

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
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(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

Sunday, June 10, 2018

***To all who are present with us this morning,
Welcome! Thank you for being here.***

***Please join us for a meatless lasagna luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.***

You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy beginning on the bottom of page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5" x 11" large, spiral-bound booklet.

At the Kiss of Peace our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the seasonal Christian greeting, "Christ is in our midst!" and responding, "He is and shall be!"

Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means 'in place' of the gifts) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

Being mindful we are in church, let us always remember to...

...be quiet and attentive. Let us sing, pray, stand, sit, kneel and respond where responses are indicated. Let us not talk, look around, text message, play games, etc. Especially let us work at this in the Communion line and when in line to venerate the Cross and depart. If we cannot hear the post-Communion prayers being chanted during our church departure, we are way too noisy.

...refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum. (most obviously and especially if you will be receiving Holy Communion).

...stay put. Except in rare cases, there are few of us who cannot stay in one location for two hours (actually less, for most of us).



Proposed statement of the
Mission of Our Church (members)

The mission of St Michael's Orthodox Church members is to become completely loving people.

(Luke 10:27) This will occur by the Grace of God as we strive to live holy lives, using the tools He has given us for this endeavor: prayer, fasting, charitable works, and the constant remembrance of death.

TONE 1

Arr: Basil Kazan.

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were
guard - ing Thy most pure Bod - y, Thou didst a -
rise on the third day, O Sav - ior, grant - ing
life to the world; for which cause the heav - en - ly
pow'rs cried a - loud un - to Thee, O Giv - er of
Life: Glo - ry to Thy Re - sur - rec - tion, O Christ;
Glo - ry to Thy King - dom; Glo - ry to Thy Prov - i - dence,
O Thou Who a - lone art the Lov - er of man - kind!

IOCC SYRIAN RELIEF UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Syrian Relief Dinner back on March 4. *Net proceeds of \$37,129 were sent to IOCC which mean the Syrian people received \$260,000 in leveraged aid through this effort.*

http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries_syria.aspx

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Tone: 1 Eothinon: 2

Greeting: Christ is in our midst! **Response:** He is and shall be!

Second Sunday after Pentecost and Second Sunday of Matthew; Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina at Constantinople; Venerable Theophanes the monk and Pansemne the former harlot of Antioch; John the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Tobolsk and all Siberia.

THE EPISTLE READING

St. Paul to the Romans (2:10-16)

BRETHREN, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

AT THAT TIME, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

A Few More Words on Missions in Life

(info on his page has been in previous bulletins to keep us all UTD.)

(6/3 bulletin) The *really tiny paragraphs* below were in last week's bulletin and are included here for those who might have missed them. If you were not a 'misser,' then you may skip down below the dotted line where you'll find a few comments on the next ***big words*** on this page:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." — Luke 10:27

(5/27 bulletin) Approximately 25 years ago, our Parish Council and additional interested members did some intensive work to formulate a Mission Statement for our church. This Statement has appeared in our weekly bulletins ever since, but has not exactly been embraced by us — which means that when asked, almost no one could state our Statement, even in a reasonable paraphrase.

So, as we celebrate Pentecost 2018, herein is offered for consideration, a simpler, practically personal, Biblically rooted, traditionally Orthodox expression of what members of our church would do well to remember and meditate on all the time:

"The Mission of St Michael's Orthodox Church members is to become completely loving people."

Whether or not you currently have a personal way of stating your purpose in life, be encouraged to consider adopting this single, short, sentence as a life-living context for us as parishioners of Saint Michael's and as beings created in the image and likeness of our Creator — God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." — Jn 13:33

(dotted line)

(6/3 bulletin) As completely free beings, we humans can make up for ourselves whatever *Mission* we want in life. (We're not addressing the mission/goal distinction here.) By conscious consideration or by unconscious acceptance of an inherited 'script' we can create and adopt any mission — from the most sublime of the eternal Kingdom of God to the most grossly materialist of the physical world. Here are a few, for example:

"My mission is to make a million dollars before I'm thirty." "My mission is to be famously popular." "My mission is to be infamously renowned." "My mission is to be a saint." "My mission is to live forever." "My mission is to live comfortably." "My mission is to fit in." "My mission is to stand out." "My mission is to not let anyone tell me what to do." "My mission is to be a good spouse and parent." "My mission is to see everything I can in this world." "My mission is to be a good person." "My mission is to not get caught." "My mission is to do what I want." "My mission is to please everybody." "My mission is to leave a legacy." "My mission is to live to be 100." "My mission is to go to heaven." "My mission is to avoid uncomfortable situations." "My mission is to have fun." "My mission is to drive a nice car with an attractive person in the passenger seat and park it in a garage attached to a big house." "My mission is to put others first." "My mission is not to be bothered by things like missions."

Any of us could add hundreds of other options to this list. Now, take a few minutes here and there this week, if you would, to consider this question: What's *your* mission? (If you don't have a conscious mission, an unconscious mission has you.)

(cont.)

So, if you've played along this far in considering your *mission* in life and the life of our church, thank you for taking up the mini-challenge. I know at least a few of you have done that and more, as some of you submitted text messages such as these, expressing thoughts on the church mission topic:

“The mission of St. Michael’s Church is for each of us to realize God’s love for us.”

“The mission of St. Michael’s Church is, even as He commands us, to love one another as He loves us.”

“The mission of St. Michael’s Church is to strive, individually and as a body, to love and serve the Lord and thus to become a loving body—a community of completely loving people.”

One of the main ‘requirements’ of a group mission statement is that it be simple enough for everyone in the group to understand and even memorize. This is not as easy as it sounds. The simplicity of the currently suggested text on the inner bulletin cover should fit the bill (it’s “unintimidating”):

“The mission of St. Michael’s Church members is to become completely loving people.”

This one even has a couple memory strategies to help us remember it. Here they are:

CLiP — *C*ompletely *L*oving *P*eople, or

CLing — *C*ompletely *L*oving

The point is, all of us are capable of remembering a short, to-the-point, sentence or phrase that can, in an instant of clarity, inform what we think, say or do. In any moment I can CLiP or CLing or just remember the plain English, *completely loving*, and find myself accessing a tool that can, in any circumstance, aim me in God’s direction.

This week, spend some time with the phrase, “completely loving people” or just “completely loving” and see if there is ever a moment when you do that, that these words do not offer a sort of measuring stick for what you are thinking, saying or doing in that moment.

THANK YOU to the FOOD ON THE HILL GANG

and everyone who assisted and attended the beautiful (and successful) dance held a couple weeks ago on May 12. — The Macuga Band

When you’re grocery shopping, you can make an immediate, momentum building **donation to our September Mediterranean Buffet** by picking up and delivering to the church any of the following items:

- **Bottled water (16 oz.)**
 - **Sugar (4 lb. bags)**
 - ***Robin Hood* Flour (5 lb. bags)**
 - **Vegetable oil**
 - **Lemon Juice**
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF REMINDERS, DATES AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY, JUNE 27 TO JULY 1

Parish Life Conference at Antiochian Village

(St. Michael's will be *OPEN* for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 1)

Registration forms are available at the Ushers' Station.

(Metropolitan JOSEPH will preside over this Parish Life Conference.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 - Feed the Hungry at 1st Lutheran, Gbg.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 - Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 PM

Discussion topics - 1) our internet video presence on our website and Facebook. If you would have anything to offer to the formulating of a parish 'policy,' you are encouraged to come and share your thought.

TUESDAY, JULY 3 - 12:00 PM - Food on the Hill

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Pirates vs. Cubs at PNC Park

7:05 PM — \$30 (includes a \$10 meal ticket)

Get tickets from Michelle Gajewski and sign up in Fellowship Hall. **Payment is due July 15th.**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19



St. Michael's Family Picnic

Travel to Twin Lakes Park following Divine Liturgy

Please sign up at our main church entrance.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet (11am to 4pm)

Sign up to volunteer on the sheet in the... ?????

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-17

Antiochian Village Adult Camp

Registration is open online:

<https://avcamp.org/other-programs/adult-camp/>

REMEMBER, the **Second Week** on this schedule **May Change...**
ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN!

Secretary Debbie will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM..

June 10 thru June 16

Sunday, June 10 (*Fast continues*)

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- Luncheon (John & Becca Nosal)

Tuesday, June 12

- 6:30 PM - Buffet Ad-Book Mtg

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
Aquilina of Byblos
- 12:00 PM - Feed the Hungry at
1st Lutheran, South Main St.

Thursday, June 14

- 9:00 AM - Ladies Cooking

Saturday, June 16

- NO Great Vespers
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June 17 thru June 23

Sunday, June 17 (*Fast continues*)

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- 12:15 PM - Abortion Prayers

Monday, June 18

- 9:00 AM - Stewardship Team Mtg

Tuesday, June 19

- 6:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, June 21

- 9:00 AM - Ladies Cooking

Saturday, June 23

- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
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THANK YOU... to our Church School for sponsoring our annual Blessing of the Animals (Saturday, June 2). Our furry friends benefited from the prayers and friends that were present at this most enjoyable event.

IS YOUR BAKELESS BAKE-SALE ENVELOPE still sitting on your desk at home or work? It's not too late to make your donation to this annual project of our Antiochian Women. Thank you.
