

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America.

(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

Sunday, October 7, 2018

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

***Please join us for "coffee and..."
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).



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

(see Lk 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 2

Arr: Basil Kazan.

When Thou didst sub - mit Thy - self - un - to death,
O Thou Death - less and Im - mor - - tal One, then Thou didst
de - stroy Hell with Thy God - ly pow'r; and when Thou didst
raise the dead from be - neath the earth, all the pow'rs of
Hea - ven did cry a - loud un - to Thee: O Christ
Thou Gi - ver of Life, glo - - - ry to Thee!

SYRIAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF

As the Syrian crisis continues, we continue to accept *donations* to do what we can to help ease the suffering there. Checks may be written to "St. Michael's" with the note "Syrian Relief." The following is a link to International Orthodox Christian Charities ((IOCC) "Response to the Crisis in Syria" page with more information on what you can do to help:

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

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Luke; Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria; Hieromartyr Polychronios of Nicaea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; Venerable Sergius of Nurma.

THE EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (11:31-12:9)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. Luke (7:11-16)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!”

A few HIGHLIGHTS of UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, OCT. 7 - 1:00 PM - St. Michael's Men
(AMEN and friends)

Falcons at Steelers in Multi-Purpose Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - Feed the Hungry Luncheon
1st Lutheran (S.Main) Luncheon
at 12 noon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 - Scrip Orders are due.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 - following Divine Liturgy
Anniversary Luncheon
30 Years with Fr. John
(*sounds like "cruel and unusual punishment"*)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - Christmas Bake Sale
Order Deadline

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - workshop at St. George Cathedral
"Becoming Truly Human" (more info to follow)

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

*Debbie will not be in this week.
Fr. John will be in the office
Mon., Thurs. and Friday, from 9 to 3.*

October 7 thru October 13

Sunday, October 7

- **8:45 AM - ORTHROS**
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- **10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Church School
 - Antiochian Women Meeting
 - 25th Wedding Anniversary
 - Uncrowning Prayers for
Lisa and Jeff Stewart

Tuesday, October 9

- **8:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Apostle James
- 9:00 AM Ladies Making Nut Rolls
- 7:00 PM - Mediterranean Buffet
Wrap-Up Meeting

Wednesday, October 10

- 12:00 - Feed the Hungry at
1st Lutheran Church, Main St.

Thursday, October 11

- **6:00 PM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Symeon the New Theologian
- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 13

- 9 AM - AMEN at Bean & Baguette
- **6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS**

Our Fellowship Hour sign-up effort is making progress. There are 11

Sunday spaces left on our calendar of Sundays which runs through August 2019.

If you have questions about the organization of our Sunday Fellowship Hours, speak with Barli Ross (410-924-6284).

October 14 thru October 20

Sunday, October 14

- **8:45 AM - ORTHROS**
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- **10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Church School
 - Memorial (25 years) —
Helen Marie Ross

Monday, October 15

- **6:00 PM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Longinus the Centurion

Tuesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 18

- **9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Luke the Evangelist
- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 20

- **9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Artemios of Verkola
- **6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS**

**OCTOBER IS
STEWARDSHIP
(PLEDGE)
MONTH**

The annual stewardship appeal was mailed to all parishioners last week.

Remember to pick up your **Christmas Bake Sale Form** located at the entrance to the church.

Deadline to place prepaid orders is Sunday, November 4.
