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# **St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church**


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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 August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** – Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Translation of the Image “Not-made-by-hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (944). (Third “Feast of the Savior in August”). Martyr Diomedes the Physician of Tarsus in Cilicia (298). Ven. Cherimon (Chæremon) of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.). The “FEODOROVSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God (1239).

## **This Week’s Schedule**

**Saturday 8/22** Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 8/23** 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Online Coffee Hour

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

## **Reader Schedule**

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b></u>	<u><b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b></u>	<u><b>EPISTLE</b></u>
Aug-16	Confession Prayers		LEWIS
Aug-23	Confession Prayers		CAREY
Aug-30	Confession Prayers		RILEY
Sept-6			PECK

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(“Icon not-made-by-hands”)*

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One;  
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.  
Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh  
and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy.  
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You:  
“You have filled all with joy, O our Savior,//  
by coming to save the world.”

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Dormition)*

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.  
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//  
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

### **Tone 1 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(“Icon not-made-by-hands”)*

Uncircumscribed Word of the Father,  
as we behold the victorious image of Your true incarnation,

not made by hands, but divinely wrought  
in Your ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, //  
we honor it with veneration.

**Tone 2 Kontakion** (*Dormition*)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life, //  
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon** (*Resurrection*)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You!  
(Ps 32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (*"Icon not-made-by-hands"*)

Sing to the Lord a new song, / for the Lord has done marvelous things!  
(Ps 97/98:1)

**Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

*For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men  
condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world,  
both to angels and to men.*

*We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak,  
but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!  
To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly  
clothed, and beaten, and homeless.*

*And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless;  
being persecuted, we endure;  
being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world,  
the offscouring of all things until now.*

*I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I  
warn you.*

*For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do  
not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through  
the gospel.*

*Therefore I urge you, imitate me.*

**Colossians 1:12-18** (*"Icon not-made-by-hands"*)

*giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*

*in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or*

*principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

*And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

*And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)*

*v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

**Tone 4**

*v: O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever. (Ps 88/89:15b)*

**Gospel Matthew 17:14-23**

*And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,*

*"Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.*

*So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."*

*Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."*

*And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.*

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"*

*So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

*However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."*

*Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.*

**Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24** (*"Icon not-made-by-hands"*)

*Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.*

*But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.*

*And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"*

*But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.*

*For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.*

*All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."*

*Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see;*

*for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."*

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

**Refrain:** The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

**Heirmos:** The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;

a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,  
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in  
Your name forever. (*Ps 88/89:15b*)  
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.

***The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Aug. 29)*** In addition to the twelve major feast days, the Orthodox Church celebrates a number of other days with special liturgical and spiritual solemnity. First among the feasts universally celebrated by the Orthodox are those of Saint John the Baptist of whom Christ has said that “among those born of women there has arisen none greater” (Mt 11.11; Lk 7.28). St. John the Baptist met a tragic end. In commemoration of this event, we will offer Great Vespers Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and then on the Day of his Beheading, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Just a reminder the Holy Church has decreed the Feast of the Beheading a day of strict fasting.

***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 Divine Liturgy until the restrictions are eased.

**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.)
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
7. Our "regular" weekend schedule during this season will be:
  - a. 5pm Saturday Vespers
  - b. 8:40 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***

*"In the end times a man will be saved by love, humbleness and kindness. Kindness will open the gates of Heaven; humbleness will lead him into Heaven; a man, whose heart is filled with love, will see God."*

*+St. Gabriel of Georgia, Confessor and Fool for Christ, a Georgian Orthodox monk venerated for his dedicated monastic life and piety (1929-1995)*

***Prayers for the Departed:*** *Fr. Jozef Petranin, Barbara Hicks, 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, Elizabeth Clause*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>16-Aug</b>	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest
<b>23-Aug</b>	Riley/Riley	Suplizi
<b>30-Aug</b>	Sulpizi	Hines
<b>6-Sept</b>	Hojnicky/Najemy	Riley

### ***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

Beheading of John the Baptist Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

Church New Year Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>