

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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

Sunday June 7th, 2020 8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 7. **Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity** .
Venerable Daniel of Sketis (6th c.). Hieromartyr
Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra (303). Hieromartyr
Marcellinus, Pope of Rome, and with him Claudius,
Cyrenus, and Antonina (304). Martyrs Cyriaca, Caleria,
and Mary, of Cæsarea in Palestine (284-305).

This Week's Online Schedule

Friday 6/12 Little Angels 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 6/13 Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 6/14 Sunday of All Saints Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note all Services and Groups will stream Online

Hymns and Prayers

The First Antiphon

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Ps. 18/19:1*)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (*Ps 18/19:2*)(*Refrain*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps 18/19:4*) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Refrain*)

The Second Antiphon

The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (*Ps.19/20:1*)

Refrain: O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He send thee help from the sanctuary and give thee support from Zion! (*Ps 19/20:2*) (*Refrain*)

May He remember all thy offerings, and fulfill all thy plans! (*Ps 19/20:3*) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... “)

The Third Antiphon

In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation. (*Ps. 20/21:1*)

Tone 8 Troparion

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. (*Ps 20/21:2*)

Troparion of the Feast

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (*Ps 20/21:3*)

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!

(*Ps 20/21:13*)

Tone 8 Troparion

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Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations;
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon

Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe! (*Ps 18/19:4*)

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18/19:1)

Epistle Acts 2:1-11

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps 32/33:6)

v: The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps.32/33:13)

Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."

Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

So there was a division among the people because of Him.

Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"

But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

"Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!

No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily.

Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing.

Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path! (*Ps 142/143:10*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Re-opening Committee We hope to have our final, blessed Phase One plan for you this week. The parish council will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. We will meet with the Dean to discuss our final plan. Our plan will be sent to all. It will include the scenario about 30 people at a time to attend Divine Liturgy. We will begin next Sunday, June 14th. Please see some preliminary details for next week below. We will also continue to stream our services for those who are still at home. Please continue to pray for and support our committee as they face these challenging decisions.

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. Please look to your email or our parish web site for ongoing updates.

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

Preparation for Participation in In-Person Worship Sunday June 14:

1. Services are open only to parishioners and catechumens. (Others who identify St. Michael's as their church-home may ask the priest to attend.) Attendance, which will be limited in this phase of reopening, will be regulated by an official sign-up. The archbishop expects those who attend our services not to attend in-person services of other churches during this phase of reopening.
2. Medical professionals who care for COVID-19 patients may not come to church.
3. Anyone who has been exposed to, or is caring for those with, COVID- 19 may not come to church.
4. The elderly and "at risk" should stay home.

a). A disclaimer will be placed on the door advising the elderly and “at risk” that they enter “at their own risk.”

b.) The diocese directives state that senior citizens who are strong and understand the risk may come to services.

5. The parish council will offer a sign up for regular parishioners and catechumens.

6. Fr. Barnabas will divide out 3 rotating teams of parishioners (30 each) in alphabetical order. Each person will be contacted ahead of time and ask if they would like to be included in divine services once or twice per month.

7. Our “regular” weekend schedule during this season will be:

a. 5pm Saturday Vespers (Just choir members for now)

b. 8:20 am Sunday Prayers in preparation for Confession (General confession prayers) & 9am Divine Liturgy

8. Each team will rotate through these various services so that Communion will be offered (for now) at least once a month maybe more.

9. Additional services, outdoor services, etc. will be offered as often as is reasonably possible

Everyone should ask themselves these questions before they come:
(They are the standard questions everyone is asking.)

1. Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing?

2. Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest?

3. Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset?

4. Any contact with anyone with C-19?

If you answer YES to any of these questions it would be better for you to stay at home.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

On who is truly rich and who is truly poor

[Part 1 of 2]

“A person who owns nothing - or, more precisely, who desires to own nothing, and regards nothing as a personal possession - owns everything in spirit. He can look at a beautiful valley, regardless who the legal owner is, and rejoice in its beauty. He can look at any fine building, and marvel at the artistry in its construction. He can use any tool that someone lends him, and admire the skill with which it is designed. The man who owns much, and is only concerned with the things that he possesses, owns nothing in spirit.”

- St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (lived 347 AD - 407 AD)

(via 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, Paula Daubert*

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

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Ss. Peter & Paul Fast June 15-29th