



**St. Michael the  
Archangel  
Serbian  
Orthodox  
Parish  
Newsletter  
May 2014**

**Christ is Risen!**

Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM  
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM

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

*“Thou didst raise up  
human nature which  
was fallen into  
corruption, O Christ,  
and in Thine  
Ascension Thou didst  
exalt us and glorify us  
together with Thyself.”*

*From the Ascension Matins  
Canon, Ode III*

**May: Important Church Dates:**

**4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers**

**11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Paralytic**

**18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Blind Man**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Ascension of our Lord.**

† 6PM- Vespers

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Ascension of our Lord.**

† 9AM – Orthos

† 10AM Divine Liturgy

**Events/Bulletin Board:** On Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm, Fr. Gregory will be giving a presentation on the Early Church; first 1000 years. Many people wonder what happened to the early church. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family that have may have expressed an interest in early church history!

**Inquirers:** Catechumen/Inquirer Class is held at 4:30PM every other Saturday: May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Offerings:** Remember to use envelopes, and include your name, so that the treasurer may credit you with your donations.

**Confessions:** may be heard Saturdays after Vespers; also Sunday mornings before Divine Liturgy 9:40 am-10 am or contact Fr. Gregory to arrange a time. Please come early on Sunday mornings so we may start Divine Liturgy on time.

**Church Cleaning:** Will be held on **May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.** Fr. Gregory will open the church for cleaning. Attendance has been low, and we could really use the additional help. Please come help beautify our church.

**Coffee Hour:** (\*Apostles Fast)

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Lee

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Pastrick

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Pickle

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Platt

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Wolf/Standifer

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Zarzaur

\*June 15<sup>th</sup> – Bergantz

\*June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Darzi/Malyarenko

\*June 29<sup>th</sup> – Ellis

**Church Needs:** Regular and decaffeinated coffee. Specialty coffee is always a nice treat also! If you can donate some, it would be very much appreciated!

**Russian School:** Meets at 11:30AM each Saturday. Contact Elena Lee ([lenaLee10@aol.com](mailto:lenaLee10@aol.com)) or Alexandra Pickle ([Alexandra.pickle@gmail.com](mailto:Alexandra.pickle@gmail.com)) with any questions you may have.

**Sisterhood Meeting:** Sisterhood of St. Sophia meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday each month – May 15 at 6:00 PM.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

God Grant Them Many Years!

**Birthdays:**

8<sup>th</sup> – Ray Kendall

11<sup>th</sup> – Anya Pickle

23<sup>rd</sup> – Alexandra Chaynikova

31<sup>st</sup> – Mary Zarzaur

**Anniversaries:**

12<sup>th</sup> – Vicki & Ray Kendall

14<sup>th</sup> – Iryna & Jerney Haddock

27<sup>th</sup> – Carol Wolf & Marshall Standifer

29<sup>th</sup> – Michele & Don Platt

## Thank You:

- What a wonderful Pascha we had this year. Special thanks to Loren Capsopoulos for the donation of pussy willows for Palm Sunday; to everyone who contributed to purchase lilies for Pascha and to Ray and Vicki Kendall for the beautiful flower arrangements; to Elena Lee & Alexandra for their donation of flowers, and to all that helped set up the tomb and helped prepare for the service; to Michelle Platt for arranging the Edgewater Clubhouse for the Pascha vespers and celebration; and to Shellie Kioutas, Olga Hansen, Vicki Kendall, Hal & Vivienne Pastrick and all those who helped in organizing the wonderful Paschal meal; to the Russian School for their singing and to Sandy Ellis, Elena Lee, Alexandra Pickle and everyone who helped organized the children's games and Easter egg hunt. Christ is risen!!

## Community Events/Bulletin Board

- In case you missed it on page one: Fr. Gregory will be giving a presentation on the Early Church on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Many people wonder what happened to the early church. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family that have may have expressed an interest in early church history!

## Prayer List:

### **Please keep in your prayers**

Living: **Church Members:** Vangie Pamfilis, Milka Taylor (recovery from surgery). **Friends of Members:** Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Janet Burn's daughters Rebecca and Kara, and granddaughter Victoria. Jim Smith (Catechumen Lisa Crafts' father), Kathy Hoyer.

Reposed: Anna Scoggins (mother of Kathy Hoyer), Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie, Olga Hansen's father, Dragan, and Harold (Ray's dad) and Taylor Keesling (grand niece of Roger Ellis).

## Church Council – 2013 to 2014

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator

Hal Pastrick– President

Bob Zarzaur – Vice President

Joe Bergantz – Treasurer

Michele Platt – Secretary

**Members at large** – Sandy Ellis, Mike Jokich, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Marshall Standifer

Choir Director: Sandy Ellis

Ass't Choir Director: Mat. Ann

Sisterhood President: Shellie Kioutas

Website Coordinator: Vicki Kendall

Librarian – Leslie Hargrave

Sunday School Coordinator: Mat. Ann

Church Supply Coord.: Tatyana Malyrenko

News Items - Please send church news items to the Newsletter Editor: Rick Kaiser at [rkmk2012@gmail.com](mailto:rkmk2012@gmail.com)

## Other News:

Please note: the Church telephone number is:

**256-881-2449**

Congratulations!! To newly baptized Lisa Craft and Cayson Sage. May God grant them many years!

## Sisterhood News:

The Sisterhood met on April 10<sup>th</sup> to work out the plans for decorating the church, the tomb for Holy Friday, flower arrangements and the Paschal celebration and meal. At this meeting, a number of plans were discussed for some future fundraising activities that are currently in the works—so stay tuned!

Office hours at the church are as follows.\*

Tuesday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 12 noon – 6:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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



Holy Friday



Easter Egg Hunt



Lana strikes it rich!



Russian School Singers w/Guest Artists Hal & Sandy



St. Michael's: The Next Generation!



Baptism of Cayson (Michael) Sage



Baptism of Lisa (Elizabeth) Craft



*“For too many of us, perhaps, the weeks following the radiant Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ are a time a relaxation and even of indulgence; the rigors of the Fast being ended, the body revels while the spirit grows weak. But if this is unfortunately so, it is our own fault and not the fault of the Holy Church; for she never ceases to draw our minds upward and instruct us as to what thoughts and actions are appropriate for Orthodox Christians in this holy season.”*

+Fr. Seraphim Rose

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! We would all do well to consider what the Apostles and Disciples of our Lord did after His Resurrection to the time when He Ascended. We are fortunate since all these things have been written down for us in the Gospels. Nevertheless, it took a lot of faith for those first Apostles and Disciples to understand that Christ had truly risen from the dead; but the Lord helped them, just as He still helps us in our times if we're willing to make the effort!

Today it seems that some Christians view Pascha/Easter as something we briefly acknowledge once a year, almost like when you're at a baseball game and the announcer asks for a brief moment of silence to remember a great baseball player who passed away recently and then it's time to "Play Ball!" How easy it is to forget about all the amazing events of Holy Week leading up to Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection.

In this season we should imitate the Apostles and Disciples of our Lord after His Resurrection. They assembled together in the upper room to patiently wait on the Lord. This is an image of the Church, and we should assemble together as often as possible in the Church to meet the Lord. The Holy Myrrhbearers fearlessly went forth to anoint the Lord's Body with fragrant spices. Those spices represent the holy virtues of Humility, Meekness, Temperance, Purity, Thankfulness, Diligence and Charity that we too should practice and offer to the Lord. Even though the world, the passions and the devil would try to scare us away, we should be bold and make our way to the Lord, for He is all-powerful and can easily make the guards as dead men and roll away the heavy stone from our hardened hearts. And like Luke and Cleopas, we should continue to walk along life's path, contemplating all that our Lord accomplished and He will visit us and enlighten us and reveal Himself through the breaking of bread, an image of Holy Communion.

The Holy Church calls us to exercise and strengthen our faith, during this time between Christ's Resurrection and His Ascension. Each of these Sundays now are focused on increasing our faith and doing everything possible to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost when we will be endued with power from on high! May God bless you and reveal Himself to you on our spiritual journey as we follow Christ and His holy Apostles.

In Christ,

+Fr. Gregory