



St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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*Sunday May 9, 2021 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.).
Martyr Christopher of Lycia, and with him Martyrs
Callinika and Aquilina (ca. 250). Translation of the Relics of
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari (1087).
Ven. Shio of Georgia (6th c.).*

This Week's Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Happy Mother's Day!

Thursday 5/13 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 5/15 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 5/16 3rd Sunday of Pascha Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3 RD HOUR	6 th Hour	EPISTLE
May-9	VOJACSEK	PECK	PECK
May-16	DORAZIO	WJCIECHOWSKI	WALES
May-23	SKOMORUCHA	VOJACSEK	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Priest: “Blessed is the Kingdom...”

Choir: “Amen.”

Priest: “Christ is risen... “ (2 ½ times)

Choir: “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”

(*The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.*)

Tone 7 Troparion (*Pentecostarion*)

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!
Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//
by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Pentecostarion*)

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors.//
He cried out with all: “You are my Lord and my God!”

(*The Trisagion is sung*)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*from the Pentecostarion*)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (*Ps. 146:5*)

V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (*Ps. 146:1*)

Epistle Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

“Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

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. *For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. (Ps. 94:3)*

Gospel John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put

my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.”
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! (*Ps. 147:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: “In the fear of God...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord...”

Priest: “O God, save Your people...”

*Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead...” (*sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light...”*)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled...”

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ...” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life...

This Week's Announcement

Paschal Celebration Thank You A special thank you to Paula Daubert, our parish choir, our altar servers, and all who helped make our Lenten and Paschal experience so fruitful! May our Lord continue to bless the parish of St. Michael's with health, happiness, and many blessed years!

Study Group to Resume Our Study group will resume this Thursday May 13th at 10 am. We will continue with the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 21. We will continue to meet on Zoom. All are welcome to join us.

Pascha Flowers Thanks to Jim and Anne Riley for arranging the Pascha flowers as well as everyone who helped decorate the church for Pascha! Anyone who would like may choose a plant to take home.

Memory Eternal! Memory Eternal to Vera Chalfant on the ten year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord (May 10, 2011). We will remember her along with all of our departed Mother's following Liturgy. Memory Eternal!

Coffee Hour We are having a modified coffee hour for any who wish to participate. Participation is entirely voluntary; and participants should understand that it is impossible to eliminate all risks with respect to Covid. Therefore, each coffee hour participant assumes their own risk in deciding to participate. However, with that said, we are taking common sense steps to make fellowship safer, and would ask that participants please observe the following: **1)** maintain social distancing at all times when in the fellowship hall, whether standing or seated; **2)** continue to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking; **3)** sanitize hands before using the coffee pot; **4)** wash or sanitize hands before eating; **5)** initially food will not be provided but you may bring your own; **6)** please use the Clorox wipes on the table to sanitize your spot at table, and your chair before leaving. We would also ask that **all participants be gracious when reminded of these rules.**

FAMILY PROMISE - St. Michael's parish family members have another opportunity to serve by providing simple meals for families who are in need and who are being helped by Family Promise.

We have committed to prepare and deliver a meal on the following days:

1. Monday, May 24
2. Tuesday, May 25
3. Thursday, May 27

If you would like to sign up as an individual or in a group and prepare a simple dinner meal on any of the above days, please respond back with your date selection to either Ellen Gundersen

at ellengundersen5@gmail.com or Susan Skomorucha

at skomorucha@aol.com. Please RSVP your interest by 05/09/21. More information for those who sign up to make and deliver meals will follow. Thank you for your consideration and for your help with this ministry.

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.**

All Hands on Deck

For seventeen years my husband served a vibrant but numerically small parish in Erie, Pennsylvania. When Holy Saturday came, it was "all hands on deck" to get everything ready for the Paschal service. Our parish children were a vital part of the team working, preparing, and anticipating the great night to come.

After the Holy Saturday Liturgy and a light snack, they helped decorate the church with fresh flowers and greens, having the special privilege of creating a garland for the royal doors. Once the decorating was finished and the church was bright and fragrant, they and their parents went home to rest, or took a turn keeping watch and reading at the tomb of Christ.

As late evening approached, families with children would begin arriving at church with Easter baskets to be blessed, and with sleeping bags to lay out on the second floor. Our church was a converted house, with the chapel on the ground floor. Up a long, narrow flight of stairs was the large open area that served as our meeting room. Because the church

had no pews, just a few chairs for those who might need them, the children who were staying for the whole service could go up and nap in their sleeping bags when they needed to, and then come back down. Our patient choir director didn't mind the "comings in and goings out" of those youngsters who were singing in the choir.

A few minutes before midnight, everyone waited in the hushed and darkened church for the priest to sing "Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the angels in heaven sing..." for the first time, very softly, then repeating it with increasing volume. At twelve o'clock the sanctuary doors opened, candles were lit from the priest's Paschal candle, and we assembled for the procession outside. Some of the children carried icons, others dozed in a parent's arms, but all felt the thrill of walking around the church in the bracing midnight air and hearing the bells peal as we sang together that Pascha had come. We returned to the now brightly-lit church with renewed energy and the joy of anticipation fulfilled, to begin the next part of the service.

Three-thirty in the morning found us upstairs, with the sleeping bags piled in a corner and the tables laden with blessed Pascha foods. The children challenged each other to egg-cracking contests and eagerly consumed the chunks of kielbasa and slices of sweet bread offered from various baskets. They compared notes on who had stayed awake longest, and collected untold numbers of chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks from smiling grownups.

As Father Alexander Schmemann has written, Pascha is the feast of the "day without evening" that prepares us for the Kingdom of God. A child who helps with the work of beautifying the church for the feast, who has the chance to experience worship at midnight and to eat special foods at three in the morning, has an experiential understanding of what "day without evening" means. As the child matures, that understanding can deepen into certainty that the Kingdom truly awaits us. But it starts with simple things: a garland of flowers and leaves, a darkened church that suddenly blazes with light, a colored egg offered by someone who loves us and tells us with conviction, "Christ is Risen!"

by Matushka Valerie Zahirskey

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Prayers for the Departed: 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 Hojnicki, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep, Ned Minnich

Prayers for Catechmens Kristin Mackenzie, John Hill

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
9-May	Hojnicki/Najemy	Sulpizi
16-May	Telep/Baldychev	Riley
23-May	Bunitsky/Morjana	Bunitsky/Finck
30-May	Riley/Riley	Farrell

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Ascension.....June 10th

Pentecost.....June 20th

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June 29th

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Do not ask for love from your neighbor, for if you ask and he does not respond, you will be troubled. Instead show your love for your neighbour and you will be at rest, and so will bring your neighbour to love."

+ Saint Dorotheos of Gaza +