WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL!

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"Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver." - II Cor. 9:7

October 21, 2018

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 21 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Tone 4 / Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20 & Heb.13:7-16; **Gospel:** Lk. 7:11-16 & Jn. 17:1-13
9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Oct. 27 – Great Vespers
6:00PM Great Vespers, followed by class with Fr. Borislav

Sunday, Oct. 28 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 5 / Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18; **Gospel:** Lk. 8:5-15
9:00AM Divine Liturgy, followed by "15 mins with Father", Memorial Litia for the victims of the Holodomor **@ 11:30AM** and a talk and viewing of a Holodomor documentary **@ Noon**.

Saturday, Nov. 3 – Akathist & Veneration of the Icon of the Mother of God, Kardiotisa (The Tender Heart)
10:00AM Akathist to the Mother of God, Kardiotisa (The Tender Heart) **[The Church will be open from 10AM – 2PM to accommodate all who wish to venerate this miracle-working icon.]**

Saturday, Nov. 3 – Great Vespers
6:00PM Great Vespers - **CANCELLED**

Sunday, Nov. 4 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 6 / Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10; **Gospel:** Lk. 16:19-31
9:00AM Parish Feast Day Divine Liturgy, followed by parish banquet at Willowbrook Restaurant in Mendon, MA

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

--A hearty welcome to our guests and visitors. Please sign our Guest Book, and include either your address or email address, so we can keep you informed of parish events and be sure to join us in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy for coffee and fellowship.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our dear friend and parishioner Rita Cherkes, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday night. Funeral was on Saurday at St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church followed by burial at the parish cemetery. Please pray for the blessed repose of Rita and for peace and strength for her husband Joseph and their family and friends during their time of grief. **May her memory be eternal!**

--We extend Birthday greetings: to **Eleanor Gemski (Oct. 18), Melissa Baker (Oct. 20),** may God grant you all **Many, Happy Years. Многая літа.**

--From Father Borislav*:* When you fill out the names to be remembered at the Proskomedia, please print the names, clearly, instead of writing them. Also, when approaching the chalice for Holy Communion please say your name to Father. ***Thank you!***

--HELP IS NEEDED! For the next few Sundays [until done], for just 15mins after the Divine Liturgy, we need volunteers to help box all flea market items, in the church basement, so we can take them to SAVERS for redemption. ***Thank you!***

--From Eleanor Kogut: We are collecting money for the Holodomor Monument Project . Our parish and St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic parish are working together to erect a monument dedicated to the memory of the millions of people who perished during this famine. As always, thank you for your support.

--Our Annual Cookie Walk is: Dec. 22nd: Time for all (men & women) to begin baking their specialties for this event.

--<u>Next SCRIP date is</u>: TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 21st. Any questions, please see or email **Val Sternadore (valiaws@yahoo.com).**

--<u>UOL Fleece Blanket Making Sessions</u>: These blankets are being made for Adoption RI (foster kids).

All session are from 6:30PM – 8:30PM:
(Please bring your own sewing scissors!!!)

<u>Mondays</u>:	**<u>Tuedays:</u>**
Oct. 29	Oct. 30
Nov. 12	Nov. 6
Nov. 26	Nov. 13
Dec. 10	Nov. 27
	Dec. 4
	Dec. 11

We'd like to get these blankets, to the kids, for Christmas – ALL are welcome to come & help!

--<u>We now have a "Kitchen Giving Tree</u>: Donation boxes are in both the vestibule and the church hall. ***<u>The item of the month for October: Bounty White paper towels.</u>***

-- <u>Remembering the Holodomor 85th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933:</u> Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 11:30am / St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church / Memorial Litiya / Mayoral Proclamation / Presentation/Film / Light refreshments will be served. This event will be open to the public

We are asking our parishioners to please stay at church a little longer on October 28th as our parish will be hosting a Commemoration event for the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor after coffee hour. A Memorial Litiya will be served in the Church for the victims of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933. We will then process to the Church Hall and there will be a brief introduction to the topic of the Holodomor by Fr. Boris and a film will be shown.

We have asked Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt to sign a proclamation recognizing October 28, 2018 as Ukrainian Genocide

Remembrance Day in the City of Woonsocket and will read it, if available.

Parishioners are encourage to wear Ukrainian embroidery on this day as a symbol of remembrance for those who perished from the man-made famine in our parish's ancestral homeland.

--<u>If you have any ideas</u> for fund raisers for the church, please let a council member know! And please consider our scrip program for gift cards (with the holidays fast approaching) and it's an excellent way for the church to benefit from your gift card purchases!! Remember, they can be used for everyday purchases. **Any questions, please see or email Val Sternadore (<u>valiaws@yahoo.com</u>).**

KITCHEN WORK SESSIONS

<u>Tuesday, Nov. 27:</u> 7:30am make fried perohe, 2 batches

<u>Thursday, Nov. 29</u>: 7:30am steam cabbage & assembly the holubtsi rolls

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

*** * <u>Every 1st. Sunday of the month is Ukrainian Sunday</u>, when a majority of the Divine Liturgy is sung in Ukrainian, also, we celebrate the Rite of Confession, before the Divine Liturgy at 8:30AM.**

*** * <u>Every 2nd. Sunday of the month is our "Open House",</u> invite your friends to come investigate our Faith Community.**

*** * <u>Every last Saturday of the month is Father Borislav's class on different theological topics</u>, right after Vespers, in the nave of the church.**

*** * <u>Every last Sunday of the month is Father Borislav's "15 mins with Father"</u>, a talk aimed at our youth of St. Michael's, in the church nave, after the Divine Liturgy. *<u>"CHILDREN" OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.</u>***

<u>Sunday, Oct. 28th</u> – Memorial Litia @ 11:30AM, followed by a talk and viewing of a Holodomor documentary @ Noon.

<u>Saturday, Nov. 3rd</u> – Visitation of Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God Kardiotisa (The Tender Heart) @ 10:00AM

<u>Sunday, Nov 4th</u> – Parish Feast Day Divine Liturgy, followed by banquet at Willowbrook Resturant, Mendon, MA

<u>Tuesday, Nov 20th</u> – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

<u>Sunday, Dec. 9th</u> – Semi-Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy

<u>Wednesday, Dec. 15th</u> – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

<u>Saturday, Dec. 22nd</u> – Annual Cookie Walk – More info TBA

<u>Sunday, Dec. 23rd</u> – Annual St. Nicholas Day Visitation and Celebration after Divine Liturgy

The Miracles and Wonders of God - The Crying Icon of Taylor, PA

A man had a massive heart attack while in the church. Two nurses who were present rushed over to him and began to do CPR, while others called 911. As the nurses tried to revive him, he showed no pulse, stopped breathing and actually died. While waiting the few minutes for the ambulance to arrive, Fr. Mark Leisure, the priest of St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA took the *Kardiotisa*, "The Tender Heart" myrrh-flowing, miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary and held it over the man so that the fragrant myrrh would drip from the icon onto the chest of the man. Immediately, the dead man took a deep breath, opened his eyes, and began singing "Mary, Mother of God Save Me." By the time the paramedics arrived, he was sitting up and didn't think he needed to go to the hospital, even though they insisted that he get checked.

The doctor at the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center tells the woman she has Stage 4 cancer, and there is no treatment that will help her condition. They tell her that they can control her pain, but she has

little time to live. With little hope, she leaves the hospital. Yet a friend anoints her with the fragrant myrrh flowing from the *Kardiotisa* icon. She is miraculously healed. The next time she goes to the doctors and gets checked, they are puzzled and amazed that there is no trace of her cancer.

Over the years, these miracles have happened again and again – with people finding healing from prostrate cancer, liver cancer, throat cancer, lung cancer, brain lymphoma, and almost every other form of cancer. There is even one oncologist who now, along with his medical treatment, directs his patients to visit the St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA and be anointed by this miraculous myrrh.

A woman couldn't see through her pregnancies. Four times she became pregnant, only to have her baby miscarried at a particular point in the pregnancy. There was a problem where the stem that connected the spinal cord and the brain, and this caused the miscarriage. During her fifth pregnancy, before she went to the doctor for an ultrasound, she was anointed with holy myrrh from the icon. In the ultrasound picture, which we all saw, there was an obvious light that had connected the brain with the spinal cord. The doctor and nurses said they had never seen anything like this before. The woman gave birth to a healthy child.

A young 14 year old girl had tried to commit suicide several times, and fallen into utter despair because of the bullying, ridicule and pain she experienced at school. While at Camp Nazareth, a Church Camp outside of Pittsburgh, she encountered the grace of God through this miraculous icon, and found inner healing and hope. Months later she wrote the most beautiful four page letter to Fr. Mark, which he read to us, describing how her life has turned around by her experience with the *Kardiotisa* icon.

Every Wednesday night for the past three years, Fr. Mark and his community have a special prayer service to the Virgin Mary in front of this icon. Every Monday night, Fr. Mark has a Questions and Answer session in his church. Hundreds and hundreds come every Wednesday. Several dozen come on Mondays, asking questions. One stranger began to attend on Mondays, and at one point stood up and said, "These icons in the Church are against Allah. They are idolatry." He argued that Allah was not pleased with these icons. After attending for a few weeks, this man from

Iran finally approached the icon. Fr. Mark admitted that everyone was tense because he wasn't sure what the man was going to do. Over the past three years, Fr. Mark has seen someone pull out a knife and try to stab the icon; others have tried to smash it; some have spit on it; and one person even vomited over the protective case. The man from Iran approached and stood motionless in front of the icon covered with fragrant myrrh. Fr. Mark said the man was like in a trance, and it seemed like a battle was going on in his mind. Slowly a tear formed in his eyes, and he began to cry. He kissed the icon. As he walked out of the church, he stopped by the candle stand and wrote something in the sand in Arabic. Since no one could read Arabic, the priest took a picture of what he wrote and got someone to translate it. The man wrote, "Jesus Christ is Lord." Several months later this man was baptized and is now a pious Orthodox Christian.

These are only a few of the wonders and miracles to come from the intercession of The Tender Heart Icon of the Virgin Mary. Fr. Mark says that the icon has been exuding this holy, fragrant myrrh, not just a drop or two.

Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, the head of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Archdiocese under whom St. George Church lies, worked for more than 20 years in the field of Cardiovascular Research at Carolinas Medical Center in Charoltte, NC. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 articles, abstracts and book chapters. When he first saw the icon, Fr. Mark shared how the bishop sat in front of the icon for an hour just looking at it. After an hour, he began crying and reflected, "My scientific mind cannot grasp how this is happening. How an icon painted on wood can exude myrrh. Yet my mind of faith gives glory to God for this miracle."

Our God is a God of wonders and miracles. He is not bound by the very laws of nature which He Himself has established. Sometimes in our contemporary, secular and materialistic world we try to insist that science and reason are the only source of truth. The Church honors and appreciates science and reason, yet we know that the Creator of all stands above all. We can never try to limit or keep God confined within our own boundaries. The miracle of the *Kardiotisa* icon is just one small example of the unfathomable mysteries of life and of the Creator of Life, God

Himself! Sometimes we can only observe in awe and wonder, and give glory to God for the way He reveals His majesty!

On Nov 3rd , St Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church ,74 Harris Ave, Woonsocket RI will host the Wonder-working Icon of the Mother of God, otherwise known as - “The Crying Icon of Taylor, PA”.

The Holy Icon has traveled all over the USA bringing thousands of faithful and uniting them in prayer to the Holy Virgin and on Saturday November 3rd The Crying Icon of Taylor, PA will be at St Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church. At 10 AM we will have an Akathist to the Mother of God. After the service the faithful will be anointed with the myrrh which miraculously flows from the Holy Icon. This will be followed by a talk by Father Mark Leisure who is the pastor at St George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA which is the home parish of the wonder working Icon.

We at St Michael are overjoyed to be hosting the icon and invite all to join us in this glorious celebration in Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. Our parish is a miracle of God itself as it was almost completely destroyed by a terrible fire in 2012 only to rise again like a Phoenix from its Ashes. It stands once again adorned with life-saving Icons of the Lord, Mother of God and the Holy Saints. We hope and pray that parishioners and guests come together around The Crying Icon of Taylor, PA and be strengthened in our faith, hope and love and bestowed with Blessings from God for Many Years!

Save the Date!

St. Michael's Feast Day Celebration
Sunday, November 4, 2018

Willowbrook Restaurant in Mendon, MA
(this is a 17 minute drive from the church)

Menu

Fresh Hand-Carved Turkey Breast
Baked Haddock or Pot Roast
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls
Tossed Salad
Coffee or Tea

Cost: $25 per person

[children $14 for buffet meal, $10 for kid's meal with choice of chic fingers, hot dog, pasta,grilled cheese, or pb&j with drink and dessert]

Please complete the form below by Sunday, October 28th.
or email Patty at pbourgery@comcast.net

Reservations cannot be accepted after 10/28

Name:_____

Number of reservations:_____