
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday September 20th , 2020 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children, Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome (ca. 118). Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael and his councilor, Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernigov (1245). Rt. Blv. Oleg, Prince of Briansk (ca. 1280). Monastic Martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos – 1804).

This Week's Schedule

Thursday 9/24 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 9/26 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/27 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Online 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>
Sept-20	Confession Prayers		RILEY
Sept-27	Confession Prayers		CAREY
Oct-4	Confession Prayers		LEWIS
Oct-11	Confession Prayers		PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Exaltation)*

O Lord, save Your people
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross, //
preserve Your habitation!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Greatmartyr Eustathius)*

Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You,
our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

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 2 Kontakion *(for Greatmartyr Eustathius)*

Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ,
and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustáthius,
you became a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory, //

receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries//
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*Sunday After*)

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy! (*Ps 98/99:5*)

v: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps 98/99:1)

Epistle Galatians 2:16-20 (*Sunday After*)

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (*Resurrection*)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –

always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

So then death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps 73/74:2)

v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)

Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Matthew 22:35-46 (Resurrection)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.”

He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:

‘The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?’

If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?”

And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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

Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now at its Exaltation,
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. (*Ps 4/5:6*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

In Person Worship We are continuing with limited in person worship. We are also streaming our services for those who are still at home. Next week we will invite parishioners alphabetically “A”- “M”. All are asked to follow all procedures. Please continue to pray for and support our parish as we face these challenging times.

Study Group This past Thursday our Study group resumed with six of us continuing our study of the gospel of St. Matthew. We will meet again this coming Thursday with chapter 12 of St. Matthew. All our groups will still meet online and 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

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

“God, Who is by nature good and dispassionate, loves all men equally as His handiwork. But He glorifies the virtuous man because in his will he is united to God. At the same time, in His goodness he is merciful to the sinner and by chastising him in this life brings him back to the path of virtue. Similarly, a man of good and dispassionate judgment also loves all men equally. He loves the virtuous man because of his nature and the probity of his intention; and he loves the sinner, too, because of his nature and because in his compassion he pities him for foolishly stumbling in darkness.”

Saint Maximos the Confessor

“Whoever sees in himself the traces of hatred toward any man on account of any kind of sin is completely foreign to the love of God. For love toward God does not at all tolerate hatred for man.”

St. Maximus the Confessor

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>
20-Sep	Bunitsky/Morjana	Carey
27-Sep	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen
4-Oct	Sulpizi	Skomorucha/Lewis/M Kiflemarian
11-Oct	Hojnicky/Najemy	S. Peck

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

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

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21st

