



St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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Sunday November 26, 2017 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Ven. Alypius the Styliste of Adrianopolis (7th c.). Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev (1051-54). Repose of St. Innocent, First Bishop of Irkutsk (1731). Ven. James the Solitary of Syria (457).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 11/29 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 12/2 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/3 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3 RD HOUR	6 TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Nov 26	J RILEY	A RILEY	J RILEY
Dec 03	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Dec 10	SULPIZI	SOUDER	CAREY
Dec 17	WALES	WALES	WALES
Dec 24	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Dec 25	<i>NATIVITY OF CHRIST</i>		
Dec 31	SOUDER	SULPIZI	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 1 Troparion (*Venerable Alypius*)

You were a pillar of patient endurance,
having imitated the forefathers, O ^Venerable One:
Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations.
You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, Alypius, our
Father.
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 (*Venerable Alypius*)

The Church glorified and praises you today, Alypius,
as a perfect example of virtue and the boast of ascetics.
Through your prayers, grant remission of sins to all who venerate your
life and your struggles!

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*)

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6

*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the
calling with which you were called,
with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one
another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of
peace.*

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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)

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”

The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

Welcome Fr. Timothy Hojnicki & Family Welcome to Archpriest Timothy, Matushka Anastasia and family for Divine services this weekend. We hope and pray that your time with us will be fruitful.

Paraklesis this Week Small Paraklesis will resume this Wednesday Nov.29th at 6: 30 p.m. Please consider making a commitment to be a reader or to learn and help offer the responses. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication.

NEW IN BOOKSTORE: CD of **Paraklesis** to the Most Holy Theotokos, beautifully sung in Byzantine chant by three sisters, ages 11, 13, and 15 from Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Yamika, Washington. We have been singing this version on Wednesday nights. \$12

Study Group this Week Our study group will resume this Thursday Nov. 30th, with the book “Courage to Pray,” by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh. The study group meets Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

St. Nicholas Day Vesperal Liturgy We will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Tuesday evening Dec. 5th with Vespers and Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m. Corresponding with the feast, on Sunday Dec. 3rd during the coffee hour, we will honor St. Nicholas and St. Barbara with a youth activity. In the spirit of St. Nicholas, we ask that all of our parish youth consider bringing canned goods to help those in need. Please join us.

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity Fast began Nov.15th. and continues until the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord’s Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew’s Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: ‘Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wise men, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb’ (Vesperal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day)

Stewardship Calling Presentation Dec. 16th In case you missed part one of the diocesan presentation “Stewardship Calling” last week, we will be

offering it once again following Vespers on Dec. 16th. The presentation will speak to our current and future Church needs. We hope it will assist and enhance our parish vision and stewardship by addressing our continued and future parish work and ministries.

St. Michael's and Amazon At this time of year, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael's could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael's a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael's so it is easy to use. So far this year, we have received over \$130. Just type the address into your web browser.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

Bookstore Nativity Gifts Our Parish Bookstore will be having a sale over the next few weeks. Stop by to purchase gifts for those on your Christmas list.

Nativity Parish Holy Supper Holy Supper is a pious tradition from the Christian faithful of various Eastern European regions. The supper is observed on the eves of our Lord's Nativity in the flesh and His baptism by Saint John in the Jordan River. The meal is a fasting meal with 12 courses representing Christ's twelve apostles. Our Parish Holy Supper will be Sunday evening Dec. 24th (Eve of Nativity) at 5:00 p.m. on. All are welcome to join us.

Habakkuk Asks the Universal Question

The Old Testament prophet Habakkuk is remembered on December 2nd. His brief book poses deep questions about human life and suggests equally deep answers from God.

The opening verses express the prophet's suffering: "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and Thou wilt not hear? Or cry to thee, 'Violence!' and Thou wilt not save? Why dost Thou make me see wrongs and look upon trouble?" He goes on to complain that God's unwillingness to hear means that the law becomes slack and ineffective, and justice never prevails.

God gives an answer that, at first glance, seems anything but merciful. He tells Habakkuk He is doing a work "that you would not believe if told." He says that He is using the Chaldeans, a dread and terrible people, as instruments of chastisement upon His still-beloved Israel. But God's answer does not end with the terrifying Chaldeans. He instructs the prophet to "write the vision, make it plain upon tablets...For

still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end, it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay" (2: 2-3). Then God promises that the righteous shall live by their faith; those who trust God will see the fulfillment of the vision, the saving plan He has for humankind. The prophet is satisfied by this promise, and at the end of his book he writes, "Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (2: 17-18). Saint Paul quotes Habakkuk in Romans 1:17, writing about the importance of keeping faith even in suffering and worldly oppression. The fourth Ode of the Canon we sing at Pascha describes "the inspired prophet Habakkuk" who "stands with us in holy vigil" and "cries with a piercing voice: 'Today salvation has come to the world, for Christ is risen as all-powerful.'" This Ode tells us that the "vision" promised to Habakkuk has been fulfilled by Christ. Like the prophet, we can be sure that the even if the fulfillment "seems slow" we are right to "wait for it" because it does "surely come."

Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, the fourth-century Church Father, picks up on Habakkuk's declaration that he will "take my stand to watch, and station myself on the tower, and look forth to see what [God] will say to me" (2:1). In his Oration XLV Gregory writes, "Well, I have taken my stand and looked forth; and I behold a man riding on the clouds...His countenance is as the countenance of an angel, and his clothing as the brightness of piercing lightning; and he lifts his hand toward the East and cries with a loud voice..."Today is salvation come to the world.' " For Habakkuk, for Saint Paul, and for Saint Gregory, the answer to the universal question is the same: it is the Risen Christ and His salvation. This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

You must never be afraid, if you are troubled by a flood of thoughts, that the enemy is too strong against you, that his attacks are never ending, that the war will last for your lifetime, and that you cannot avoid incessant downfalls of all kinds. Know that our enemies, with all their wiles, are in the hands of our divine Commander, our Lord Jesus Christ, for Whose honour and glory you are waging war. Since He himself leads you into battle, He will certainly not suffer your enemies to use violence against you and overcome you, if you do not yourself cross over to their side with your will. He will Himself fight for you and will deliver your enemies into your hands, when He wills and as He wills, as it is

written: '*The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee*' (Deut. xxii, 14).

+ *From Unseen Warfare, St. Theophan the Recluse and St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain*

"'And if anyone,' our Lord says, 'shall compel you to go a mile, go with him two' (Mt. 5:41); so that you may not follow him as a slave, but may as a free man go before him, showing yourself in all things kindly disposed and useful to your neighbor, not regarding their evil intentions, but performing your kind services, likening your self to the Father."

From St. Irenaeus (The Ante-Nicene Fathers: Vol. I; Eerdmans pg. 477)

"Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

'As for those who radiate the beauty of the soul, the longer time goes by and test their proper nobility, the warmer they make their husband's love and the more they strengthen their affection for him. Since this is so, and since a warm and genuine friendship holds between them, every kind of immorality is driven out. Not even any thought of wantonness ever enters the mind of the man who truly loves his own wife, but he continues always content with her. By his chastity he attracts the good will and protection of God for his whole household. This is how the good men of ancient times used to take wives, seeking nobility of soul rather than monetary wealth.'

St. John Chrysostom

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Stephen Mack, Archpriest Wsevolod Drobot, Protodeacon Keith Russin, Matushka Martha Ermikov, Matushka Marie (Gambal) Kreta

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, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber

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

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
26-Nov	Sulpizi /Skomorucha	Sulpizi/Finck	Finck	Maloney
3-Dec	PARISH POT LUCK	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
10-Dec	Peck / Wales	Sheeler/Baldyche	General Cleaning	Gundersen
17-Dec	Gerassimakis /Bunitsky	Bunitsky/Lewis	Baldychev/Shatley/	Farrell
24-Dec	Eve of Nativity	Elia/Morjana	Suplizi	Skomoruch

Church School Reminder

*Nov. 26 No Class
Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec.3 St. Barbara's Day/ St. Nicholas Activities
Dec. 10 Class
Dec 17 Class/Church Decorating
Sunday, December 31 No Class
Nativity/ Theophany Break

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Nov. 26	Andrew
Dec-03	Rafael
Dec-06	St. Nicholas Day Roel
Dec-10	Roel
Dec-17	Andrew
Dec-24	Rafael
Dec-25	NATIVITY All servers