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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch (362).

Righteous Child Artemius of Verkola. Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia (1579). Ven.

Matrona of Chios (14th c.).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for October

Birthdays: Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (10/1); Mary Krevko (10/5); Thomas Zupko (10/10); Stella Krenitsky (10/14); Dan Pregmon (10/15); Rdr Blaise Shepherd (10/17); Rosa Coyoy (10/22)

Nameday:

Baptism:

Anniversary:

Travelers: Paul Dunay

Prospophora Schedule: PLEASE HELP! We need families to start baking prospophora at home. Please sign up. *The Church has a prospophora kit if you would like to borrow it!* Thank you all for your offering “for the people by the people”.

Oct 27

Nov 3

Counting: HELP! Please sign up to help us count weekly donations! We need help counting today.

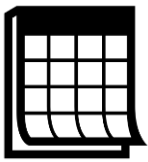
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Visitors: PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated! Please donate what you would spend for lunch at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.

PLEASE SING ALONG! Singing the hymns and responses to the litanies throughout the services is encouraged!

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 prayer, fasting, and a recent (monthly) confession. If you have questions please ask Fr Michael! Visitors, if you did not introduce yourself to Fr Michael at Vespers, please refrain from Holy Communion.*



Service Schedule

SAT, Oct 26th @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers
SUN, Oct 27th: Hours @ 9:10 AM Hours, 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-Tone 8.
Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (ca. 306)

SAT, Nov 2nd @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers
SUN, Nov 3rd: Hours @ 9:10 AM Hours, 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Martyrs
Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aeithalas the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.).

Parish Prayer List

NEWLY DEPARTED: *Mike Jadick (9/26); Nathan Cheffers (10/14); Fr Peter Telencio (10/15); Eileen Dance (10/16) Mary Brzuchalski (10/17);*

DEPARTED: *Lydia Popov (10/01); Rose Krenitsky (10/19); Nicholas Lugin*

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests Michael Evans, John Nightingale, & Theodore Orzolek*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Michael Sokol; Michael Krenitsky; Bernie Elko; Nadia Macheska; The child of God Abigail.*

Servants of God *Mark Bezhuly, David Barsigian, Patricia Jones, Anne Buday, Emily Krenitsky, Gregory Krenitsky, Barbara Sevensky, Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Nicole Earl, Anna Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak, Justin & Elisabeth Kane, Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky, Ekaterina & Anna, Joe & Kelly Cigna, George, Natasha, Rosa, & Lucia Coyoy, Mat. Emilia, Reader Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd, Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart, Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Paulette Ezbianzky, Jason Vo & Maura Elko, Mary Krevko*

Seekers - *Robert, Christopher, Neva, Eugene, & Mike*

Catechumens - *Paul Dunay, Robert McCandless*

Treasury

"... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. n+ Jesus Christ



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.

October Income: \$6,194.00
October Expense: \$7,147.38
Average Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,740.85
Average Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$14,963.58

\$1500

\$30

\$60

\$75

\$150



Words of Wisdom From the Saints & Teachers

Today's Readings

Epistles: (182-ctr) 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Gospels: (83) Luke 16:19-31

EPISTLE

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone, a Psalm of David: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

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Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

[(182-ctr) 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1] Brethren: We are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. * Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, * and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." * Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Priest: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

ALLELUIA

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Alleluia in the 8th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPELS

[(83) Luke 16:19-31] The Lord said this parable: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. * And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, * who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. * The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; * and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. * And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' * But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime didst receive thy good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and thou art in anguish. * And besides all this, between us and thee a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to thee may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' * And he said, 'Then I beg thee, father, to send him to my father's house, * for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' * But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets;

let them hear them.' * And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' * He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"



Announcements - Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

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

Monthly Panikhida: Oct 26th, 4PM prior to Vespers

Church Work Day: Every Day is Church Maintenance day! I will begin a list of items that we will need to work on. If you are free and would like to work at the church let me know. Just check the list and when you finish the task, initial off that it has been done.

Parish Council Meeting: Nov 2nd, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM - All are invited. Dec 7th is the last meeting of the year.

Choir practice: Saturday's @ 4pm prior to vespers.

St. Michael's Greeters Ministry please sign up!

2nd Annual Veteran's Day Pasta Dinner NOV 9th! Update on Veterans dinners. 155 Tickets sold; 22 Baskets donated; 60 Gift Cards donated. We are almost 100%. Posters have been put up at local businesses. Focus now is selling tickets. Please check with Tammy or Sandy to volunteer or donate items.

ChurchTrac Registration Please register and/or sign in to ChurchTrac and update your information. I am in the process of putting a church directory and this program will allow us to do so very easily. Please add your photo so when we use this directory for proskomede there will be a picture alongside your name.

<https://stmichaeloldforgepa.churchtrac.com/sign-in>

Women's Brunch - Emily Hart has invited the women of the parish to her house for a get together. It will be on 26Oct at 10am. 307 1st Street, Dalton, PA 18414.

It is with great sadness but hope in the resurrection that we share with you that Eileen Dance reposed in the Lord this past Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Eileen and her husband Robert (who reposed last year) were beloved members of the St Michael's family for many years. Services will be offered tomorrow, Monday, October 21, at St Michael's: Viewing from 10:00–11:00 a.m., in the Church ... Office of Burial at 11:00 a.m. We offer our condolences to Eileen's daughters Tammy Pascoe and Diane Tierney, and all of Eileen's family.

We also learned that Fr. Peter Telencio reposed in the Lord this past Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in Columbia, SC. Father Peter is known to many of us here at St Michael's. Funeral services will take place sometime in the next week at St Tikhon's Monastery. Details will be shared as they become available. Please keep Father Peter, his wife of 51 years Matushka Martha Swirdovich, and his entire family in your prayers.

Mary Brzuchalski of All Saints Olyphant reposed in the Lord this past Thursday, October 17, following a long battle with cancer. Mary is the wife of Reader David Brzuchalski, the long-time choir director of All Saints. Both she and David have worked tirelessly in the All Saints parish and the larger Orthodox community of our area. Services will be offered Thursday and Friday, October 24-25, at All Saints: Panikhida 7pm Thursday ... Office of Burial 10am Friday May their memory be eternal!

On November 9th, Sbdn Greg Polk will be Ordained to the Holy Diaconate at Holy Trinity by His Eminence Archbishop Mark.

Orthodox Quiz

- 1 The Orthodox Church came into existence on what great event in Christian history?
- 2 What do the Greek words "IC XC NIKA" mean?
- 3 Which Ecumenical Council dealt with the use of icons in the Church?
- 4 In the Divine Liturgy, what is the name of the procession of the Holy Gifts taken around the nave?
- 5 What great Saint was given the nickname "Golden Mouth" for his grand and gifted sermons?
- 6 Which Saint wrote on the defense of the Person of the Holy Spirit?
- 7 On which Holy day of Holy Week are the 12 Gospel readings done?
- 8 Before Paul became a Christian, which Saint's stoning did he witness and support the ones doing the stoning?
- 9 At what Church can you find the spot where Christ was born?
- 10 When is the sweet bread, Vasilopita, eaten?
- 11 In many Orthodox traditions, baskets of bread, eggs, wine, and some other foods are offered by parishioners at what great feast and event of the Orthodox calendar year?
- 12 What is the name of the famous holy site that is inhabited by monks in the area of Greece?
- 13 Who is the great Saint from Serbia who is often referred to as the second Chrysostom?
- 14 In what event in the life of Christ reveals the three Persons of the Trinity?
- 15 At what room in the Church does he/she get greeted and where he/she lights candles?
- 16 What are Four things the Church tells us to do during Great Lent?
- 17 At baptism, what is the last sacrament he/she receives toward the very end of the service?
- 18 In the Sacrament of Marriage, the crowns or Stephanos placed on the heads of the couple represent what?
- 19 What is the name of one of the largest Orthodox Churches in the world that is now under Turkish rule that was made into a Mosque and then a museum?
- 20 Which Orthodox Saint is depicted most often feeding a bear in icons?
- 21 How many major fasts are there in the Orthodox Church?
- 22 Which of these animals is permitted in the nave of the Church?
- 23 What priest administered communion to St. Mary of Egypt in the desert?

24 What do the 3/4/12 bells on the priest's censor represent?

25 At the tomb of Christ, who was the first Apostle to reach it and look in, but not step in the tomb of Christ?

16:19–31 THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

OVERVIEW: The rich man refuses to give alms to a poor man full of sores who was lying at his gate (JEROME). In contrast to the rich man, Lazarus the poor man is pathetic and pitiable (CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA). Yet Jesus names this poor man, suggesting his importance in God's sight and that his name is written in heaven, while the rich man's name is not recorded in Scripture or in heaven (AUGUSTINE). The name Lazarus means "one who has been helped" (JEROME). The image is striking. Jesus uses figurative language here to describe the great chasm that exists between the torment of hell with its fire and the consolation of heaven in the bosom of Abraham (GREGORY OF NYSSA). Lazarus, a poor man of faith, is received by Abraham, a rich man of faith (AUGUSTINE). The rich man feasted on earth, but Lazarus now feasts in heaven as his soul finds rest in the bosom of Abraham (PRUDENTIUS).

The rich man is burning in the fires of hell while he can see on the other side of the chasm the fountains of paradise (EPHREM THE SYRIAN). The souls of the wicked clearly experience the pain of the fires of hell (GREGORY THE GREAT). Abraham, who had mercy on Sodom, is not able to show mercy to this rich man in hades (EPHREM THE SYRIAN). He now desires a drop of water when during his life he would not give Lazarus a drop or a crumb. The reason the rich man does not receive mercy now—the good thing—is because he did not show mercy in his life (AUGUSTINE).

This account illuminates the story of the unrighteous steward, for saints make friends for themselves by feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. The Pharisees need to become like the unrighteous steward by seeing that their Lord is Jesus and, relying on his mercy, to give alms to people like Lazarus (AUGUSTINE). Could the five brothers be the rich man's senses who enslaved him in riches on earth and sent him to the torment of hades? (JEROME). During his life, the rich man ignored Moses and the prophets and may have even ridiculed them (AUGUSTINE). If they refuse to hear Moses and the prophets, they are refusing to hear Christ, who speaks through them (JEROME).

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