
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday September 13th , 2020 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem (335). Sunday before Elevation. Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (1st c.). Martyrs Chronides, Leontius and Serapion, of Alexandria (237).

This Week's Schedule

Tonight Eve of the Elevation Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Monday 9/14 Elevation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Thursday 9/17 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 9/19 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/20 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Online Coffee Hour

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Sept-13	Confession Prayers		LEWIS
Sept-14	ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		
Sept-20	Confession Prayers		RILEY
Sept-27	Confession Prayers		CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Founding)*

You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory
on earth
to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos,
strengthen it for ever and ever
and accept our supplication
which we ceaselessly offer to You therein,//
the life and resurrection of all!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Forefeast)*

We offer in supplication
the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord,
which You have granted to us
although we are unworthy.
Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of
man!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Founding)*

But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.

For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.

For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps 88/89:20)

v: For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. (Ps 88/89:22)

Tone 2

v: The foundations are in the holy mountains; the Lord loves the gates of Jerusalem. (Ps 86/87:1-2)

Gospel John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Matthew 22:1-14 (Resurrection)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' "

But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

For many are called, but few are chosen."

Communion Hymn

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

I have loved the beauty of Your house, O Lord, and the place where
Your

glory dwells. (*Ps 25/26:8*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

In Person Worship We are continuing with limited in person worship. The past few weeks we have been averaging about 30-40 people at Divine Liturgy. We are also streaming our services for those who are still at home. Next week we will invite parishioners alphabetically "N"- "Z". All are asked to follow all procedures. Please continue to pray for and support our parish as we face these challenging times.

Elevation of the Holy Cross The second major feast of the new church year is the Elevation or Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Nativity of the Theotokos is seen as the beginning of our salvation, and the Cross is seen as the culmination of our salvation. By Christ's death on It, our salvation was accomplished. Mary is also strongly associated with the Cross, for she was the mystical paradise in whom the Tree of Life sprouted; this Tree of Life, Christ our Savior, then planted on earth the life-creating Tree of the Cross (from the Feast). And as He suffered and died on the Life-giving Tree of the Cross, so too we are called upon to take up our own crosses on our shoulders and to die daily for the sake of Him Who died for us. We will celebrate the feast with Great Vespers this evening at 7:00 p.m. Then on (tomorrow) Monday Sept. 14th Divine Liturgy for the Elevation at 10:00 a.m. Join us!

Parish Council Meeting Our parish council meeting is rescheduled for Thursday September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

Study Group to Begin This Week Sept. 17th Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume on Thursday, September 17th at 10 a.m. All our groups will still meet online. We will once again study the Gospel of St. Matthew. All are welcome to join us!

Book Study "The Life of Moses" by St. Gregory of Nyssa On Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during the month of October, Fr. Barnabas will be offering a book study. We will be reading and discussion the book, "The Life of Moses", by St. Gregory of Nyssa. The book study will begin Oct. 7th and meet online. All will be welcome to join us!

THANK YOU to all the wonderful cooks who prepared meals and delivered them to Family Promise this week and to Susan Skomorucha for coordinating all the details. We are grateful the gift of compassion for our homeless continues to be a light for us!

In Person Confessions Fr. Barnabas will be hearing individual confessions with social distancing. Confessions will be available on Saturday afternoon from 4p.m. to 5 p.m. prior to Vespers. Please email Fr. Barnabas for an appointment. We will also be temporarily be offering the Prayers in Preparation for Confession (General Confession prayers) prior to Divine Liturgy until the restrictions are eased.

Brief Preparation for Participation in In-Person Worship:

1. Services are open only to parishioners and catechumens. (Others who identify St. Michael's as their church-home may ask the priest to attend.)
2. Medical professionals who care for COVID-19 patients may not come to church.
3. Anyone who has been exposed to, or is caring for those with, COVID-19 may not come to church.
4. The elderly and "at risk" should stay home.
 - a). A disclaimer will be placed on the door advising the elderly and "at risk" that they enter "at their own risk."
 - b). The diocese directives state that senior citizens who are strong and understand the risk may come to services.
5. The parish council will offer a sign up for regular parishioners and catechumens.
6. Fr. Barnabas will divide out 2 rotating teams of parishioners in alphabetical order
7. Our "regular" weekend schedule during this season will be:
 - a. 5pm Saturday Vespers
 - b. 8:40 am Sunday Prayers in preparation for Confession (General confession prayers) & 9am Divine Liturgy
8. Each team will rotate through these various services so that Communion will be offered (for now) at least once a month maybe more.
9. Additional services, outdoor services, etc. will be offered as often as is reasonably possible

Everyone should ask themselves these questions before they come:

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.**

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"I am not a wizard, I am not a prophet. I don't say that I saw the Panagia, or that there will be a war.

I am a great sinner, and I humbly pray to Christ, that He have mercy on me."

† St. Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia



Prayers for the Departed: *Matushka Anastasia Karlgut, Barbara Hicks, David Rex*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Jamie Clause, Paula Flynn, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause*

Prayers for Catechmens *Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones. Cole McElmurry, Shawn & Jennifer Vojaisek*

	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
13-Sep	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck
20-Sep	Bunitsky/Morjana	Carey
27-Sep	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen
4-Oct	Sulpizi	Skomorucha/Lewis/M Kiflemarian

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14th

Study Group Begins Sept. 17th

Book Study “The Life of Moses” Oct. 7th

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21st