



# Newsletter September 2017

Christ is in our midst!

## St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Parish

Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Website: [www.stmichaelshsv.org/](http://www.stmichaelshsv.org/)

### [Click here for St. Michaels Website Calendar](#)

**Saturday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Work Party @new Church  
Property: 9am-4pm w/venison chili lunch

**Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** – †6:00 pm Church Council

**Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**

†6:00 pm Vespers. Followed by 7:00pm Study  
Group “*Struggle for Virtue*” by Archbp. Averky

**Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30 Children’s Program

**Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

**Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** – The Church New Year

**Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Work Party @new Church  
Property: 9am-4pm with lunch.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

†6:00 pm Vespers. Followed by 7:00pm Study  
Group “*Struggle for Virtue*” by Archbp. Averky

**Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Nativity of the Theotokos**

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Liturgy

**7:00pm Guest Speaker: Taylor Hostetter to give a  
talk on Byzantine Architecture**

**Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 9:30 Children’s Program

**Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Annual Assembly Meeting  
& potluck** (following Divine Liturgy)

**Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Elevation of the Cross**

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Liturgy

†6:00 pm Vespers. Followed by 7:00pm Study  
Group

### **Save That Date!**

**Sunday, October 1** – Slava for St. Sophia

**Sunday, October 29** – Visit from His Eminence  
Bishop Longin

### **Coffee Hour:**

Sept. 3<sup>RD</sup> – Malmède Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Zarzaur

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Platt Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Bergantz

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Pickle Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Cox

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Sievers Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Darzi/Baker

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Ellis/Fontane

**Note:** *If you cannot be at church on your Sunday, please  
arrange to trade places with someone from the coffee  
hour list that can.*

### **Birthdays:**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ashley Zarzaur

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7<sup>th</sup> – Bob Zarzaur

8<sup>th</sup> – Leeza Haddock

11<sup>th</sup> – Esther Huch

14<sup>th</sup> – Monica Schultz

20<sup>th</sup> – Ted Gulas

22<sup>nd</sup> – Anna Fontane

22<sup>nd</sup> – Fedor Kuranova

### **Anniversaries:**

10<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Gregory & Mat. Ann

11<sup>th</sup> – Tamara & James Huron

**Thanks:** To all who helped with the August 12th work party  
on the new property—*Justin Novak, Charles Malmède, Sam  
Braun, Marc Couch, Christopher Sweeney, James Manley,  
David Hogan, Matthew Hartley, Jeremy Haddock, Igor  
Meagher and especially Christopher Murphy* who helped clear  
out the massive amount of brush and small trees in the  
clearing areas: driveway, fellowship hall, church, parking, etc.  
Also, many thanks to Matushka Ann who made delicious  
venison chili for lunch that day!

**Prayers:** Please pray for *Cate Queener & family* that all  
will go well with the upcoming birth!

### **Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by**

**appointment** – Luke 10:5 “Whatever house you enter,  
first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”



## Some August 2017 Highlights at St. Michael's



Work party at the new church property Saturday, August 12



Blessing for the children for beginning the school year



Baby shower for new mothers-to-be Anya Sievers & Cate Queener

# St. Michael's News

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**Special Services**--The Church New Year begins on September 1/14. We will be celebrating the **Nativity of the Theotokos** with a Vespers Service at 6:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** and Orthros & Divine Liturgy at 8:45 & 10:00 am on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Then, there will be a Vespers Service on Tuesday, **September 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in preparation for the Feast of the **Elevation of the Cross** and on Wednesday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**, there will be Orthros & Divine Liturgy at 8:45 & 10:00 am. Please note that although the Elevation of the Cross is one of the Twelve Great Feasts, it is also a Fast Day (wine & oil allowed).

**Guest Speaker:** St. Michael's will host a public lecture on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be *Taylor Hostetter* who holds a Master's Degree in Byzantine Architecture. *Taylor* has also served as an architectural consultant to help develop plans for our future church on the new property. His talk will be about the spiritual and inspirational aspects of traditional Orthodox Christian church design and the significance of domes and other unique features of church architecture.

**Church Property Work Parties:** We are planning to have two work parties on the new church property this month: **Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9am to 4pm and **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 9am to 4pm. As you may have heard, we are working hard to get the trees cleared in preparation for the new gravel driveway and parking area that we hope to have completed in time for Bishop Longin's visit on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Spiritual Study Group:** Beginning Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> right after Vespers, (and continuing on most Wednesday evenings) we will be offering a Spiritual Study Group based on the book "*The Struggle for Virtue*" by Archbishop Averky (who was a close friend of St. John Maximovitch). We will have copies available for sale and this book is also available in Kindle format from Amazon.com. Our format will be to read one chapter in advance and then discuss it. This remarkable book is derived from a dozen talks Archbishop Averky gave in Europe after WWII and deals with some very practical issues and challenges that we face as Orthodox Christians trying to build a spiritual life in the modern world.

**Children's Program:** There will be two Children's Programs—at 9:30 am on **Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** at the church and again on **Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** when we will plan to meet at the new church property to take a hike, tour the property and mount two icon shrines that the children made in July at the summer program.





## **The Miracle of Holy Archangel Michael at Chonae September 6/19**

There was in Phrygia a place called Chonae (which means “plunging”), not far from \*Hierapolis, and in that place there was a miraculous spring of water. When the Apostle John the Theologian, together with Philip, was preaching the Gospel in Hierapolis, he looked at this place and foretold that a spring would gush forth in it, a spring of healing water from which many would be restored to health, and that the place would be visited by Michael, the great archangel of God. This prophecy was very soon fulfilled: a spring of water appeared, which became known far and wide for its miraculous power.

A pagan in Laodicea had a daughter who was afflicted with dumbness, which caused her father great grief, but the Archangel Michael appeared to him in a dream and urged him to take his daughter to this spring, that she might be restored to health. The father immediately obeyed, took his daughter and there encountered many people who had come to seek deliverance from various ills. They were all Christians. The man asked how he should seek healing, and the Christians told him: ‘In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you must beg the Archangel Michael.’ The father made his petition accordingly and dipped his daughter in the water, and the girl began to speak! Then this pagan was baptized along with his daughter and his whole household, and built a church dedicated to the Archangel Michael over the spring.

Later, a young man named Archippus settled there. Pagans did him much malicious harm, for they did not want such power to be felt from a Christian holy place and many people be drawn to it. In their wickedness, they altered the course of a nearby river, so that it would inundate the church and the spring. But, at the prayers of Archippus, the Archangel Michael appeared and opened a fissure in the rock at the end of the church, through which the flooding river plunged. So the place was saved, and became known as Chonae—“*plunging*”—from the river’s plunge through the opened fissure. St. Archippus lived there in asceticism till the age of seventy, and entered peacefully into rest in the Lord.

(from the Prologue of Ochrid)

\* *Hierapolis is located in modern day Turkey, 350 miles south of Istanbul.*

## Prayer List:

**Living:** **Church Members & Orthodox Friends** Please pray for God's help with building the future church and hall on our new property on Madison Blvd.; Loren Capsapoulos, Dolores Gelemny, Lisa Craft, Ivan Fontane, Angela Gafton, Olga Gulas, Leslie Hargrave, Harris family, Phil Harwell & family, Kathe Hoyer, Weston Letson, Allen Morgan, Sean Perry & family, Tim Waskerwitz, Kurt Weber, Fr. Parthenios, Fr. Dcn. James, Gregory Hughes, Martin Gureasko,. **Friends of Members:** Pamfilis Family, Cheryl Brown, Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros, Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne, Kara, Glen.

**Reposed:** Angela Gafton's Father; Ron Waskerwitz, Christopher Pamfilis, Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Valentina, Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Boris and Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie.

## Committees/Chairpersons:

Choir Director – Sandy Ellis  
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann  
Sisterhood President – Iryna Haddock  
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann  
Sunday School Teacher—Serena Harwell  
Library & Bookstore – Matushka Ann  
Building Maintenance – Bob Zarzaur & Rick Kaiser  
Welcoming Committee Coordinator – Charles Malmede  
Capital Campaign – Hal Pastrick and Joe Bergantz  
Website – Charles Malmede  
Newsletter Bulletin – Rick Kaiser  
Candle/ Supplies – Rick Kaiser

## Church Council – 2016 to 2017

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator  
Bob Zarzaur– President  
Michele Platt – Vice President  
Joe Bergantz – Treasurer  
Pavel (Elliot) Sievers – Secretary

**Members at large** – Kathy Couch, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Hal Pastrick

Please note: the Church telephone number is: **256-881-2449**

Office hours at the church are as follows.\*

Tues: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wed: 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Thurs: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

*\*Please note: while Fr. Gregory will normally be at the church during these times, pastoral needs are given priority (i.e.; when someone is ill, etc.). If you need to see him, please call ahead.*