

# St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

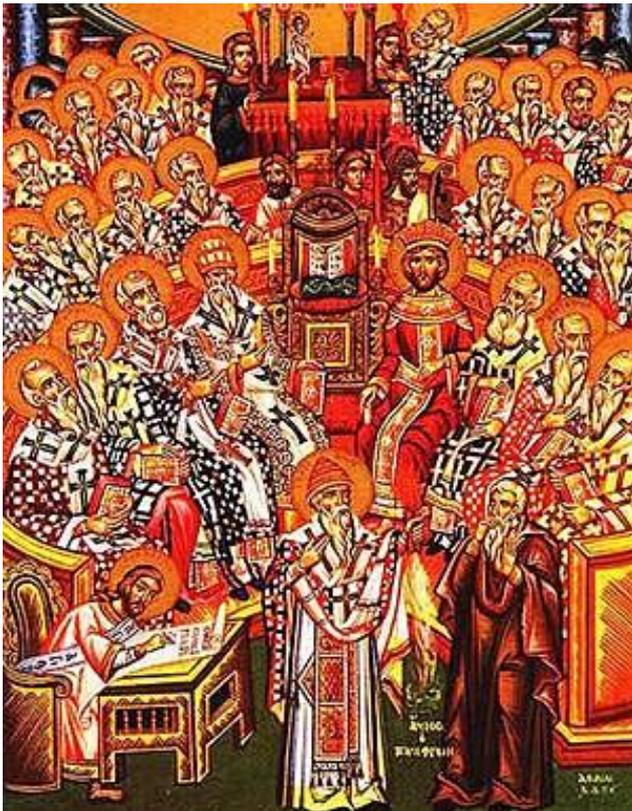
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*Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

- **His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
  - **His Grace Bishop THOMAS**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Middle Atlantic
  - **Archpriest John Nosal**, Pastor
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## Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Council *June 9, 2019*

*To all who are present with us this morning,  
Glory to Jesus Christ! Thank you for being here.*





## ***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.*

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### **TONE 6**

Arr: Basil Kazan.

When Ma - ry stood at Thy grave look - ing for Thy sa - cred Bo -  
dy, an - gel - ic pow'rs shone a - bove Thy re - vered tomb,  
and the sol - diers who were to keep guard be -  
came as dead men. Thou led Ha - des cap - tive and was not  
temp - ted there - by; Thou didst meet the Vir -  
gin and didst give Life to the world; O Thou Who art  
ri - sen from the dead, O Lord glo - ry to Thee.

## **I.O.C.C. 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](http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries_syria.aspx)

# Sunday, June 9, 2019

*Tone:* 6    *Eothinon:* 10

*Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension; Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council; Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Belozersk; Venerable Columba, enlightener of Scotland.*

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

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## **THE EPISTLE READING**

*Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)*

**I****N THOSE DAYS**, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*According to St. John (17:1-13)*

**A****T THAT TIME**, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they

have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

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### *Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*

Beloved in Christ,

The twin feasts of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost are truly a summation of the entire Christian life. In the Ascension, we are reminded that this life on earth is not our final destiny. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ascended 40 days after His resurrection to prepare a place for us with His Father. That is our ultimate destination and should be the object of our thoughts, words, and deeds on a daily basis.

Pentecost or Trinity Sunday reminds us of what our daily lives should be like. Holy Apostle Peter’s words to the multitude on that first Pentecost provide us with the key to the Christian life. Peter boldly proclaims “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38-39)

Furthermore, on Pentecost, in the Vesper service following Divine Liturgy, Orthodox Christians kneel for the first time after Pascha. The kneeling prayers of Pentecost are a profound expression of repentance and provide us with the proper roadmap concerning how we are to live the rest of the year.

Our merciful and loving God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - has appointed to us repentance as the path to union with Him. Let us humbly beseech Him to grant us this great gift

So, on this feast of Pentecost we are emboldened to cry out, “O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present, and fillest all things, Treasury of good gifts, and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.” Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Bishop THOMAS (Joseph)

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Oakland, Charleston, and the Mid-Atlantic

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## ***HIGHLIGHTS of UPCOMING EVENTS***

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14 TO PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUN 16** — Bp. THOMAS'  
Annual Visit

**SAT., JUNE 15** — 9 AM - Blessing of the Animals with Bishop THOMAS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, TO SUNDAY, JUNE 30** — Parish Life Conference  
at Antiochian Village

**SUNDAY, JULY 14** — Parish Picnic at Twin Lakes; Pavilion 1

**MON, JULY 22 - SUN, JUL 28** — Archdiocese Convention, Grand Rapids

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8** (*Great Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos*) —

**- St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet -**

**ONLY 15 WEEKS AWAY**

### **The Equal of Martyrdom: Fr. Nicola Yanney, Holy Man of Nebraska**

[https://www.ancientfaith.com/specials/the\\_equal\\_of\\_martyrdom\\_fr\\_nicola\\_yanney\\_holy\\_man\\_of\\_nebraska](https://www.ancientfaith.com/specials/the_equal_of_martyrdom_fr_nicola_yanney_holy_man_of_nebraska)

In this special documentary, Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick goes on pilgrimage to encounter Fr. Nicola Yanney, an early 20th century Orthodox missionary in America and the first priest ordained by St. Raphael of Brooklyn, whose missionary territory included most of the Great Plains. Join Fr. Andrew as he explores the life of this holy man through interviews, research, and prayer in Kearney, Nebraska, asking the question: Is Fr. Nicola a saint?

### ***“Food on the Hill” Lunch Ministry***

“Food on the Hill” is the name of a ministry that has prepared and served free of charge a lunch to whomever attends on the last Tuesday of each month . Our Men’s Fellowship has continued to lead this work of providing a bit of “daily bread” to those who can benefit from it.

The next **“Food on the Hill”** lunch is

**Tuesday, JUNE 25th from 12:00 to 1:00.**

Anyone who would like to support “Food on the Hill” in any capacity, should contact Gus Flizanes (724-863-4443). Please make checks out to “St. Michael’s Church” with “Food on the Hill” on the memo line. If you can possibly also help provide transportation on the day of the luncheon, please contact Gus.

Debbie will be in the office this week from 9-3 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN!**

**June 9 thru June 16**

**June 9** — *Fathers of 1st Council*

- **8:45 - ORTHROS**
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- **10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**  
- *SM Med Buffet Team Leaders'*  
( & all interested ) Meeting

**Monday, June 10**

- 9:00 AM Ladies making Pastitsio

**Tuesday, June 11**

- **9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**  
Apostles Bartholomew & Barnabus

**Wednesday, June 12**

- 12 PM - 1st Lutheran Church Lunch

**Bishop THOMAS Weekend**

**Friday, June 14**

- 6:00 PM - Fun Dinner  
with Bishop THOMAS



**Saturday, June 15**

- 9:00 AM - Blessing of the Animals  
Brunch with Bishop THOMAS
- **6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS**  
"Ask Sayidna" with Bishop THOMAS

**Sunday, June 16** — *Holy Pentecost*

- **8:45 - FESTAL ORTHROS**
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- **10:00 AM - HIERARCHICAL FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**  
with Bishop THOMAS  
- Father's Day Luncheon
- **12:00** (when fellowship is 'complete')
- **Kneeling VESPERS for the Feast**

*All our times with our bishop will be opportunities to listen, ask and learn. What do you wonder about? Come ask Bishop THOMAS about it.*

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- **12:00** (when fellowship is 'complete')
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**June 17 at ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE** -

- **6:00 PM - VESPERS**; ordination of Paul Capar to Sub-Deacon

**Tuesday, June 18**

- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

**Thurs., June 20**

- 9:00 AM - Ladies cooking

**Saturday, June 22**

- **6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS**

**BISHOP THOMAS**

will be with us through next weekend, beginning Friday night.

Please let Sara Armanious know if you will be coming to dinner on Friday at 6:00 PM. Let her know as soon as possible.

By our presence, may Sayidna THOMAS' visit be an uplifting joy for him and by his presence, may we all be edified in Christ!

**Monday, JUNE 17** —

**6:15 PM - Vespers at Antiochian Village**, at which Paul Capar will be ordained a Sub-Deacon by Bishop Thomas. Come and pray!

**Saturday morning, JULY 13** —

Noah Papas will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Bishop THOMAS at St. George Cathedral, Oakland.