



St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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*Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

- **His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
- **His Grace Bishop THOMAS**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Middle Atlantic
- **Archpriest John Nosal**, Pastor

Sunday, August 18, 2019

To all who are present with us this morning,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Thank you for being here.

*Please join us for “coffee and...”
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.*

A Video of the Epistle and Gospel Readings is recorded on most Sundays for posting to our website, stmgbg.org.

You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy beginning on the bottom of page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5” x 11” large, spiral-bound booklet.

At the Kiss of Peace our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the seasonal Christian greeting, “Christ is in our midst!” and responding, “He is and shall be!”

Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means ‘in place’ of the *gifts*) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

Being mindful we are in church, let us always remember to...

...**be quiet and attentive.** Let us sing, pray, stand, sit, kneel and respond where responses are indicated. Let us not talk, look around, text message, play games, etc. Especially let us work at this in the Communion line and when in line to venerate the Cross and depart. If we cannot hear the post-Communion prayers being chanted during our church departure, we are way too noisy.

...**refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum.** (most obviously and especially if you will be receiving Holy Communion).

...**stay put.** Except in rare cases, there are few of us who cannot stay in one location for two hours (actually less, for most of us).



The mission of the members of St. Michael's Orthodox Church is to become completely loving people.

(see Lk 10:27) This will occur by the Grace of God as we strive to live holy lives, using the tools He has given us for this endeavor: prayer, fasting, charitable works, and the constant remembrance of death.

TONE 8

Arr: Basil Kazan.

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Com- pas -
sion - ate One, and Thou didst submit to
the three - day bur - i - al, that Thou might de -
li - ver us from pas - sion; Thou art our
life and our re - sur - rec - - - tion: O
Lord, glo - - - ry to Thee!

I.O.C.C. SYRIAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF

As the Syrian crisis continues, we continue to accept *donations* to do what we can to help ease the suffering there. Checks may be written to "St. Michael's" with the note "Syrian Relief." The following is a link to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) "Response to the Crisis in Syria" page with more information on what you can do to help:

http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries_syria.aspx

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 9

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Matthew.
After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos; Martyrs Floros and
Lauros of Illyria; Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos.*

Greeting: Christ is in our midst! **Response:** He is and shall be!

THE EPISTLE READING

St. Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17)

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. Matthew (14:22-34)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

All Day (9/8) at the Buffet

Dear parishioners and friends,

Our count-down to Buffet is at “T-3 weeks” and counting (there is no pause button for this launch). It is so important that we have as accurate a picture of *who* will be *where* on Buffet Day.

Please, please, please... if you have not yet placed your name on the Volunteer Roster, do so *As Soon As Possible!*

A sign-up board is in the main entrance vestibule of the church for you to commit yourself to max effort. Let’s all give all we can (and then some) to the success of our Buffet Day!

DOWN TO EARTH TEAM Reminder — Buffet guests are coming! Let us make our grounds as beautiful as possible for them (and for us all). Thank you!

Four Ways to Begin Preparing for the Buffet:

- 1) ***Donate cases of 1) 16 OZ. BOTTLED WATER***
and 2) PAPER TOWELS of any brand.
- 2) ***We ask that as a volunteer you be very flexible.*** *There are “fun” jobs to be done and there are others that may be less enjoyable ways to work at the Buffet. But all the work is important and needs to be accomplished. So if you come expecting to be on the line dishing food and you’re asked to take out trash or unclog a toilet, we thank you in advance for your kind smile and “will-do” attitude.*
- 3) ***Please return your Buffet Tickets sales as soon as you can.***
- 4) ***On Buffet Day, park your car “off-site” (not on our parking lot).***

*Our motto — “All Day at the Buffet”
Our prayer — “God bless our buffet.”*

SCHOOL KITS 2019

Please return the filled School Kit tote bags to the church by TODAY, **AUGUST 18th** (or as soon as you can).

Also, please remember to mark your name off of the sign-up list.

Thank you for your generous, ongoing support of this AW project.

REGARDING “THE WORD” Magazine...

In order to update their subscription database, the Archdiocese Registrar has asked that we notify all parishioners that...

...YOU MUST RESUBSCRIBE by submitting a new application to “The Word,” if you want to continue receiving it.

The Archdiocesan Registrar has provided a link to the new subscription form for THE WORD publication, so that you can complete it online:

<https://forms.gle/Kt7MRGZKH2CmNbAWA>

Please note that if you are unable to complete the form online, there are (green) copies at the entrance to the church for you to complete, return to the office and we can submit them for you.

Any questions, please call the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this Archdiocesan request.

ON THE DORMITION of the Theotokos

St. John of Damascus, Homily 1 on the Dormition

O wonder truly above nature! O amazing event! Death, long seen as revolting and hateful, is now praised and called blessed. Long known as the bearer of sadness and depression, of tears and melancholy, it is now revealed as the cause of joy and celebration. So it is, if for all God's servants, who death is now called blessed, the ends if their lives give sure proof that they have found God's favor – if death is called blessed for this reason! Death brings them to fulfillment and shows them to be blessed by making their goodness unchanging; as the proverb puts it, "Do not call a person blessed before his death" (Sir. 11:28). *(cont. on next page)*

HIGHLIGHTS of UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 — Shop with Scrip order due.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 — First day of inside work/set up for Buffet (9-1).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 — 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm - Food on the Hill

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — Finish up inside/outside (9-3).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (*Great Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos*)

- St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet (*only 3 weeks away*)

SATURDAY, SEPT 14 — 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Cross

10:30 AM - Post-Bufferet Restoration Day

ON THE DORMITION (continued from previous page)

But we do not understand this as applying to you. Blessedness was yours – not death. Your passing was not your arrival at perfection, nor did your departure bestow security on you. For to you the beginning, the middle and end of all the good things that are beyond minds, their security and true confirmation, was your conceiving without male seed, God's dwelling in you, your childbearing without damage [to your virginity]. So you truly predicted that you would be called blessed by all generations, not from the moment of death but from the very moment of that conception (Lk. 1:48). Therefore death has not made you blessed, but you have yourself made death glorious; you have destroyed its horror and shown death to be a joy.

The theme for the 2020 Parish Life Conference is —

— ***Bible Bowl*** — *The Gospel According to St. John*

— ***Oratorical Festival*** — *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved.” — John 3:17*

August Memorial Prayers will be prayed on Sunday, Aug. 25, for these beloved ones who reposed during Augusts past:

PRISCILLA Bosko (8/6/2004), **FLOYD** Mauer (8/7/2017),
KATHRYN Ciganovic (8/8/2001), **ANNA** Sam (8/10/1997),
KATHRYN Bilinsky (8/13/2000), **RAYMOND** Leavy (8/19/2011),
ANNA Kudlik (8/29/2002), **BETTY** Joseph (8/24/2013), **DONNA**
Gazal (8/25/2009), **CAROLINE** Ayoub (8/26/2001), **ASTRINA** Habit
(8/26/2001), **GEORGE** Asa (8/27/1995), **SAM** Jacobs (8/27/1996),
ANN Lewis (8/28/2002), **DOROTHY** Ferencz (8/31/2009), **BERTHA**
Cervo (8/31/2011).

**Sec'y Debbie will be in the office
Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9-3.**

**ALWAYS USE THE MOST
CURRENT BULLETIN!**

Sunday, August 18

- 8:45 - ORTHROS
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday, August 20

- 9:00 AM - Ladies making Baklawa
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council and
Mediterranean Buffet Meeting

Friday, August 23

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
Ireneaus, Bishop of Lyons

Saturday, August 24

- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
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This is a date change —

On Sunday, 9/??, Fr. Meletios

Zafaran will be with us to discuss the logistics of restarting periodic *non-Sunday* Divine Liturgies in Arabic in our Western PA Deanery.

Sunday, August 25

- 8:45 - ORTHROS
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday, August 27

- 12:00 to 1:00 PM - Food on the Hill

Thursday, August 29

- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 31

- 12:00 PM - Bell-ringing for
Opioid Awareness
 - 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
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**Fr. John will be out of town from
Sunday afternoon, August 25,
thru Friday, August 30.**

**Don't forget to return your
Buffet ticket money
or tickets.**
