
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday July 26th, 2020 7th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 6. Repose of St. Jacob (Netsvetov),
Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864). Hieromartyr
Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hermocrates at
Nicomedia (ca. 305). Ven. Moses the Hungarian, of the
Kiev Caves (Near Caves – ca. 1043). Martyr Parasceva of
Rome (2nd c.). Ven. Gerontius of St. Anne Skete (Mt.
Athos). The “EMVOLON” Icon of the Mother of God in
Constantinople.

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 8/1 Reader's Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/2 8th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jul-26	Confession Prayers		LEWIS
Aug-2	RILEY	RILEY	CAREY
Aug-9	No Hours (baptism)		PECK

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 captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Jacob)* *(Alaskan Melody)*

O righteous Father Jacob,
adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta;
you offered yourself as a living sacrifice
to bring light to a searching people.
Offspring of Russian America,
flower of brotherly unity,
healer of sickness and terror of demons:
O Holy Father Jacob, //
pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 3 Kontakion *(St. Jacob)*

O Holy Father Jacob,
teacher of the knowledge of God,
you revealed your love for your people,
taking up your cross and following Christ,
enduring hardships like the Apostle Paul.
Pray on our behalf to Christ our God //
to grant us great mercy!

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

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)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St. Jacob)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, / and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:11)

Epistle Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Philippians 3:7-14 (St. Jacob)

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwellsh 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)

Tone 6

v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)

Gospel Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mark 10:29-31, 42-45 (St. Jacob)

So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life.

But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

In Person Worship We are continuing with Phase One of our plan for re-opening. The past few weeks we have been averaging about 30-40 people at Divine Liturgy. We are also continuing to stream our services for those who are still at home. Next week we will invite parishioners alphabetically "A"- "M" are interested in attending, you will be asked to follow all procedures. Please continue to pray for and support our parish as we face these challenging times. Just a reminder Archbishop MARK will be here at St. Michael's to offer the Divine Liturgy next week.

Parish Office Closed July 31st to August 14th. The parish office will be closed Friday July 31- Fri. Aug. 14. Fr. Barnabas and family will be taking some time away. For any parish emergencies or problems during the week please call Fr. Dn. James Carpenter (609) 202-4255 or Jeff Kendall (302) 420-6600. Thank you!

Dormition Fast and August Feast Days The liturgical calendar once again, comes to its close in August with the fourth and final fasting season of the Church year along with two major feasts. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1st and peaks on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. On Aug 6th, the Church celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This feast commemorates our Lord's transfiguration before his disciples on Mt. Tabor. In His Transfiguration He reveals His glory to the disciples. In Him they (and we) now see for themselves the glory of God present in the person of Christ. Please plan to join us for these feasts as we make our way to the end of yet another liturgical year.

Church Cleaning and Service Duty Help Calling all cleaning and service duty personnel. We are hoping to get back to our rotating schedule for church cleaning and Sunday service duty. Once again, no one is required to serve due to the pandemic. However, if you feel comfortable, take the necessary precautions and would like to serve in these capacities, then we could use the help. For cleaners we have put together a detailed list for cleaning, however cleaning will be done immediately following Sunday Liturgy. We will assist and train everyone since these duties have changed. Those individuals cleaning and on service duty are invited to attend the liturgy on their assigned weeks.

In Person Confessions Fr. Barnabas will be hearing individual confessions with social distancing. Confessions will be available on Saturday afternoon from 4p.m. to 5 p.m. prior to Vespers. Please email Fr. Barnabas for an appointment. We will also be temporarily be offering the Prayers in Preparation for Confession (General Confession prayers) prior to every Divine Liturgy until the restrictions are eased.

Little Angels Our Little Angels Group will also meet online during this time. Please check your emails for Meeting times.

Brief Preparation for Participation in In-Person Worship:

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.)

Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

“We should lead the spiritual life, be obedient to our spiritual father, confess, take communion regularly, and, most important of all, avoid criticizing other people. We should read spiritual books and Scripture, the Psalter, and take part in beneficial spiritual discussions. It needs a lot of caution, because the times we live in are difficult. We need to persist in prayer and obedience. We have to struggle.”

St Iakovos Tsalikis

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, 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, Jack Mackenzie*

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

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
26-Jul	Sulpizi	S. Peck
2-Aug	Hojnicky/Najemy	Carey
9-Aug	Telep/Baldychev	Hines
16-Aug	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest
23-Aug	Riley/Riley	Suplizi