

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday August 2nd, 2020 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428), and the finding of the Relics of the Righteous Nikodemos, Gamaliel, and Abibas (ca. 428). Blessed Basil of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (1552). Bl. Basil of Kubensk (15th c.). Hieromartyr Stephen, Pope of Rome, and those with him (257).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 8/5 Eve of Transfiguration

Reader's Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 8/6 Transfiguration of our Lord

Typika Service 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 8/8 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/9 9th Sunday after Pentecost Baptism 8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:15 a.m.

Followed by Blessing of the First Fruits

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Aug-2	RILEY	RILEY	CAREY
Aug-6	TRANSFIGURATION		PECK
Aug-9	No Hours (baptism)		PECK
Aug-16	Confession Prayers		LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Protomartyr Stephen)*

Thy relics have risen from the depths of the earth,
like a treasury for the immortal life of all creation.
The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them,
duteously honors thee, O Protomartyr Stephen.//
Preserve us from error and heresy by thy intercession!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Protomartyr Stephen)*

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly
Husbandman,
O all-praised one,
and wast the first to shed thy blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed
one.
Thou wast the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven,//
O Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His
people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(Ps 28/29:1)*

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.

Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)

Gospel Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to Me."

Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcements

In Person Worship We are continuing with limited in person worship. The past few weeks we have been averaging about 30-40 people at Divine Liturgy. We are also streaming our services for those who are still at home. Next week we will invite parishioners alphabetically "N"- "Z". All are asked to follow all procedures. Please continue to pray for and support our parish as we face these challenging times. Just a reminder that next Sunday August 9th, we will begin Divine Liturgy at 9:15 a.m. in order to give time for the baptism cleanup.

Feast of the Transfiguration 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. We will celebrate with Reader's Vespers on Wednesday Aug. 5th at 7:00 p.m. then on Thursday morning Aug 6th at 9:30 a.m. We will

offer the Typika Service. The traditional Blessing of the First Fruits on Transfiguration will be Sunday August 9th following the Divine Liturgy.

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!

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.

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos The feast commemorates her glorification and salvation in Jesus Christ. Fr. John Hopko says that, "the feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world". According to tradition, while in prayer, an angel appeared to the Theotokos telling her that she would leave this world. As a token and promise that her Son awaited, the angel gave her a branch with flowers from Eden. So on this day in honor of the greatest flower of womanhood, and the first to receive the promise of the awaiting kingdom, flowers are brought for blessing. We will celebrate this feast with Vespers on Sunday Aug. 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Aug. 15th at 9:30 a.m. followed by the blessing of flowers and seed.

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 2 rotating teams of parishioners (40 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.**

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“...The life of the parents is the only thing that makes good children. Parents should be very patient and ‘saint-like’ to their children. They should truly love their children. And the children will share this love! For the bad attitude of the children, the ones who are usually responsible for it are their parents themselves. The parents don’t help their children by lecturing them and repeating to them ‘advices’, or by making them obeying strict rules in order to impose discipline. If the parents do not become ‘saints’ and truly love their children and if they don’t struggle for it, then they make a huge mistake. With their wrong and/or negative attitude the parents convey to their children their negative feelings. Then their children become reactive and insecure not only to their home, but to the society as well...”

St Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia (1906-1991)

“Parents always want their children to be happy, content, and thankful to them for all their work and sacrifice. So when they see their children in a bad mood and unthankful, they’re saddened. It’s the same with our Heavenly Father. He has given us everything, but we are unsatisfied and gloomy. Instead of thanksgiving and praising God for everything, we only express our thankfulness with our lips, and our hearts remain cold. Joy is thankfulness, and when we are joyful, that is the best expression of thanks we can offer the Lord, Who delivers us from sorrow and sin.”

Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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, 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 Vojaisek

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
2-Aug	Hojnicki/Najemy	Carey
9-Aug	Telep/Baldychev	Hines
16-Aug	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest
23-Aug	Riley/Riley	Suplizi