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***Sunday August 8, 2021 7th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.
St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikus (813-820).
Ven. Gregory the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves (Near
Caves – 12th c.). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Zosimas
and Sabbatius of Solovétsky Monastery (1566). St. Myron,
Bishop of Crete (ca. 350). Martyrs Eleutherius and Leonidas
of Constantinople, and many infants martyred with them.
Ven. Gregory of Sinai (and Mt. Athos – 14th c.). The
“TOLGA” Icon of the Mother of God (1314).***

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 8/14 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/15 Dormition of the Theotokos / 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Hill Chrismation 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6th Hour</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Aug 08	LEWIS	DORAZIO	LEWIS
Aug 15	SKOMORUCHA	GEORGE	WALES
Aug 22	WOJCIECHOWSKI	PECK	PECK
Aug 29	VOJACSEK	SKOMORUCHA	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
glory to Thee.

Tone 7 Troparion *(Feast)*

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos! //
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Emilian)*

In confessing the Faith, thou didst proclaim Orthodox doctrine
and wast unjustly exiled for rebuking the wicked king.
Righteous and glorious Emilian,
the boast of Cyzicus, //
entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(St. Emilian)*

The Church for which thou didst suffer
glorifies thee in hymns, O Emilian;
thou wast a valiant champion of the Trinity,
therefore we honor thy memory. //

Deliver thy servants from all assaults of the Enemy!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Feast)*

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Feast)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all. *(Ps. 103:26)*

Epistle Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Tone 8

V. The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)

Gospel Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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

Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption;

God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.//
Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in
Thy Name forever. *(Ps. 88:15)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Welcome to the Newly Illumined Welcome to the newly illumined Ephraim Makarios Peck Baptized and Chrismated this morning. May our Lord bless and keep the newly illumined Ephraim, his sponsor, and family many blessed years!

Family Promise Thank you to all of our St. Michael's volunteers who prepared and delivered meals to our families in need. The Family Promise ministry continues to be one of the most successful in DE. Your caring and generosity are very much appreciated by the families! There will be more upcoming opportunities to serve in the future if you missed serving this time. Thanks everyone for your continued good works!

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos The feast commemorates her glorification and salvation in Jesus Christ. Fr. Thomas Hopko says that "the feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world". According to tradition, while in prayer, an angel appeared to the Theotokos telling her that she would leave this world. As a token and promise that her Son awaited, the angel gave her a branch with flowers from Eden. So on this day in honor of the greatest flower of womanhood, and the first to receive the promise of the awaiting kingdom, flowers are brought for blessing. We will celebrate this feast with Vespers and Lytia next Saturday evening and Divine Liturgy on Sunday as usual followed by the blessing of flowers and seed.

Parish Council & Church School Teachers We are looking at our ministry needs for the Fall. And are planning on a robust return to our normal Fall activities. These activities include Church School for our youth and election of officers at our All Parish Meeting. St. Michael's needs volunteers to serve as teachers for our Church School and Council members to serve in parish administration. One particular need that will be coming available is our parish treasurer's position. Please prayerfully consider serving in either or both of these parish ministries. If interested in teaching or helping with Church School, please see Fr. Barnabas. If you would like to serve on parish council, please see Mark Bunitsky or Jeff Kendall. Thanks to all who continue to serve Christ's Holy Church.

The Call of the Prophet Amos

The Old Testament prophet Amos lived during the 8th Century BC.

The New Testament describes the unexpected, sudden calls of several of the apostles. Two pairs of brothers—Peter and Andrew, then James and John—are going about their daily work of fishing when Jesus Christ calls them with the famous words, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." All of them leave their nets and their daily work at once to go with Him (Matthew 4: 18-20).

This sudden call to leave an everyday occupation seems also to have been Amos' experience. He was a shepherd, in a time when many Old Testament prophets came from a professional "class." In II Kings 2:3, 4:38 and 6:1 Elisha encounters the "sons of the prophets" as a group. In I Kings 22:6, the King of Israel gathers "the prophets," about 400 men, and asks them what he should do. In I Samuel 10:5, Saul is told that he will meet "a band of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying."

When Amos describes his call, he makes it clear that he doesn't belong to this special class: "I am no prophet, nor a priest's son" (7:14). Like the fishermen in Jesus' time, his call seems sudden and unexpected. He is "a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel'" (7:15). This sudden call was also impossible to ignore: "The lion

has roared; who will not fear? The Lord has spoken; who can but prophesy?" (3:5).

So Amos travels from his home in Tekoa, south of Bethlehem, to the Northern Kingdom. As soon as he arrives, he understands why God is angry with Israel. He sees that the rich "trample the head of the poor into the earth, and turn aside the way of the afflicted" (2:7), while fathers and sons patronize the same brothels, judges cheat plaintiffs, and women enjoy getting drunk.

The people, predictably, don't want to hear Amos' prophecy of punishment. They want to believe that God is pleased with their observances of the liturgical seasons and the sacrifices they offer. But Amos gives them God's word about these things: "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies...the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon" (5:21-22).

Amos is rudely told to go back to Judah and never advise in the north again. But his hopeful prophecy about God's restoration of David's kingdom and the glorious age to come is quoted in Acts 15:16-17 by the apostle James: "I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen...that the rest of men may seek the Lord." This prophet of the Old Testament, born a simple shepherd, had prophesied the universal promise that the apostles, those who like him had received a sudden call, would preach to the world.

Kontakion - Tone 4

*Purifying your fervent heart by the Spirit,
O glorious Prophet Amos,
And receiving the gift of prophecy from on high,
You cry with a loud voice to the nations:
This is our God, and there is none beside Him.
Amos also warns them that the "day of the Lord," which they anticipate
as a time when God will give them victory over their enemies, will
instead be "darkness, and not light" (5:18b).*

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Prayers for the Departed: Newly Departed Pearl Minnich

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, Ned Minnich, Jessica Bunitsky, Ellen Gundersen

Prayers for Catechmens John Hill, Kendreia Rhine

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
8-Aug	Whalen	Riley/Riley	Hines
15-Aug	Grishin/Pacienza	Sulpizi	Bunitsky/ Finck
22-Aug	Wojciechowsk/Dorazio	Hojnicki/Najemy	Farrell
29-Aug	Clause	Telep/Baldychev	Hines
5-Sep	Riley	Bunitsky/Morjana	Clause/Whalen

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Dormition Fast Aug. 1-15th

Dormition of the Theotokos.....Aug. 15th

Church New Year.....Sept. 1st

Nativity of the Theotokos.....Sept. 8