



Sunday October 1, 2017 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary .
 Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1st c.). Ven. Romanus the Melodist (“Sweet-singer”—5th c.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod—1461). Martyr Domninus of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780-790). Commemoration of the Appearance of the Pillar with the Robe of the Lord under it at Mtskheta in Georgia (4th c.). Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian—12th c.). Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos—12th c.). The PSKOV-PROTECTION Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday 10/7 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/8 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Oct 01	RILEY	RILEY	FINCK
Oct 08	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Oct 15	WALES	WALES	WALES
Oct 22	SULPIZI	SOUDER	BRASOWSKI

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 *(for the Protection)*

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you:
“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection;
deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, //
that He may save our souls.”

Tone 4 Troparion *(for Venerable Romanus)*

You gladdened Christ’s Church by your melodies
like an inspired heavenly trumpet.
You were enlightened by the Mother of God
and shone on the world as God’s poet. //
We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.

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 8 Kontakion *(for Venerable Romanus)*

You were adorned from childhood with the godly virtues of the
Spirit;
you were a precious adornment of the Church of Christ, all-wise
Romanus,
for you made it lovely with beautiful hymnody.
Therefore we entreat you, grant your divine gift to those who
desire it,

that we may cry out to you: “Rejoice, all-blessed Father, beauty of the Church!”

Tone 3 Kontakion *(for the Protection)*

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship,
Apostles and Prophets rejoice together,//
since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(*Lk 1:46-47*)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.”

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Hebrews 9:1-7 *(Protection)*

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,

which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v :Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v :Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps 44/45:10)

Gospel Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Protection)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

(*Ps 115/116:13*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Church School Begins Church school will begin today with the Molieben for "Children Beginning Instruction". We are offering three classes: Small children ages 3-5yrs old, Primary ages 6-10yrs old, and Middle/High school ages 11-17yrs old. Thanks to all who completed the survey and for the continued support for the youth education ministry.

Family Promise Oct. 2nd - Oct. 5th Please help cook, serve a meal and eat with homeless families Mon. Oct. 2, Tues. Oct. 3 and Thurs. Oct. 5 at St. Philips Lutheran church 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Family Promise helps homeless families find jobs, training and homes and has a 83% success rate of keeping them in homes after more than one year. We need to share our hope, compassion, smiles and encouragement with them and especially their children. Please sign up on board in narthex. see Ellen Gundersen 610.388.0695 or puffins1000@gmail.com.

Annual Parish Meeting Oct. 15th St. Michael 's Annual Parish Meeting or General Assembly will be held on Sunday, October 15th during the coffee hour. St. Michael's parish continues, by God's grace, to prosper. The annual meeting is a good opportunity to see the blessing of our Lord at work and an opportunity to see our stewardship in action. Please be sure to attend. St. Michael's parish needs your talents!

Annual Meeting Reports Our annual parish meeting is coming up in October. Just a reminder that reports in preparation for our all parish meeting should be submitted to Catalina Finck by Oct. 9th. Thank you all for your continued work for St. Michael's!

Study Group to Continue Thursday Oct.5th we will continue to look at the diocesan presentation on the "*Effective Church Model*" and hearing an online presentation. The study group is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

Parish Council Meeting Oct. 12th This is just a reminder that our parish council will meet one more time before the annual parish meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the 2018 parish council please see Jeff Kendall.

Paraklesis on Wednesday Evenings There have been several requests for a prayer service during the week to help strengthen us in our resolve and struggle. The service of the "Paraklesis" or "Service of Supplication" is a service most often addressed to the Theotokos, but can be used to seek the intercessions of any saint. The feature of a paraklesis is the inclusion of a supplicatory canon to the saint whose intercessions are being sought. It is appropriate to be served at any time of need. We hope to tentatively begin on Wed. evening Oct. 18th. If you are interested please consider making a commitment to be a reader or be willing to offer the responses. See the signup sheet in the narthex if you are interested in helping or being a part of the mid-week service of supplication.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"...because the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force (Matt. 11:12). By violence understand a sense of bodily pain in all you do. Many have labored for many years and still labor painlessly, yet because they have no patience for toil or fervor of heart for pain, they fail to acquire purity and the Holy spirit through their refusal of the austerity of pain."

St. Gregory the Sinaite On the Prayer of Jesus 69

“The first and most essential means of making peace with those who offend and persecute us is to pray for them, according to the commandment of Christ.”

Saint Leo of Optina

“Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord, that is to say they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints.”

St. Philaret of Moscow, Sermon of September 23, 1847

“If we keep remembering the wrongs which men have done us, we destroy the power of the remembrance of God. But if we remind ourselves of the evil deeds of the demons, we shall be invulnerable.”

Abba Macarius

“Some suffer much from poverty and sickness, but are not humbled, and so they suffer without profit. But one who is humbled will be happy in all circumstances, because the Lord is his riches and joy, and all people will wonder at the beauty of his soul.”

St. Silouan the Athonite

Prayers for the Departed: William Hulik, Nabil, George Coyle, Grace, Helen

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Beverly (Elizabeth) Hulik, Benito, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski, Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
1-Oct	Pot Luck	Elia/Morjana	Skomorucha/ Lewis	Gundersen
8-Oct	Najemy /Kendall	Riley	Baldychev/Sylvest	Farrell
15-Oct	Bacuta / Fravel	Sulpizi/Finck	Suplizi	Skomorucha
22-Oct	Elia/Gunderson/Farrel	Hojnicki/Souder	Riley	Maloney
29-Oct	Oberto/ C.Peck	Baldychev	Bunitsky	Lewis

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Oct-1	Rafael
Oct-8	Roel
Oct-15	Andrew
Oct-22	Rafael
Oct-29	Roel