



# From The Ambvon

## ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters: Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadézhdá), and Love (Liubóv', Charity), at Rome (ca. 137).

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries for September

**Birthdays:** Michael Keklak (9/4); Juda Hart (9/8); Nadia Hart (9/10); Emily Hart (9/21); Gregory Krevko (9/14); Michael Jadick (9/27)

**Nameday:** Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (9/17); Nadia/Hope Hart (9/17)

**Anniversary:**

**Baptism:**

**Travelers:**

**Prospora Schedule:** Thank you Shepherds for today's prospora. **We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out.**

24th:

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**Counting:** Thank you Tammy Wytovich & Emily Hart for assisting in counting today's offerings.

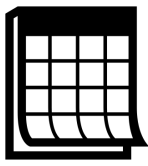
24th: Emily Krenitsky

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**Visitors:** *PLEASE JOIN US FOR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

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DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



## Service Schedule

SAT, Sep 23rd: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following  
 SUN, Sep 24th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —  
 Tone 7. Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut  
 (1815).

SAT, Sep 30th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following  
 SUN, Oct 1st: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The  
 Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary



## Announcements

### Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

**Silent Prayers and Confession:** Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

**Monthly Panikhida:** September 30th 4pm. Please submit names of family members you would like to be remembered.

**Inquirers/Catechumen/Continuing ED Class:** Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

**Bible Study:** Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. We will start with Romans chapter 1.

**Church Work Day:** Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

**Heavenly Host Program:** Natasha Coyoy is our coordinator. Need to schedule a date for a briefing.

**Parish Council Meeting: 01OCT All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month)** Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have. The Annual Parish census is coming up and is due to the chancery in October.

**Registration** - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

**Women's Fall Brunch** - Emilia Hart will host a fall brunch at her house Oct 28th at 10am. Please get with her for her address and details.

**Pasta Dinner** - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tamara Wytovich to help Volunteer. Tickets are ready to be purchased. Please see Tamara or Sandy for tickets or to help sell tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 4th. Those volunteering to make baskets, please have them made and to the church by Oct 29th.

**Protection of the Theotokos** - This year, this feast of the Mother of God falls on a Sunday (it is October 1st every year). The feast commemorates the protection she provided "under her veil" - her head-covering! We will follow the example of Bishop ALEXEI (bishop of our diocese in Alaska) and do a blessing of head-coverings at the end of liturgy on this day. If you are a woman who wears a head-covering, please bring all you have to be blessed. For more information on head-coverings please see this article that His Grace wrote. <https://odoso.org/news/article-on-headcoverings>

## ***Parish Prayer List***

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** *Matushka Dolores* Donlick (7/28);

**DEPARTED:** *William Macheska* (9/2); *Nancy Journak* (9/7); *Natasha Stavisky* (9/16);  
*Mary Shrive* 9/30;

**Please remember in your prayers LIVING**

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests John Nightingale & Theodore Orzolek*

**Servants of God** *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha, & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Maura Elko, Lydia Popov*

**All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends:** *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

**Catechumen - Jason Vo**

### **How Much is my tithe**

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
<b>\$200</b>	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
<b>\$500</b>	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
<b>\$750</b>	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
<b>\$1000</b>	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
<b>\$1500</b>	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

**WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE:** We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, **and** all the blessings we receive through her.

**September Income:** 2,328

**Expenditures:** \$15,926.07

**Bank Balance:** \$90,610.88

**Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open:** \$3,225.62

**Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open:** \$12,902.49



# Words of Wisdom

## Today Readings

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15**

**Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46**

### *From the Saints & Teachers*

**2 Corinthians 4:13 (ACCS 1-2 Co): 4:13 The Spirit of Faith Heavenly Wisdom.**

**Chrysostom:** Paul reminds us of a psalm which abounds in heavenly wisdom and is especially fitted to encourage us in dangers. The psalmist uttered these words when he was in great danger, from which there was no possibility of escape except in the power of God. In similar circumstances, Paul says that we who have the same Spirit will be comforted likewise. Thus he shows that there is a great harmony between the Old and the New Testaments; it is the same Spirit at work in both. The men of old were in danger, just as we are. Like them, we must find a solution through faith and hope. **Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 9.2.**

**Matthew 22:37 (ACCS Mt 14-28): With All Your Heart. Cyril of Alexandria:**

Therefore the first commandment teaches every kind of godliness. For to love God with the whole heart is the cause of every good. The second commandment includes the righteous acts we do toward other people. The first commandment prepares the way for the second and in turn is established by the second. For the person who is grounded in the love of God clearly also loves his neighbor in all things himself. The kind of person who fulfills these two commandments experiences all the commandments. **Fragment 251.**