

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

September 17, 2017

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 17th 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Gospel: Mt. 22:35-46

9:00AM Divine Liturgy with blessing of students for the coming Sunday School year.

Wednesday, Sept. 20th Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos

6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litia for Nativity of the Theotokos

Thursday, Sept. 21st Nativity of the Theotokos

Epistle: Phil. 2:5-11; Gospel: Lk. 10:38-42; 11:27-28

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 24th 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tone 7

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10, (Sunday Before): Gal. 6:11-18; Gospel: Mt. 25:14-30, (Sunday Before): Jn. 3:13-17

9:00AM **Obidna / Typica**, as Father Borislav and family will be away.

Tuesday, Sept. 26th Eve of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litia for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, Sept. 27th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Gospel: Jn. 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

10:30AM Divine Liturgy **STRICT FAST DAY**

Saturday, Sept. 30th
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

ALL current bulletins can be accessed at the parish web site:

<http://www.StMichaelUOC.org>

We extend birthday greetings to: Katherine Rosin (Sept. 12th), and a happy wedding anniversary to: Cornel & Deborah (Sirko) Osadsa (Sept. 16th), may God grant you Many, Happy Years. Многая літа

A special thank you goes out to all those who helped make this year's Ukrainian Festival a success, especially our Ladies Sodality for their hard work in making all those wonderful "earthly goodies" for us to sell and enjoy. Thank you! Дякую!

Have you started your summer cleaning yet?? Save your stuff for us AND OUR 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). Last day we will be accepting clothing is Oct. 1st, but we will continue to accept items for the Flea Market until Spring. **Thank you! Дякую!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 3rd - 4th - Miraculous Myrrh-streaming icon of the Mother of God "Kardiotissa/Tender Heart", from St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA. is visiting St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter St., New Britain, CT.:

Friday, Nov 3rd - at 6pm, icon arrives, prayer-service, talk, anointing of faithful with icon's myrrh and potluck dinner.

Saturday, Nov. 4th - at 9am Moleben, anointing, talk, brunch and departure of icon.

Nov. 19th - St. Michael's Parish Feast Day

Dec. 3rd - Semi-Annual Meeting

Dec. 16th - 11th Annual Cookie Walk

Dec. 17th - St. Nicholas Day Children's Celebration

**1918 - PROCLAMATION FOR THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF THE USA - 2018**

At the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th, immigrants to the United States of America from territories of Kyivan-Rus - later identified and recognized as the independent State of Ukraine – began new lives as settlers, steel workers, farmers throughout the USA. They came seeking a better life for their families free of suppression and oppression they had known in their native land.

The first instincts of these new immigrants were to gather themselves together into local communities in order to provide support, comfort and social interaction, but most importantly of all, to worship God Almighty according to their 900+ year old Ukrainian Orthodox customs and traditions. They sought to establish churches, first in the large cities of the United States around the year 1915, and eventually organized into a solid ecclesiastical structure in 1918.

*We, by the Grace of God, the present hierarchs of our Holy Church, hereby proclaim the year 2018 as the **CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA** for our clergy, monastics and faithful, and we commemorate all those hierarchs, clergy, monastics and faithful who came before us, sacrificing so much more than most of us do 100 years later, for the extension of God's Kingdom here on earth.*

Through those first 100 years of our history, our founders and benefactors gave of the best of what they had, in order to ensure the preservation of our rich spiritual legacy, inherited from our ancestors, preserving it in a land free of fear, repression and extinction. We thank God Almighty for their conviction, dedication and devotion, which continues to inspire us to follow their example.

As we prepare for this great celebration of the legacy of our forefathers from both Ukraine and here in the United States of America, we call upon every Ukrainian Orthodox Christian to join in all commemorations, which will be scheduled to share our great joy with one another, and with our friends and neighbors. Our **PRIME CELEBRATION EVENT will take place at the Metropolia Center on the Feast of Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr, July 28, 2018.** We look forward to the participation and support of all our faithful. Regional events will also be scheduled so that every single clergy and lay member of our Church might join in the celebration.

As we prepare for and make these celebrations, may we always remember our mission to be the salvation of souls and “... to offer healing, comfort, wholeness, spiritual fulfillment and joy as we work together to reveal the beauty of God’s creation by proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ”.

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Daniel, Archbishop

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on Sept. 8th / Sept. 21st

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father, and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams. For He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. He illumined them not only with temporal joy, but with eternal joy as well. God gave them just one daughter, and she would later give them just one grandson--but what a daughter and what a Grandson! Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, the Fount of virginity and purity--this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. She was born in Nazareth, and at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. In her young womanhood she returned again to Nazareth, and shortly thereafter heard the Annunciation of the Holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most-pure virgin body.

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