
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday September 6th , 2020 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossæ. Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius (311-312). St. Archippus (Arkhipp) of Herapolis. Martyr Romulus, and with him many others (107-115). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna

This Week's Schedule

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.

Saturday 9/12 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/13 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Online Coffee Hour

Eve of Elevation of Holy cross Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Monday 9/14 Elevation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

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

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4 Troparion *(Archangel Michael)*

O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you:
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial
glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the Powers on
high!”

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their
chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Archangel Michael)*

O Michael, commander of God’s armies
and minister of the divine glory,
prince of the bodiless angels
and guide of mankind;
ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, //
as the supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

Tone 4**Prokeimenon***(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.

(Ps 103/104:24)

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps 103/104:1)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Let all that you do be done with love.

I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints –

that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand – Paul's.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Gospel Matthew 21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

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 "A"- "M". 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.

Elevation of the Holy Cross The second major feast of the new church year is the Elevation or Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Nativity of the Theotokos is seen as the beginning of our salvation, and the Cross is seen as the culmination of our salvation. By Christ's death on It, our salvation was accomplished. Mary is also strongly associated with the Cross, for she was the mystical paradise in whom the Tree of Life sprouted; this Tree of Life, Christ our Savior, then planted on earth the life-creating Tree of the Cross (from the Feast). And as He suffered and died on the Life-giving Tree of the Cross, so too we are called upon to take up our own crosses on our shoulders and to die daily for the sake of Him Who died for us. We will celebrate the feast with Great Vespers next Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Then on Monday Sept. 14th Divine Liturgy for the Elevation at 10:00 a.m. Join us!

Parish Council Meeting Our parish council meeting is rescheduled for Thursday September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

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.

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 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.**

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

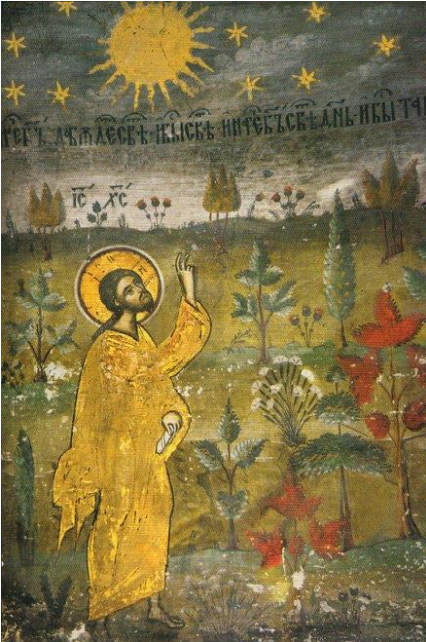
Prayers for Catechumens Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones. Cole McElmurry, Shawn & Jennifer Vojaisek

The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year 2020

September 1, 2020

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To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,



Grace, mercy, peace and love to my beloved children in the Lord, and to all who read this message. The feast of the Ecclesiastical New Year, September 1, in our contemporary Orthodox practice, has become an opportunity to consider and reflect on the natural world, those things that our great God, when He first created them and beheld all that He done, declared “very good (Genesis 1:31).” This day serves as an opportunity for us to further our knowledge and deepen our faith in God by contemplating the manifold blessings of creation.

These words, what God has created is “very good,” reveal to all people of faith a profound mystery, namely that our God is nothing other than the source of all good, because he is himself very good. He is not the source of wickedness, evil, decay, or sin, but of life, love, and goodness. Jesus Christ is for us the supreme testimony of this mystery. The One by whom all things were created, himself became truly a human, born in the fullness of time, while remaining true God. His death on the cross, resurrection from the dead, and his presenting himself, his resurrected body, “living after his passion (Acts 1:3)” to his apostles, points to the last days when creation will be restored, and will do nothing else than reveal the glory of God: the oaks will whirl (Psalm 29:1), the river of God will be full of water (Psalm 65:9), the threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil (Joel 2.24), both the sanctuary and the mighty firmament of the heavens will praise God (Psalm 150:1). In those days, what was spoken of in the holy scriptures will come to pass, “For we are the temple of the living

God; as God said, 'I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (II Corinthians 6:16; quoting Leviticus 26:12, Jeremiah 32:38, Ezekiel 37:27).'"

Creation reveals this mystery to us, the mystery of our salvation. From the first days to the last days, God beholds creation and it is very good, because the Creator, who is also our Redeemer, is very good. Amidst so much uncertainty, suffering, distress, and anxiety, which we are experiencing presently, the mystery revealed to us once again should give us comfort and consolation. The goodness and the love of God remain with us, no matter what else happens. The mystery given over to us in creation should also serve to challenge us to have proper stewardship of it. God has given us the gift of creation ultimately for our life here and now, and to lead us to the life in the age to come. Having lordship over creation does not mean that we can destroy or do violence to the earth, but that we can live here and now, and that we can remain alive in Christ Jesus to the ages of ages.

I pray that all Orthodox Christians can each use this day as a day to come to a deeper and more profound faith in our Creator by reflecting on all that He has created.

With Archpastoral blessings for the Ecclesiastical New Year,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
30-Aug	Sulpizi	Hines
6-Sept	Hojnicki/Najemy	Riley
13-Sep	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck
20-Sep	Bunitsky/Morjana	Carey

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8th

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14th