

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

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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

June 18, 2017

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 18th All Saints of Ukraine and North America

Tone 1

Epistle: Rom. 2:10-16; Gospel: Mt. 4:25-5:12

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 24th

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 25th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 2

Epistle: Rom. 5:1-10; Gospel: Mt. 6:22-33

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 1st

6:00 PM Great Vespers [**CANCELED** due to installation of icons]

Sunday, July 2nd 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3

Epistle: Rom. 6:18-23; Gospel: Mt. 8:5-13

8:30 AM Service of Repentance

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

The Ladies Sodality is asking for a donation of a clean, older electric blanket for the kitchen. As well as: Donations of 5# bags of Gold Medal all-purpose flour (bleached or unbleached) and gallon jugs of Wesson vegetable or Mazona corn oil. **Thank you! Дякую!**

We extend birthday greetings to: **Nikolai Wojciechowski (June 12th), Jennifer Pizzarelli (June 15th and Bryan Sullo (June 17th)** and a happy wedding anniversary to **Lesia Fasiak (June 17th)**, may God grant you all **Many, Happy Years. Многая літа!** And on this Fathers' Day let us remember all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and spiritual fathers. **Happy Years. Многая літа!** Let us, also, remember all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and spiritual fathers who have fallen asleep. **Memory Eternal! Вічна Пам'ять**

A hearty welcome to our guests and visitors. Please join us in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy for coffee and fellowship.

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

Our Convention is just about two months away!! Many parishioners have been asking us, "How can we help?" Here are just a few ways to get involved.

RAFFLE BASKETS: Can you donate a raffle basket for the Convention Raffle table? We will also accept donations and will create a basket on your behalf.

SPONSOR A SEMINARIAN: Please consider making a contribution to help defray the costs of registration for the Seminarians of St. Sophia's.

VOLUNTEER AT CONVENTION: We will need some assistance during the Convention. Can you mind the Baba's Attic shop? Sell raffle tickets at our Raffle Table. Be a runner or help attendees who need rides.

We are working on a full schedule of tasks and will have sign-up sheets available soon.

ATTEND OUR WEEKLY PLANNING MEETINGS: We are going to try to meet every Sunday at Coffee Hour from now until July 23rd.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: All parishioners are cordially invited to attend all Convention meals and events! While the business meetings are for registered Convention attendees, everyone is invited, and encouraged, to join us for our trip to Newport, clambake in Jamestown, Dinner and Pirate show at the Village Haven, the Banquet, and meals and religious services that will take place at the Crown Plaza.

PRAYING OUR WAY THROUGH THE APOSTLES FAST:

Please contact Janice if you would like to take part in the Apostle's Fast prayer program.

bridesong150@gmail.com

Can you help??? We are in need of some coffee hour volunteers!! Your "turn" would come up 2 to 3 times during the year. Explanation will be given on what is needed and how to set up, etc. Please see Cindy Charest to add your name. (The more volunteers we have, the fewer times we each have to volunteer!) Please give it your consideration! **Thank you Дякую!**

Fundraiser: At this year's UOL Convention, we are doing a Service Project on Saturday of that week. In order to do this we will need monetary donations to purchase identical items. The Service Project will be organizing backpacks for the local school children. **Thank you!**

Дякую!

Have you started your spring cleaning yet?? Save your stuff for us AND CLOTHING DRIVE! Items and clothing can be brought to the church basement during coffee hour. Please use white kitchen bags for your clothing as they are easier for us to lift. **Thank you! Дякую!**

Our coffee hours are offered each week for fellowship and sustenance for those who have fasted. While the donations put in the basket are voluntary, they are not nearly meeting the expenses of hosting the coffee hours. Please use a guideline of at least a \$1 donation per person for coffee hour. Your donation benefits our UOL groups. **Thank you! Дякую!**

We now have a church calendar for events on the counter of the kitchen at the “window” area. If you (church school, parish board, kitchen etc) have something coming up, please put it on the calendar and check with a board member to be sure it’s ok. We would just like to keep up with all activities and not have conflicts. **Thank you! Дякую!**

If you have any ideas for fund raisers for the church, please let a council member know! And a reminder that with Pascha coming, our scrip program for gift cards is an excellent way for the church to benefit from your gift card purchases!! See Val Sternadore for more info.

KITCHEN SESSIONS:

The Ladies Sodality would like to thank our night crew for making the cabbage balls. Your help save them a lot of time and energy. Thank you! Дякую!

Monday, June 19, evening time to be determined, sauté onions.

Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 a.m., make cabbage filling,
6:00 p.m., making cabbage balls

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 a.m., pinch vareneky

Monday, June 26, 7:30 a.m., make cabbage filling,
6:00 p.m., making cabbage balls

Wednesday, June 28, 7:30 a.m., pinch vareneky

Monday, July 10, 7:30 a.m., fried Perohe, 3 batches

Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 am, fried Perohe, 3 batches

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul. 26-30th - UOL Convention!!

Synaxis of the Saints of Ukraine

Commemorated on June 18

On the second Sunday after Pentecost our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church celebrates the Sunday of All Saints of Ukraine. Sadly, many of our parishes are witnessing a decline in Sunday worship and in membership. Our parishes are doing everything possible just to keep up with the monthly expenses. Is praying for the bills to be paid the main purpose for the Church? There is another purpose for the church – that purpose is to make people holy. A church that does not

make it's people holy is not a church, it is merely an organization which uses the word 'Church'. The Church celebrates the memory of the holy ones, the saints, to show us living examples of people whose souls were saved, so that we can imitate them in our lives. They teach us how to please God. Today is the Sunday of All Saints of Ukraine and we commemorate all of those men, women and children that are famously known to us and those who are known only to God.

All the Saints of Ukraine that are being remembered today followed the example of Jesus Christ. All of them in their time, in their circumstances of life, fulfilled God's commandment of love of God and their fellow human being. For many, their times were difficult in Ukraine, maybe more difficult than ours here in the United States. Often their situations in life were more dangerous in spiritual terms, and often in worldly terms were worse than ours. But they still continued, struggled, and reached their reward in Paradise where they now triumph. All we need to do is look at the icons of our church and we will see them: martyrs, confessors, ascetics, fools for Christ, educated people, simple people, rich, poor, bishops, priests, monastics and lay people. This is the Heavenly Church and is all-inclusive. It includes us, the earthly, Militant Church. There *is* room for each of us there. There *is* a purpose for us to attend church. Are we being made saintly and holy? *Rev. Fr. Mark Swindle*

http://www.uocofusa.org/news_140616_1.html

Synaxis of the Saints of North America

Commemorated on June 18

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, the Orthodox in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

On September 24, 1794, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska, the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov and Saint Jacob Netsvetov, who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages.

On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

Saint Tikhon (Belavin) came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock.

Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and died in 1925, as Patriarch of Moscow.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America.

Saints John Kochurov and Alexander Hotovitzky both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia in 1917. Saint Alexander was killed in 1937.

We also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/06/18/49-synaxis-of-the-saints-of-north-america>

Fasting Guidelines: Apostles' Fast 2017

On Monday, **June 12**, we begin the **Apostles' Fast**, which ends on **July 12**, the feast day of Ss. Peter and Paul, Chiefs of the Apostles.

These guidelines are general. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that should be practiced with the oversight and direction of your spiritual father.

The general guidelines for the Apostles' Fast are as follows:

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS are *Strict Fast Days*. On these days we abstain from meat, dairy, fish with backbones, fowl, wine, and oil.

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS are *Wine and Oil Days*. On these days the fast is relaxed to permit wine and oil, but we still abstain from meat, dairy, fish with backbones, and fowl.

SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS are *Fish, Wine, and Oil Days*. On these days the fast is further relaxed to permit fish with backbones in addition to wine and oil, but we still abstain from meat, dairy, and fowl.

Notes:

1. Meals for the fast should follow the dietary restrictions and be cooked simply. Portions should be smaller than usual.
2. If you have a medical condition that requires you to relax the fasting guidelines, then do so.
3. Generally speaking, children and elderly people are allowed to relax the fast under the guidance of their spiritual father.