



St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday December 6, 2020 26th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 1. St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (ca. 345). St Maximus
(1280).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 12/9 Book Study 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 12/10 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday 12/13 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6th Hour	EPISTLE
Dec-13	Reception of Converts		LEWIS
Dec-20	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Dec-25	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST		
Dec-27	DORAZIO	BUNITSKY	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 4 Troparion *(St. Nicholas)*

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you;
your poverty enriched you.
O Hierarch Father Nicholas,
entreat Christ our God//
that our souls may be saved!

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 3 Kontakion *(St. Nicholas)*

You appeared as a priest in Myra, O Saint Nicholas,
fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, O venerable one;
you laid down your life for your people
and rescued the innocent from death.//
Therefore, you have been blest as a great initiate of the grace of God.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

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

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*St. Nicholas*)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, / and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:10a*)

Epistle Ephesians 5:9-19

*(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),
finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.
And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather
expose them.*

*For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them
in secret.*

*But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for
whatever makes manifest is light.*

*Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and
Christ will give you light."*

*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

*Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with
the Spirit,*

*speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

Hebrews 13:17-21 (*St. Nicholas*)

*Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for
your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and
not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

*Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all
things desiring to live honorably.*

*But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the
sooner.*

*Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 2

*V. Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness, and Your saints shall rejoice.
(Ps. 131:9)*

Gospel Luke 17:12-19

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

*And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,
and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.*

So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke 6:17-23 (St. Nicholas)

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Parish Update We want to thank all for their continued prayers and supplications. We pray for a safe and healthy return for everyone next Sunday Dec. 13. We are encouraging everyone to monitor themselves for any symptoms of COVID-19. If any parishioner is sick with any of the following symptoms, stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or headache or congestion or runny nose without a known cause such as allergies.

Annual All Parish Meeting Postponed until Dec.13, 2020 Our annual parish meeting will be postponed until next Sunday, Dec 13th, 2020. We

will still have options for both in person and streaming participation. We ask continued patience going forward. Please pray for our Parish Council as we navigate the pandemic safely.

Family Promise Thank you to everyone who helped serve for Family Promise. We are grateful to God that we are able to serve our brothers and sister even during a pandemic. Thank you to all the volunteers and we look forward to being able to aid Wilmington's homeless in the future.

Gift Cards for Veterans We are now collecting money for Acme gift cards for the needy and homeless veterans. Please give or send your checks (marked VETS) to St. Michaels. We will buy gift cards to deliver to Veterans Hospital. Contact Ellen Gundersen (ellengundersen5@gmail.com).

Study Group this Week Our Study group will continue this Thursday Dec. 10 at 10:00 a.m. with chapter 16 of St. Matthew. Our group will still meet online. All are welcome to join us!

Online Streaming Help We are currently look for help with our live streaming services. Please see Thaddeus (Scott) Lewis if you are willing to help.

Book Study "The Life of Moses" by St. Gregory of Nyssa Our book study. We will meet one more time on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. to discussion the book, "The Life of Moses", by St. Gregory of Nyssa. We will meet on Zoom and all are welcome to participate.

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity Fast is now upon us (Nov.15th). The fast continues until the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew's Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: 'Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wisemen, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb' (Vesperal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day). Please try and make an effort!

Sacraments for Those Staying Home Recognizing the need for many to quarantine due to the deadliness of the pandemic, Fr. Barnabas is available to meet individually on Wednesdays and Fridays to offer Confession and Communion for those still at home. Fr. Barnabas is also willing to meet in other creative ways , like on your porch, to assure everyone remains connected. Please email or call the office to set up a time for the Sacraments.

Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship: 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

“Troubles are usually the brooms and shovels that smooth the road to a good man’s fortune; and many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away hunger.”

St. Basil the Great on “Worldly Troubles”

“If you see your neighbor in sin, don’t look only at this, but also think about what he has done or does that is good, and infrequently trying this in general, while not partially judging, you will find that he is better than you.”

St. Basil the Great on “Judging Others”

“Do not say, ‘This happened by chance, while this came to be of itself.’ In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance ... How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God? ”

St. Basil the Great on “Glorifying God”

Prayers for the Departed: Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Barbara Hicks

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicki, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep

Prayers for Catechmens Kristin Mackenzie, Shawn & Jennifer Vojaisek, Andrew Ashton

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
6-Dec	Riley/Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis/M Kiflemarian
13-Dec	Sulpizi	Peck
20-Dec	Hojnicki/Najemy	Carey
27-Dec	Telep/Baldychev	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Annual Parish Meeting Dec. 13th

Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Nativity Vigil Dec. 24th 5:00 p.m.

Nativity of our Lord Divine Liturgy Dec. 25th 9: 30 a.m.

Theophany of our Lord (Baptism) Jan 6th