
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday October 18th , 2020 Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4th c.). "Machairotissa" Icon of the Mother of God.



This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 10/21 Book Study "Life of Moses" 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 10/22 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 10/24 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/25 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>3RD HOUR</u> | <u>6TH HOUR</u> | <u>EPISTLE</u> |
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| Oct-18 | Third & Sixth Hours | | RILEY |
| Oct-25 | RILEY | | CAREY |
| Nov-1 | DORAZIO | | LEWIS |
| Nov-8 | SKOMORUCHA | | PECK |

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 5 Troparion *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke,
the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ
and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles;
for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ.
He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities.
He heals the wounds of our souls,//
and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with
You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise the godly Luke;
he is the true preacher of piety,
the orator of ineffable mysteries
and the star of the Church,
for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men,//
chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles!

Tone 2 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.
(Ps. 117:14)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

(Ps. 117:18)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(St. Luke)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe! *(Ps. 18:4)*

Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows –

how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 (St. Luke)

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.

I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,

with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.

Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

This salutation by my own hand – Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps. 19:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Tone 1

v. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel Luke 8:5-15

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’”

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved

But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 10:16-21 (St. Luke)

He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Communion Hymn

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

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! *(Ps. 18:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcements

Newest Catechumen This morning we welcomed our newest Catechumen Andrew Ashton. We are happy to welcome him as a “official” learner and look forward to his future reception into the Church. .May our Lord grant him a prosperous Catechumenate and Many Blessed Years!

Update on In Person Worship In light of our Archbishop MARK’s recent urging, our Parish Council, along with Fr. Barnabas, met this past week to discuss easing restrictions on our in person worship. Our Parish Council will also meet again this week for our regular monthly meeting and to continue the discussion of easing restriction in a safe manner. For the time being we will be continuing with limited in person worship. Next week we will invite parishioners alphabetically “A”- “M”. We continue to ask everyone to wash hands, wear masks, and social distancing when masks are not possible. We will continue to stream our services for those who are at home and we hope to have some streaming upgrades for better sound and video quality soon.

For now the measures concerning the easing of restrictions; *Parishioners may resume lighting their own candles. Parishioners may visit and chat outside following Divine Liturgy w/masks or social distance. We also hope, next week, to resume the individual offering of small prosphora.* We will offer ongoing updates as we make the plans to return. We ask continued patience going forward. Please pray for our Parish Council as we navigate the pandemic safely.

Outdoor Social Time After discussing with our Parish Council this past week, we will wait a few more weeks before we offer any Coffee Hour. Parishioners will be allowed to gather outside the church after the Divine Liturgy to talk and visit. We continue to ask everyone to wear masks and to practice social distancing when masks are not possible.

Study Group this Week Our Study group will continue this Thursday Oct.22nd at 10:00 a.m. Our group will still meet online. 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. We will meet on Zoom and all are welcome to participate.

Parish council Meeting Our Parish Council will meet this Thursday Oct. 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

Confessions following Vespers Fr. Barnabas will be going back to the hearing individual confessions on Saturday evenings following Vespers. We will still be offering confession with social distancing.

Sacraments for Those Staying Home Recognizing the need for many to quarantine due to the deadliness of the pandemic, Fr. Barnabas is available to meet individually on Wednesdays and Fridays to offer Confession and Communion for those still at home. Fr. Barnabas is also willing to meet in other creative ways , like on your porch, to assure everyone remains connected. Please email or call the office to set up a time for the Sacraments.

Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship: 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

“Just as the thought of fire does not warm the body, so Faith without Love does not actualize the light of Spiritual Knowledge within the soul”

St. Maximus the Confessor

“This is how you pray continually – not by offering prayers in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer”

St Basil the Great

“God permits tribulations and adversities to befall people-even the saintly- so that they may persist in humility. But if we harden our hearts against adversities and tribulations, he also hardens the tribulations against us. On the other hand if we accept them in humility and with a contrite heart, God will mingle tribulation with mercy.”

St. Isaac the Syrian

Prayers for the Departed:, Barbara Hicks, David Rex

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

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

| Date | <u>Service Duty</u> | <u>Church Cleaner</u> |
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| 18-Oct | Telep/Baldychev | Carey |
| 25-Oct | Bunitsky/Morjana | Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest |
| 1-Nov | Riley/Riley | Sulpizi |
| 8-Nov | Sulpizi | Riley |

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Nativity Fast Begins Nov. 15th

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21st