

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday January 31, 2021 34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311). Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (1108). Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias, of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphainē at Cyzicus. St. Arsenios of Paros (1877). Saint Julius of Aegina (330).

This Week's Schedule

Monday 2/1 Eve of the Meeting of the Lord
Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 2/2 Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 2/4 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 2/6 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2/7 35th Sunday after Pentecost
Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6th Hour	EPISTLE
Jan-31	SKOMORUCHA	DORAZIO	LEWIS
Feb-2	MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE		
Feb-7	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	CAREY

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 5 Troparion *(Sts. Cyrus and John)*

O Christ God;
You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs Cyrus and John,
as an invincible rampart;
through their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathens,
and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians,//
for You alone are good and lovest mankind.

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 *(Sts. Cyrus and John)*

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints,
you work wonders in the world unceasingly.
You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery,
divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John,//
for you are truly divine physicians.

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)

Epistle Colossians 3:12-16

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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)

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
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 at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Tues. Feb. 2nd.at 9:30 a.m. The blessing of candles is traditionally offered at this feast so bring your candles.

All Parish Meeting We will hold an All Parish Meeting on February 14, 2021 following the Divine Liturgy. The purpose of the meeting is to address the need to replace one of our heat pumps. The Parish Council will present the need and costs for your approval at the meeting. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Cleaning Help We still need volunteers to help wipe down surfaces following Liturgy on Sundays. Please see Susan Schomorucha or Sue Dorazio to help. This cleaning is additional, we will still need our weekly "church cleaners" to take care of the rest of the cleaning.

Study Group Our study group continued this past Thursday with chapter 18 of St. Matthew. This coming week we will finish chapter 18 and begin 19 of St. Matthew. Our study group will meet on Zoom. All are welcome to join us.

Diocesan Assembly This past week Fr. Barnabas & Sue (Maria) Dorazio represented St. Michael's at the 57th annual Eastern PA Diocesan Assembly. A special thanks to Sue offering her time for this important work in our diocese. Fr. Barnabas will offer a brief report on the assembly after services

Online Streaming Help We continue 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.

FAMILY PROMISE - St. Michael's parishioners have another opportunity to serve by making a meal for families who need our help. Volunteers will prepare a simple dinner meal for individual families on any of the following days:

1. Tuesday, Feb. 23
2. Thursday, Feb. 25

If you would like to sign up as an individual or in a group for any of the above days, please respond back with your selection to either Ellen Gundersen at ellengundersen5@gmail.com or Susan Skomorucha at skomorucha@aol.com.

More detailed information to those volunteering will follow. Your participation in this cause is much appreciated. Thank you.

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.**

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and those with them

Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness.

In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower.

They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota, was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ.

Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom.

At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to Munchen (Munich) (another account is located under June 28).

Saints Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

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

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>
31-Jan	Telep/Baldychev	Clause/Whalen
7-Feb	Bunitsky/Morjana	Skomorucha/Ashton/M Kiflemarian
14-Feb	Riley/Riley	Peck
21-Feb	Sulpizi	Carey

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