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Sunday January 24, 2020 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female servants (5th c.). St. Gerásim, Bishop of Perm (1441). Martyr John of Kazan' (1529). Martyrs Babylas (Vavíla) of Sicily, and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3rd c.). St. Macedonius, Hermit, of Syria (ca. 420). Uncovering of the relics of Saint Anastasios the Persian (7th c.). Ven. Dionysius of Olympus (16th c.). Ven. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery (Mt. Athos – 10th c.). Bl. Xenia of St. Petersburg (19th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Thursday 1/28 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 1/30 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1/31 34th Sunday after Pentecost

Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>3RD HOUR</u> | <u>6th Hour</u> | <u>EPISTLE</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Jan-24 | RILEY | RILEY | RILEY |
| Jan-31 | SKOMORUCHA | DORAZIO | LEWIS |
| Feb-2 | MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE | | |
| Feb-7 | LEWIS | BUNITSKY | CAREY |

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion *(New Martyrs)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and
princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of
godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in
Orthodoxy
till the end of the age.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful
One!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(New Martyrs) (Today the Virgin)*

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of
God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
“Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God//
unto the ages of ages. Amen.”

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!
(Ps.75:10a)

V. *In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(New Martyrs)*

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us.

(Ps. 45:1)

Epistle Colossians 3:4-11

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Romans 8:28-39 *(New Martyrs)*

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Tone 4

V. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)

Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him.

And when he had come near, He asked him,

saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Luke 21:8-19 (New Martyrs)

And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.

But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

By your patience possess your souls.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple The feast of the Presentation or Meeting of the Lord in the Temple takes place forty days following the Nativity of Jesus (Feb. 2). The feast celebrates Christ's fulfillment of the Law of Moses calling for all the first born; whatever is the first to open

the womb among the people of Israel, be consecrated to God. At this time, we also see His mother Mary undergo the ritual purification, offering the sacrifices prescribed in the Law. In the feast Christ's encounters, the Elder Simeon who had long awaited His coming, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, leads the Messiah into the Temple. We will celebrate with Great Vespers on Mon. Feb 1st and Divine Liturgy Tues. Feb. 2nd. The blessing of candles is traditionally offered at this feast so bring your candles.

Parish Council Meeting Our parish council will meet this Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. We will meet on Zoom and a meeting invitation will be email prior to the meeting.

Veterans Collection Thank You! We would like to thank everyone that donated to our VETERANS Acme gift card collection. By God's grace and your charitable alms, we raised \$800 to give to needy veterans who served and sacrificed for our country. Thanks to Sam Sylvest and Ellen Gundersen for suggesting and organizing.

Holy Synod of Bishops issues Encyclical of Hope On Thursday, December 31, 2020, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has issued an encyclical entitled, "We Rejoice Even in Tribulation": An Encyclical of Hope. The Holy Synod offers this work out of love and gratitude to its faithful at the end of this year. The Synod also intends for the encyclical to be seen as an encouragement for the year to come. In the encyclical, the Synod seeks to find meaning in the year that has past, which has been marked by a pandemic, political polarization, economic anxiety, and civil unrest, and calls the faithful to a renewed faith and hope in Jesus Christ, and service to one another.

Presently the encyclical is available as a PDF for download here <https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/encyclicals/encyclical-hope> . In January 2021, printed copies will be mailed to all parishes, monasteries, and institutions of the Orthodox Church in America. ***Please take the extra time and read this important document!***

Theophany Holy Water Holy water will be available in the Nave this week and available throughout the year upon request. Home blessings will be on hold until later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Study Group Our study group resumed this past Thursday with chapter 17 & 18 of St. Matthew. This coming week we will continue with 18th chapter of St. Matthew. Our study group will meet on Zoom. All are welcome to join us.

Diocesan Assembly This week Fr. Barnabas, Fr. Dn. James, & Sue (Maria) Dorazio will represent St. Michael's at the 57th annual Eastern PA Diocesan Assembly. This year the assembly will be held virtually. A special thanks to our Deacon and parish representative for offering their time for this important work in our diocese.

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.

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

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

St. Basil the Great

Prayers for the Departed: Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar, Barbara Hicks

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, 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 Hojnicky, 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,, Andrew Ashton

| Date | <u>Service Duty</u> | <u>Church Cleaner</u> |
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| 24-Jan | Hojnicky/Najemy | Farrell |
| 31-Jan | Telep/Baldychev | Clause/Whalen |
| 7-Feb | Bunitsky/Morjana | Skomorucha/Ashton/M Kiflemarian |

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Entrance of our Lord into the Temple Feb. 2nd

Great Fast Begins.....March 15th

Holy Pascha..... May 2nd

Ascension.....June 10th

Pentecost.....June 20th