
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday August 23rd, 2020 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Leavetaking of the Dormition. Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.). Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons (202). Ss. Eutychius (ca. 540) and Florentius (547), of Nursia. . St. Callinicus, Patriarch of Constantinople (705). (1239).

This Week's Schedule

Friday 8/28 Eve of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8/29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/30 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Online Coffee Hour

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Aug-23	Confession Prayers		CAREY
Aug-30	Confession Prayers		RILEY
Sept-6	Confession Prayers		PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with
You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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 2 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps
117/118:4)

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to
death.*

(Ps 117/118:18)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Lk 1:46-47)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

My defense to those who examine me is this:

Do we have no right to eat and drink?

Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?

Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about?

Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?

If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 2:5-11 (Dormition)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Tone 2

v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification! (Ps 131/132:8)

Gospel Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'
And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.
So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Dormition)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.
But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."
And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.
But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."
And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"
But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep 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*)

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

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 "A"- "M". 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. 28th at 7:00 p.m. and then on the Day of his Beheading, Aug. 29th 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.

Nativity of the Theotokos We will celebrate the first major feast of the new church year with the Nativity of the Theotokos (Sept. 8). The feast honors the birth of the Mother of God and the salvation that comes through her Son. We will celebrate with both Vespers on the eve of the feast on Mon. Sept. 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Tues. Sept. 8th, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Study Group to Begin Sept. 17th Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume on Thursday, September 17th at 10 a.m. All our groups will still meet online. We will once again study the Gospel of St. Matthew. All are welcome to join us and more details to come!

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.

Church New Year Commemorated on September 1 According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah (61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” Tradition also says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

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:

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

"Pursue the small consolation that is acquired in time of toil, that you may be accounted worthy of that great consolation which dispels the troubles of this life of sorrows for those who find it. Do not despise small things, lest you be deprived of great ones."

St. Isaac the Syrian "Ascetical Homilies" (Homily 25)

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*

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
23-Aug	Riley/Riley	Suplizi
30-Aug	Sulpizi	Hines
6-Sept	Hojnicky/Najemy	Riley

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Beheading of John the Baptist Aug. 29th

Church New Year Sept. 1st

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8th

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14th