

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 24, 2017

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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 [**Canceled due to funeral of Mary Marley**]

STRICT FAST DAY

Saturday, Sept. 30th

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 1st 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tone 7

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1, (Sunday After): Gal. 2:16-20; Gospel: Mt. 15:21-28, (Sunday After): Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Oct. 7th

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:

www.StMichaelUOC.org

We extend birthday greetings to: **Elizabeth Gemski (Sept. 21st)**, and **Christine Haller (Sept. 23rd)**, may God grant you **Many, Happy Years. Многая літа**

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 Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Commemorated on September 14 / September 27

Two events in connection with the Honorable Cross of Christ are commemorated on this day: first, the finding of the Honorable Cross on Golgotha and second, the return of the Honorable Cross from Persia to Jerusalem. Visiting the Holy Land, the holy Empress Helena decided to find the Honorable Cross of Christ. An old Jewish man named Judah was the only one who knew where the Cross was located, and, constrained by the empress, he revealed that the Cross was buried under the temple of Venus that Emperor Hadrian had built on Golgotha. The empress ordered that this idolatrous temple be razed and, having dug deep below it, found three crosses. While the empress pondered on how to recognize which of these was the Cross of Christ, a funeral procession passed by. Patriarch Macarius told them to place the crosses, one by one, on the dead man. When they placed the first and second cross on the dead man, the dead man lay unchanged. When they placed the third cross on him, the dead man came back to life. By this they knew that this was the Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ. They then placed the Cross on a sick woman, and she became well. The patriarch elevated the Cross for all the people to see, and the people sang with tears: "Lord, have mercy!" Empress Helena had a silver case made and set the Honorable Cross in it. Later, the Persian Emperor Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, enslaved many people, and took the Lord's Cross to Persia. The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years. In the year 628 A.D. the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes and, with much ceremony, returned the Cross to Jerusalem. As he entered the city Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross on his back, but suddenly was unable to take another step. Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel preventing the emperor from bearing the Cross on the same path that the Lord had walked barefoot and humiliated. The patriarch communicated this vision to the emperor. The emperor removed his raiment and, in ragged attire and barefoot, took

up the Cross, carried it to Golgotha, and placed it in the Church of the Resurrection, to the joy and consolation of the whole Christian world.

<http://www.westsrbdio.org/en/prologue/632-september-14>