

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

July 23, 2017

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 23rd 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6

Epistle: Rom. 15:1-7 / Gospel: Mt. 9:27-35

9:00AM Typica / Obidna Service (Fr. Borislav will be away)

Saturday, July 29th

6:00 PM Great Vespers [CANCELED due to UOL Convention]

Sunday, July 30th 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Tone 7

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:10-18 (Sunday); Heb. 13:7-16 (Holy Fathers)

Gospel: Mt. 14:14-22 (Sunday); Jn. 17:1-13 (Holy Fathers)

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Aug. 5th

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Aug. 6th 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Passion-bearers Borys and Hlib of Rus

Tone 8

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9-17 (Sunday); Rom. 8:28-39 (Passion-bearers)

Gospel: Mt. 14:22-34 (Sunday); Jn. 15:17-16:2 (Passion-bearers)

8:30 AM Service of Repentance

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Aug. 12th

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Aug. 13th 10th Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Procession of the Precious and Life-giving Cross of the Lord

Tone 1

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16 / Gospel: Mt. 17:14-23

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

LAST DAY BEFORE THE DORMITION FAST

Monday, Aug. 14th Procession of the Precious and Life-giving Cross of the Lord

BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

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

We extend birthday greetings to: **Betsy Abrahamson (July 18th)**, and **John Gemski (July 22nd)**, and blessed wedding anniversary to **Joseph and Rita Cherkes (July 19th)**, may God grant you all **Many, Happy Years. Многая літа**

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!**

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 next week!! 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.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION FUNCTION NEWS !!

Our UOL has received an “endowment” from an anonymous benefactor who has asked that we make our convention functions more affordable so that more parishioners can attend.

To that end, we have been able to reduce the costs of the functions (**for parishioners only**) to cost (or lower) of each function being held.

Please consider joining us!

Thursday- July 27, 2017

Brunch Only \$30

Dinner/Show Village Haven \$35

Friday- July 28, 2017

Boxed lunch from hotel, bus trip to Newport, Mansion tour, shopping and bus to Jamestown Fort Getty/Clambake dinner and return bus trip to back to hotel \$60

Saturday- July 29, 2017

Banquet \$50 Banquet children’s meal \$25

Sunday- July 30, 2017

Brunch at St. Michael’s –**FREE** – complements of the Ladies Sodality. (**but please RSVP so we have an accurate head count!**)

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE TODAY!

Completed forms should be given to Janice.

**Thank you
and hope you can join us!!**

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 (no boxes, please) for your clothing as they are easier for us to lift. Also, do not bring electronic devices (tv, computers and similar items). **Please hold all the items you have to bring until after the UOL Convention.** 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, please consider 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:

Tuesday, August 22, 7:30 am, steam cabbage

Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 am, make holubtsi

Tuesday, August 29, 7:30 am, fried cabbage

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26-30th - UOL Convention!!

Venerable Anthony of the Kyiv Far Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Rus’Ukraine

Commemorated on July 10 / 23

Saint Anthony of the Kyiv Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernihiv, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life.

The igumen saw in Saint Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, “Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return

to your own land of Rus'Ukraine, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you.

Returning to the land of Rus'Ukraine, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kyiv, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos.

Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kyiv by the banks of the River Dnepr. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kyiv. Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint.

Among Anthony's first disciples was Saint Nikon, who tonsured Saint Theodosius of the Caves at the monastery in the year 1032.

The virtuous life of Saint Anthony illuminated the land of Rus'Ukraine with the beauty of monasticism. Saint Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked Saint Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about Saint Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it.

After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, Saint Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves.

At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery. With the blessing of Saint Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kyiv Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although Saint Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus'Ukraine.

For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and Saint Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms.

Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the land of Rus'Ukraine on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of Saint Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073.

Through Divine Providence, the relics of Saint Anthony remain hidden.

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/07/10/101994-venerable-anthony-of-the-kiev-far-caves-founder-of-monasticism-i>