
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday August 30th , 2020 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Translation of the Relics of Rt. Bld. Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky (1724). Sts. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1533). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow (1652). St. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.). St. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 9/5 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/6 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Online Coffee Hour

Monday 9/7 Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9/8 Nativity of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Aug-30	Confession Prayers		RILEY
Sept-6	Confession Prayers		PECK
Sept-8		NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS	
Sept-13	Confession Prayers		LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion *(Forerunner)*

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the steams of the Jordan Him
Whom they foretold.
Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,
you proclaimed to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh,
Who takes away the sin of the world//
and grants us great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(SS. Alexander, John, and Paul)*

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace//
through the prayers of the Patriarchs Alexander, John, and Paul!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Forerunner)*

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner
became an act of divine dispensation,
for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior.
Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder,
loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, //
but that which is false and temporal.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(SS. Alexander, John, and Paul)*

Set a flame by the love of Christ, O glorious ones,
you took up the yoke of His precious Cross, revealing yourselves as
followers in His footsteps by your way of life,
and you became partakers of His divine glory,
divinely-wise Alexander, with wonderful John and glorious Paul.
As you stand before His throne, earnestly pray for our souls!

Tone 3 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing
praises! (*Ps 46/47:6*)

*v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps
46/47:1)*

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you,
which also you received and in which you stand,
by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached
to you – unless you believed in vain.*

*For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ
died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according
to the Scriptures,*

and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

*After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom
the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.*

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps 30/31:2)

Gospel Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’

‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “

The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”

Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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.

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

We who are disciples of Christ claim that our purpose on earth is to lay up Treasures in Heaven. But our actions often belie our words.

Many Christians build for themselves fine houses, lay out splendid gardens, construct bathhouses and buy fields. It is small wonder, then, that many heathens refuse to believe what we say.

'If their eyes are set on mansions in Heaven', they ask, 'why are they building mansions on earth? If they put their words into practice, they would give away riches and live in simple homes'.

So these heathens conclude that we do not sincerely believe in the religion we profess; and as a result they refuse to take this religion seriously. You may say that the words of Christ on these matters are too hard for you to follow; and that while your spirit is willing, your flesh is weak. My answer is that the judgement of the heathens about you is more accurate than your judgement of yourself.

When heathens accuse us of hypocrisy, many of us should plead guilty.

St John Chrysostom

Draw nigh to the righteous, and through them you will draw nigh to God. Communicate with those who possess humility, and you will learn morals from them. A man who follows one who loves God becomes rich in the mysteries of God; but he who follows an unrighteous and proud man gets far away from God, and will be hated by his friends.

St. Isaac the Syrian

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, 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 Vojaissek

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

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Church New Year Sept. 1st

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8th

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14th