

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 5. SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION. AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS. MARTYRS MENODORA, METRODORA, AND NYMPHODORA, AT NICOMEDIA.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Sep. 10: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).
Tuesday, Sep. 12: 7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Sep. 13: 7 AM Matins
6 PM Great Vespers with Litya.
Thursday, Sep. 14: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50) Feast of the Elevation of the Cross.
Saturday, Sep. 16: 5 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, Sep. 17: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (hours at 9:10).

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Mary Krenitsky, Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Lucille Lezinsky, Danny Pregmon, Sandra Pritchky, Helen Wirhanowsky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Mat. Marianne Lobalbo.

Offerings:

Announcements: (Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open this Saturday, September 16 from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **St. Georges Orthodox Church, Kris Mitchell and the Taylor Library.**

Hurricane Harvey Support: The IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) is looking for financial donations to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Your gift to our **Hurricane Harvey Response Fund** will help them to react quickly and effectively to conditions in Southern Texas and Louisiana as they unfold. Your help will provide immediate relief, as well as long-term support through the provision of emergency aid, recovery assistance, and other support to help those in need. Ninety three (93%) percent of monies given to IOCC go directly to the fund you specify. We will take up a second collection today, September 10th and next Sunday, September 17th for this charity. For those writing a check, please make it payable to "IOCC". Please continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Please see additional information on the bulletin board.

Church School: Sunday school for children will start Sunday, September 17 at 8:45 AM. Please arrive about 5 minutes early so class can start at 8:45. The class will end at 9:20. Classes will meet the first and third Sunday of each month. The last day of class will be May 20, 2018. There will be a blessing of all teachers and students after Divine Liturgy on September 17.

Small Groups forming at St. Michaels: This past June 3, Bill Marianes gave a presentation to our Diocese on "How to re-organize and re-energize your Parish, its ministries, stewardship and effectiveness, as you discover and live your personal calling as a Disciple of Christ". He emphasized if you only do one thing from the class, start small group(s) in your church. We are planning on starting two small groups with a maximum of 10 attendees in each group. One group will be for those who live close to the church and the other group will be for those who live in or near the country. We will meet at parishioner's homes and each group will meet one time in September, two times in October and two times in November for approximately one hour. Our topic of discussion will be the book "Thirty Steps to Heaven. The Ladder of Divine Ascent for Walks of Life" by Vassilios Papavassiliou. Each participant can purchase the book on the Internet or visit St. Tikhon's bookstore. We will plan on covering two chapters per class. We

should also have time for prayer requests, etc. after the discussion. Danny Jones and Mat. Paula Soucek are planning to be in the local small group and Judy Anderson and Mat. Mary Lynn Henry will be in the country small group. Fr. Peter will be a member of both groups and will lead the discussion. The date of our first meeting will be worked out this week and it will probably be during the week of September 17th. If you would like to join one of these two small groups, please contact Fr. Peter. You are welcome to bring a friend who is not a parishioner of our church.

Pierogie Project: Despite having lost some volunteers for our Pierogie project, we will have one on September 25-26. We are looking for some able bodied people to come and join us. We would also need someone to take orders besides Sandra. Please let us know if we can count on you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sandra Condon.

Fifth Annual Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference: Rusyn History and Culture from A to Z presented by the Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. This will be on Saturday, September 30 from 9 AM to 4 PM at Kings College Campus Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Please see the handout on the bulletin board for more details.

Church Mutual Insurance: St. Michael's Orthodox Church has our insurance with Church Mutual Insurance. They are sponsoring a special live event on "Preparing for an Armed Intruder" on September 28, 2017 in the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania. The conference will be from 9 AM to 3 PM and they are providing a free breakfast and lunch. The flyer is on the bulletin board. Please see Fr. Peter if you are interested in attending.

Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania is sponsoring Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon to speak on the following subject: "Atonement, an Orthodox Theology of Redemption. How does God save us?" He will be speaking on three days in October at three different churches within our Diocese. He will be speaking Wednesday, October 25th at 7 PM at the Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral in Wilkes Barre. See the flyer on the bulletin board for additional information.

Holy Cross Orthodox Church 40th Anniversary Celebration: Will be held on Sunday, November 12th, 2017 at their church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Our Church is taking a full page add in their commemorative book. Please see the bulletin board for additional information.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Galatians 6:11-16 (Epistle, Sunday Before)

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

John 3:13-17 (Gospel, Sunday Before)

13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.