



FROM THE AMBIVON

ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (4th c.). Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna (ca. 75). Icon of the Mother of God, "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888).

We Welcome His Eminence, Archbishop Mark!

Birthdays & Anniversaries for July

Birthdays: Charissa Vorozichak (7/9); Euphemia Keklak (7/14); Silas Hart (7/17); Vitaliy Rakovsky (7/20); Arlette Zupko (7/25); Maria Rakovsky (7/26); Julia Sarti (7/27);

Nameday: Euphemia Keklak (7/11); Julia Sarti (7/16); Elizabeth Amaya Jackson (7/18); Patricia/Parasceva Jones (7/26); Silas Hart (7/29);

Anniversary: Vitaliy & Maria Rakovsky (7/4); Fr Michael - Rdr/Subdcn (7/22);

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule: We need families to start baking prospora at home

Counting: Please Sign up to Count for the month of August

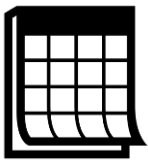
Visitors: PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS For an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape me to replenish our supplies.

"Seek to see your own sin and mourn over it: that is your business. And God will do what He will, because He is faithful, and gave His promise, and will fulfill it. The Grace is His!"

-St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov), Bishop of the Caucasus and the Black Sea. Harbor for Our Hope: On Acquiring Peace Amidst Suffering p.60

Last Sunday of every month will have a cake to celebrate Birthdays, Namedays, Anniversaries for that month.

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

WEEK 24-30 July

SAT, July 29th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers /Confession

SUN, July 30th: Hours @ 9:20 Hours, 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7

UP COMING

SAT, August 5th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers w/Litya. Confession following

SUN, August 6th: Hours @ 9:20 Hours, 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

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

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Summer's coming and the grass is growing faster! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Proshora Baking - 11:00 am 02 August

Catechumen Class: Summer Break Start Back up in September

Heavenly Host Program: We need a coordinator.

Parish Council Meeting: 30 July after Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

DVP - OCA Diaconal Vocations Program. If you are interested, please see me.

Vacation - Fr Michael and his family will be on vacation 08Aug-22Aug. Fr Gregory White, Holy Resurrection Cathedral, will be the on call priest. He can be reached at 570-822-7725 or gregory.white@stots.edu. Fr David Hester will celebrate Liturgy on 13th & 20th of August with no Vespers.

Church events: If you have ideas for hosting church events please contact Fr so we can schedule an event e.g. youth game day, Liturgy on the Street, or feeding the homeless

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100

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.

July Deposits

10th: \$3,376.00 **17th:** 3,283.00

Expenditures: \$8,727.74

Bank Balance: \$40,620.43

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

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

\$1500

\$30

\$60

\$75

\$150

Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted Archpriests John Nightingale & Fr Theodore Orzolek

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: Mike Jadick, Bernie Elko, Margaret Pregmon, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Eli Stavisky, Evelyn Bunevitch, Nadia Macheska, John Pritchky, Paulette Ezbiensky, Daniel Jones, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Matushka Paula Soucek; Al Horek; Abigail;

Servants of God Barbara Sevensky, Christine Sevensky, Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmann, Walter Pritchky, Michael & Euphemia (Mia) 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;

NEWLY DEPARTED:

DEPARTED: Tom Krenitsky (7/6); Michael Palonchiak (7/6); Michael Peregrim Sr. (7/08); John Sokol (7/7); William Keslosky (7/15); Justine (Tinchey) Ludwig (7/19); Steve Serniak (7/20); Genevieve Barile (7/31);

Our prayer list will start rotating names off on a monthly basis. Please speak with Fr to add names to the list for special/specific needs.

"God's grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a struggler is always in the position of a victor. Sometimes in the arena the wild animals did not touch the righteous ones, but by no means were they all preserved untouched.

What is important is not victory or the position of a victor, but rather the labor of striving towards God and devotion to Him.

Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but told us, "In the world you will have tribulation — but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

The power of God is effective when a person asks for the help from God, acknowledging his own weakness and sinfulness. This is why humility and the striving towards God are the fundamental virtues of a Christian." - Saint John Maximovitch



Words of Wisdom

Today Readings

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

From the Saints & Teachers

Romans 15:8 Confirming the Promises to the Patriarchs

To Confirm the Promises to the Patriarchs. St John Chrysostom: “When Paul says that “Christ became a servant to the circumcised” he means that by coming to fulfill the law, by being circumcised and born of the seed of Abraham, Christ undid the curse, held back God’s wrath and made those who were meant to obtain the promises fit to receive them. ... It was because you had transgressed the law that Christ came to fulfill it, not so that you might then keep it but so that he might confirm to you the promises which were made to the fathers, which the law had caused to be suspended because you offended and were unworthy of the promise.” **Homilies on Romans 28.**

Bray, G. (Ed.). (1998). Romans (Revised) (p. 343). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Matthew 9:31 They Spread His Fame

They Revealed What Jesus Had Done. St John Chrysostom: “The blind men did not follow his instruction but immediately became preachers and evangelists. Though asked to hide what had been done, they revealed it. Remember that elsewhere he had said to a different hearer, “Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you.” This does not run contrary to what he says here but complementary to it. For it teaches us that we should say nothing about ourselves. In fact, it even teaches that we should prevent those who want to praise us from doing so. But it also teaches that if the glory would be offered up to God, not only should we not prevent this but we should even command that it be done.” **The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 32.1.**

Simonetti, M. (Ed.). (2001). Matthew 1–13 (pp. 187–188). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

