)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled...”

*(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ...” and the
choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” (thrice).)*

This Week’s Announcements

The Ascension of our Lord The Ascension of Christ is His final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of His mission in this world as the Messianic Savior. The ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ’s physical departure and His glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which His disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit Who was to come to assure

the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be His witnesses to the ends of earth. The celebration of the feast of Ascension will be this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers and then Thursday May 28th at 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Join us for streaming services!

Update on St. Michael's Liturgical Life The Holy Synod of Bishops has offered guidelines and requirements for the re-opening of our parishes. The parish council has from a sub-committee that will organize and implement St. Michael's re-opening. There is a lot to do in preparation for re-opening, we ask your patience and understanding. All services will still be streamed online. Please look to your email or our parish web site for ongoing updates.

Re-opening Committee Our re-opening committee will Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Last past week our committee discussed a final plan for Phase One of the re-opening. Beginning June 3rd we will be opening the church for private prayer with access to the priest. We hope to have our final Phase One plan for you this week. This will include a detailed plan for all to see. It will include the scenario about 30 people at a time to attend Divine Liturgy. In the meantime, today we are back to serving the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Even though we are still streaming only, we pray that it will bring our liturgical life back to a more normal rhythm. The committee will continue to discuss our plans this Monday. Please continue to pray for and support our committee as they face these challenging decisions.

Parish Council Meeting The parish council will meet again this Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. via video conference. Please check your emails for any changes.

Blessed Memorial Day Grant rest eternal O Lord, to all our departed fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and all our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord. We remember especially this Memorial Day all the service men and women of our nation who have given their lives for ours. Memory Eternal!

Email Apologies Fr. Barnabas' has received an incredible increase in emails. Please forgive emails that have gone unanswered. It is near impossible to keep up with all the correspondence. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Little Angels & Church School Our Little Angels & Church School Groups will also meet online during this time. Please check your emails for Meeting times.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

That three services are possible, when you give a gift to someone

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“And there can be even a third service: if the receiver is filled with humble gratitude, that will be a blessing to that person's [the giver's] soul. Imagine a society in which no one sold anything, but everyone shared freely their skills and wealth. Then every action in that society would bring not only material benefits, but also spiritual benefits. Such societies already exist in miniature: families operate in this manner. How wonderful it would be if villages and towns could become like large families. Then heaven would come down to earth.”

- St. John Chrysostom (307 AD - 407 AD)

Orthodox Agape by Papa Demetri

Prayers for the Departed: *Fr. Jozef Petranin, Barbara Hicks, Peter Melnik, David Rex*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, , Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Jamie Clause, Paula Flynn, Michael Telep, Paula Daubert*

Prayers for Catechmens *Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones. Cole McElmurry, Sean & Jennifer Vojasek*

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Pentecost Sunday June 7th

Ss. Peter & Paul Fast June 15-29th