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

A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate
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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

May 31, 2020

SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be NO PUBLIC SERVICES for the faithful in our churches as long as the restrictions of our government remain in effect. Our Bishops have stressed that this is for the wellbeing of all of our parishioners and for the wellbeing of all of our priests. They do not anticipate that this will change anytime soon as it is believed the worst of the Covid-19 epidemic is yet to come. Priests are encouraged to hold all services BEHIND CLOSED DOORS with the aid of a single cantor and live-stream, if possible.

Sunday, May 31st – SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENCIAL COUNCIL
Tone 6 / Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; Gospel: John 17:1-13
9:00AM Divine Liturgy live video broadcast on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/

Weekday Scripture Readings:

Mon., June 1: Epistle: Acts 21:8-14; Gospel: John 14 :27-15 :7
Tues., June 2: Epistle: Acts 21:26-32; Gospel: John 16 :2-13
Wed., June 3: Epistle: Acts 23:1-11; Gospel: John 16:15-23

Thur., June 4: 40th Day Memorial for Tatiana Choduluij
Epistle: Acts 25:13-19; Gospel: John 16:23-33
Fri., June 5: 40th Day Memorial for Stephanie Samborosky
Epistle: Acts 27:1-44; Gospel: John 17:18-26
Sat., June 6: Epistle: Acts 28:1-31; Gospel: John 21:15-25

Sunday, June 7th – DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES (PENTECOST SUNDAY)
Epistle: Acts 2 :1-11; Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12
9:00AM Divine Liturgy live video broadcast on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: to **Eleanor Sadowski (May 25), Jonathan Chase (May 25), Gregory Boluch (May 28), and CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS: Daria Bourgery, Brendan Abrahamson, Justin Abrahamson, Anna Kroner, and Marissa Loz** may God grant you all, **Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!**

--FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL: Please note that due COVID-19 pandemic and current restrictions on large gatherings in the state of Rhode Island, the Parish Annual Meeting and Election of Officers which usually takes place in June has been postponed until further notice.

We will give our usual three week advance notice once a new date has been determined.

Thank you for understanding. Also, our annual **Ukrainian Festival** (Parish Picnic) has been cancelled, for this year.

--CINDY CHAREST has offered to make cloth masks for anyone who is in need of one. Please contact her at: **charestr@aol.com**

--WEEKLY COLLECTION: We would like to thank everyone for continuing to send in your weekly contributions for the past

few months! Your generosity has been a blessing to the parish and your continued assistance is crucial during this time!

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to cancel a few of our most important fundraisers that we rely on to keep the parish going. Please keep this in mind as you continue to send in your weekly contributions. **Your assistance is needed MORE THAN EVER!** This won't be forever, Lord willing, but every little bit will help us to bridge the gap until we are fully functioning again!

Your weekly envelopes or outright donations can be sent by:

Mail:
St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church
74 Harris Avenue
Woonsocket RI 02895

PayPal:
Donations can be made through our PayPal link on or website. Please be advised that PayPal does take a small fee out of your donation (about 3%) and adjust accordingly.
http://stmichaeluoc.org/donate/

Online Banking
Most banks have a "Bill Pay" function in your online banking accounts where you can set up automatic payments to St. Michaels. Many parishioners are already using this method. Once set up the bank will continue to mail a check to the church on your behalf.

As we have had to postpone a few of our major fundraisers this Spring, **your assistance is needed MORE THAN EVER!**

We appreciate your contributions during these trying times!

--PLEASE CONSIDER OUR SCRIP PROGRAM for gift cards and it's an excellent way for the church to benefit from your gift card purchases!! Remember, they can be used for everyday purchases. They can also be used to buy gifts for others. Also, you can get in touch with Val and she can send you an invitation to do your Scrip orders online. Its very simple. Any questions, please see or email Val Sternadore **(valiaws@yahoo.com).**

·THE HOLY FATHERS·

From the Office of the President of the Consistory: Parishes of the Church Begin the Process of Re-Opening

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Від Голови Консисторії: Парафії Церкви Розпочинають Процес Відкриття Храмів

29 May, 2020

Beloved brethren in the Lord: **CHRIST IS AMONG US!**

I write today to share some measure of prayerful hope during this difficult time of pandemic and social distancing. In recent weeks, we have watched with relief as various State Governments gradually opened community services of select businesses and activities, with prudent precautions firmly in place to prevent a severe "second wave" of the coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with this gradual reopening of our society, it is necessary that we make similar arrangements within our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to allow once again for the communal celebration of Sacred Liturgical Services, which are the most ***"essential"*** activity known to our world.

In the Pastoral Letter of the Council of Bishops of the UOC of the USA **[https://uocofusa.org/news_200521_1]**, issued on 20 May, 2020, the blessing has been given to the clergy and parishes of the Church to initiate preparation steps towards reopening of our parish communities. Each parish is **MANDATED** to submit to the Council of Bishops a detailed plan for

reopening, and having held a ZOOM conference with the hierarchs, a blessing will be given for the opening of each parish individually. The liturgical services that you will attend in our parish communities in the weeks ahead will look and feel quite different from the services you remember from two months ago. It will be imperative for all of us – pastors, parish staff, volunteers, and all the faithful – to work together during these times. The pandemic is not over, and safety precautions must be followed in order to promote the continued health and safety of everyone in our community.

Through it all, we must remember that this virus does not discriminate between gatherings; a group gathered for sacred worship is not immune by the merits of its gathering. It is only through our careful observance of these precautions that we make it possible to resume public liturgical services.

When this pandemic began, both Metropolitan Antony and I have directed priests of our Church to suspend all public liturgical services as we assessed the situation and explored a safe way to bring Christ to the people, both through the Word of God and the Holy Masteries. This was an unfortunate but necessary decision in light of the severity of the pandemic and the number of unknowns associated with this new and deadly virus. Know that we have prayed during this time for you, the faithful of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, especially during our private and livestreamed services. I pray you have felt the loving comfort of Christ as you awaited the day you could return to celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist in our parish communities. And I rejoice with you and thank God today as we move toward the gradual reopening of our parish communities.

The following parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA have completed, submitted for review and received a blessing of the Council of Bishops to resume liturgical services in the local parishes of the Church:

- St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA
- Four Evangelists Parish, Bel Air, MD
- Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA
- St. Nicholas Parish, Charlottesville, VA
- Holy Trinity Parish, Cheektowaga, NY
- St. Nicholas Mission, Dover, DE
- Holy Protection Parish, Dover, FL
- St. John the Baptist Parish, Johnson City, NY
- St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral, Lakewood, OH
- Sts Cyril and Methodius Mission, Madison, WI
- Protection of the Birth-Giver of God Parish, Rochester, NY
- Holy Resurrection Mission, Waynesville, NC
- Holy Trinity Mission, Whalleyville, MD
- Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Wilmington, DE

With prayers in Christ,

+Daniel,
By the Grace of God Archbishop and President of the Consistory

Let's Pray Together on
SUNDAY
Молімося разом у
НЕДІЛЮ
St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church
Українська Православна церква-пам'ятник
св. Андрія Первозванного
South Bound Brook, NJ - Савт Бавнд Брук, Н. Дж
LIVE VIDEO BROADCAST
10 AM - 10 РАНКУ
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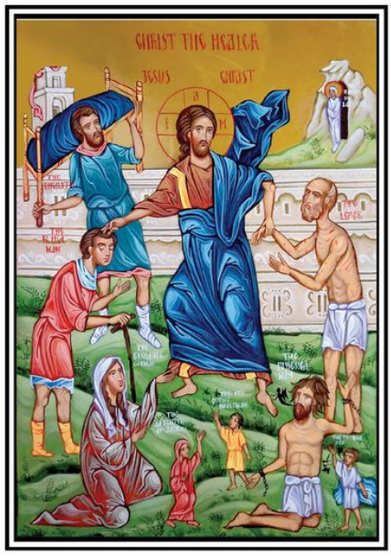
PRAYER IN TIME OF CORONAVIRUS



O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your loving care, You traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

O Master and Lord, our Savior, Healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

For You are a Merciful and Loving God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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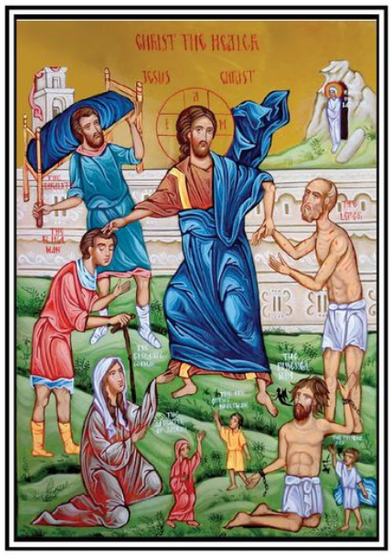
МОЛИТВА В ЧАС РОЗПОВСЮДЖЕННЯ КОРОНОВІРУСУ



Господи Ісусе Христе, у Своїй люблячій турботі, Ти подорожував містами і селами, “зцілюючи всяку недугу та хворобу”. З Твого повеління, хворі ставали здоровими. Прийди і сьогодні нам на допомогу, у час глобального розпалу та поширення коронавірусу, щоб ми могли відчути Твою цілющу любов.

Будь з родинами тих, хто є хворий або помер. Нехай до них повернеться їхня сила та здоров’я завдяки якісній медичній допомозі. У хвилини переживань і смутку, захисти їх від хвороби та відчаю.

Зціли нас від нашого страху, який перешкоджає націям спільно працювати та ближнім допомагати один одному.

Перебувай з лікарями, медсестрами, дослідниками та всіма медичними працівниками, що стараються вилікувати та допомогти постраждалим та з тими, які піддають себе ризику в цьому процесі.

Вилікуй нас від нашої гордості, яка може схилити нас до думки, що ми є невразливі до захворювання, яке не знає меж. Перебувай з лідерами усіх націй. Дай їм бачення діяти милосердно та з справжньою турботою дбати про добробут людей, яким вони призначені служити. Пошли їм мудрість вкласти зусилля у довгострокові шляхи боротьби з цією епідемією, які допоможуть уникнути зараженню або запобіжать його подальшому поширенню.

Господи Боже, наш Спасителю та Цілителю усього, перебувай з нами у цей час невпевненості та скорботи.

Будучи вдома чи за кордоном, в оточенні багатьох чи лише кількох людей, які страждають цією хворобою, перебувай з нами Господи, коли ми терпимо, сумуємо та прикладаємо зусилля для запобігання поширенню цієї недуги.

Бо Ти єси Милосердний і Люблячий Бог, і Тобі ми славу возсилаємо, Отцю і Сину, і Святому Духові, нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

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Learn About Protective Measures in Times of CORONAVIRUS Epidemic

Дізнайтесь більше про заходи пересторороги в час загрози Епідемії КОРОНАВІРУСУ

CLEAN YOUR HANDS OFTEN - МИЙТЕ РУКИ

Wash your hands with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds)
Use soap or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
Мийте руки з милом (мінімум 20 с) або дезінфекційними засобами із вмістом спирту. Старайтеся не торкатися своїх очей, носа, та рота.

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT
ТРИМАЙТЕСЯ НА ВІДСТАНІ ВІД ЛЮДЕЙ

Put distance between yourself and other people, especially those who are coughing or have a high fever
Тримайтеся на відстані від людей у яких кашель або підвищена температура

STAY HOME - ЗАЛИШАЙТЕСЯ ВДОМА

Stay home if you are sick, except when you need medical care
Якщо Ви хворі залишайтеся вдома, хіба за винятком, що потребуєте медичної допомоги

COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE
ПРИКРИВАЙТЕ РОТ І НІС

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow - discard tissue and wash your hands
Під час кашлю та чхання прикривайте рот і ніс серветкою або рукавом – відразу викидайте серветку і мийте руки

WEAR A FACEMASK - ВЖИВАЙТЕ МАСКУ

If you are sick you should wear a facemask around other people, and while at a medical facility for treatment
If you are not sick, you do not need to wear a facemask, unless you are caring for someone else who is sick.
Надягайте маску, якщо Ви кашляєте чи чхаєте
Якщо Ви здорові, Вам не потрібна маска, хіба що Ви доглядаєте за хворою людиною

CLEAN & DISINFECT - ЧИСТІТЬ І ДЕЗІНФІКУЙТЕ

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily – tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handrails, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
Щодня чистіть та дезінфікуйте поверхні, яких часто торкаєтеся: столи, дверні ручки, вимикачі світла, перила, телефони, клавіатуру, туалети, крани, умивальники, тощо.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html