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

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**Sunday September 27th , 2020** 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs – ca. 304). Ven. Savvatii (Sabbatius), Wonderworker of Solovétsky Monastery (1435). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Epicharis of Rome (3rd c.). Ven. Ignatius, Abbot in Asia Minor (963-975).

### **This Week's Schedule**

**Thursday 10/1** Study Group 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday 10/3** Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 10/4** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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

### **Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Sept-27	Confession Prayers		CAREY
Oct-4	Confession Prayers		LEWIS
Oct-11	Confession Prayers		PECK
Oct-18	Confession Prayers		RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 7 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

### **Tone 3 Troparion**      *(Martyr Callistratus)*

In contest you were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, O Martyr  
Callistratus,  
and were glorious in casting down the Enemy.  
You offered a noble army of athletes  
as sweet-smelling incense to Christ.//  
With them pray for us who praise you with hymns!

### **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 4 Kontakion**      *(Martyr Callistratus)*

Like stars you have shone upon the world,  
shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry to you:  
“Rejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of 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 2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

*We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.*

*For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

*We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;*

*by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,*

*by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,*

*by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;*

*as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;*

*as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.*

### **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 Luke 5:1-11**

*So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.*

*Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

*When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

*So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

*For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;*

*and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."*

*So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.*

## **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. 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.

***Study Group*** Our Study group continued Thursday with seven of us reafing and discussing Matthew chapter 12. We will meet again this coming Thursday with chapter 13 of St. Matthew. All our groups will still meet online, and all are welcome to join us!

***Book Study "The Life of Moses" by St. Gregory of Nyssa*** On Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during the month of October, Fr. Barnabas will be offering a book study. We will be reading and discussion the book, "The Life of Moses", by St. Gregory of Nyssa. The book study will begin Oct.7<sup>th</sup> and meet online. All will be welcome .

***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.**

## *Wisdom from the Holy Fathers*

*“Some suffer much from poverty and sickness, but are not humbled, and so they suffer without profit. But one who is humbled will be happy in all circumstances, because the Lord is his riches and joy, and all people will wonder at the beauty of his soul.”*

*St. Silouan the Athonite (Writing, III.9)*

*How are you to know if you are living according to the will of God?*

*Here is a sign: if you are distressed over anything it means that you have not fully surrendered to God’s will, although it may seem to you that you live according to his will.*

*He who lives according to God’s will has no material cares. If he has need of something, he offers himself and the thing he wants to God; and if he does not receive it, he remains as unworried as if he had got what he wanted.*

*St. Silouan the Athonite*

*The Spirit of God teaches us to love all that exists, and the soul feels compassion for each being, and also loves enemies and pities demons, because in their fall they were detached from the good. Compassion makes no exceptions. There are people who wish damnation and the torments in the fire of hell for their enemies or enemies of the Church. They think in this way because they haven’t learned from the Holy Spirit to love God. He who has learned love weeps for the whole world! You say, ‘Let him burn in the fire of hell!’ But I ask you, ‘If God gave you a good place in Paradise and that from there you could see in the fire the man to whom you wished this torment, wouldn’t you feel pity for him, whoever he is, even if he is an enemy to the Church?’ Or do you have a heart of metal?*

*St Silouan the Athonite,*

**Prayers for the Departed:** *Matushka Anastasia Karlgut, 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, Elizabeth Clause*

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

	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
<b>27-Sep</b>	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen
<b>4-Oct</b>	Sulpizi	Skomorucha/Lewis/M Kiflemarian
<b>11-Oct</b>	Hojnicky/Najemy	S. Peck
<b>18-Oct</b>	Telep/Baldychev	Carey
<b>25-Oct</b>	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

Book Study “The Life of Moses” Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Nativity Fast Begins Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>