

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 6, 2020 | 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael.

Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius (311-312).

Hieromartyr Priest Maksym (Sandowicz) of Carpatho-Rus (1914).

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Weekly Schedule

Monday: September 7 - Vespers Divine Liturgy at **6:30pm** for the Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos And Ever Virgin Mary.

Tuesday: September 8 – Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement.
Social Distancing guidelines will be followed!

Friday: September 11 – **9-11 – NEVER FORGET!!!**

Saturday: September 12 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: September 13 – Founding of Church of the Resurrection
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Monday: September 14 - Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the Universal Exaltation of the Precious & Life-Giving Cross **STRICT FAST DAY!**

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Archangel Michael)

O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech thee: / by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee: // “Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the commander of the Powers on high!”

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Archangel Michael)

O Michael, commander of God’s armies / and minister of the divine glory, / prince of the bodiless Angels / and guide of mankind; / ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, // as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 4)

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

Clean Up of Church School Room

The church schoolroom has been cleaned up and organized for the upcoming potential church school calendar year. There are items/articles that are no longer needed to remain in the schoolroom. These items have been placed in the church basement on the table where the food donations are collected and stored.

If you wish, please claim and take any of these items by **September 20!** After that date, they will be either donated to Goodwill or collected during a Bulk Trash pick up day. Thank You!

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

Heating, Ventilation and Cooling Units Project!

The parish is beginning a campaign to raise \$40,000 to replace the old HVAC units. We will be offering the following as a fundraiser:

- 1) the commissioning of crocheted afghans and crocheted baby items;
- 2) accepting monetary donations;
- 3) the offering and scheduling of silent auctions; and
- 4) the offering of icons and rare hard to find icons for sale.

Proceeds will go to the HVAC project. All items will be preorders. If you are interested in purchasing commissioned afghans, baby items, or rare icons, please contact Matushka Janine for a full catalogue of items.

Fundraising Received to Date = \$120 Thank you for your support!

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

RECYCLING AND TRASH AT THE PARISH

The following items are to be placed in the blue recycling can (lined with a clear plastic trash bag):

- * Plastic Bottles and Plastic Jugs (please remove caps and place in trash);
- * Paper, Cardboard and Cartons (please flatten cardboard and cartons);
- * Glass Bottles and Glass Jars (please remove tops and place in trash); and
- * All Metal Cans

Reminder, Styrofoam cups, cardboard coffee cups, empty sugar packets, straws, empty food wrappers, and plastic bags are to be placed in the black trash can (lined with a black plastic trash bag).

Also, please empty out any liquid in an open container or cup **BEFORE** tossing it out in either the trash can or recycling can. Having liquid leak from the bag as one is cleaning up the church basement and taking out the trash is not a fun experience, especially when one brings the recycling home with them in their vehicle. THANK YOU very much for your attention regarding this matter!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Jane Holefelder offered by Nina Patterson
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Jane Brasko Kelly (on her birthday) offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Christine Mackiewicz offered by David Pellack
Christine Paptic offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/30/20:

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Barbara Andrews
offered by Emily Gerasimoff

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Please remember in your prayers:

The newly baptized Owen Brown (August 29) and his parents Micah & Danielle and siblings Lydia, Everet & Thaddeus. May God Grant Owen and the Brown Family Many Blessed Years!

Infant child Theodore Charles Parsells (born August 23) and his parents Peter & Heather and big brother Luke. May God Grant Theodore and the Parsells Family Many Blessed Years!

Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (August)

Week of Sun Aug 23 to Sat Aug 29

August Month-to-Date

Attendance:	30	35 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,041.00	\$ 8,544.91
Funds Out:	\$ 337.85	\$11,730.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,703.15	(\$ 3,185.38)

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
5th Sunday of each quarter – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	Today (Sep 6)	Next Week (Sep 13)
3rd Hour :	David Albrecht	Matthew Andrews
6th Hour:	Simon Herbert	Michael Wanenchak
Epistle:	David Albrecht	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich, David Pellack, and John Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Sep 6): Saint Juvenaly
(Jennifer Cantrell & Family, Ronald & Cherly Homa).

Next Week (Sep 13): Saint Innocent
(Dave Albrecht, Melanie Albrecht).

(NOTE: The parish has now resumed the Fellowship Coffee Hour in its normal fashion and is continuing with the Team cycle).

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in September.

Monday, September 7 – Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
– Time: 6:30PM.

Tuesday, September 8 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement
AND is planned to be shown via ZOOM!

Monday, September 14 – Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM for the Elevation of the Precious Cross.

Sunday, September 27 – Special Parish Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy!
Only ONE topic will to be discussed: Repairs to the concrete sidewalk on the street side of the parish.



Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae [September 6th]

In Phrygia, not far from the city of Hieropolis, in a place called Cheretopos, there was a church named for the Archangel Michael, built over a miraculous spring.

This church was built by a certain inhabitant of the city of Laodicia in gratitude to God for healing his mute daughter. The holy Chief Commander Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl actually did receive healing and began to speak.

After this miracle, the father and his daughter and all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built the church in honor of the holy Chief Commander Michael. Not only did Christians begin to come to the spring for healing, but also pagans. In so doing, many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to the faith in Christ.

At this church of the holy Chief Commander Michael, a certain pious man by the name of Archippus served for sixty years as church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his saintly life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. With the general malice of that time towards Christians, and especially against Archippus, the pagans thought to destroy the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time kill Archippus.

Toward this end they made a confluence of the Lykokaperos and Kufos Rivers and directed its combined flow against the church. Saint Archippus prayed fervently to the Chief Commander Michael to ward off the danger. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared at the temple, and with a blow of his staff, opened a wide fissure in a rock and commanded the rushing torrents of water to flow into it. The temple remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in church glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael for the help. The place where the rivers plunged into the fissure received the name “Chonae”, which means “plunging.”

The Chudov (“of the Miracle”) monastery in Moscow is named for this Feast.

