



# Newsletter September 2016

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/)

### Link - St. Michaels Calendar:

\* Please check calendar for details

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Synaxis of all Saints of Moscow.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist. (Fast Day)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** – St. Michael's Annual Assembly after Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Vespers for Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

 **6pm Vespers**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

 **8:45am Orthros**

 **10am Divine Liturgy**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Exaltation of the Cross.

 **6pm Vespers**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross.

 **8:45am Orthros**

 **10am Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** – St. Sophia Sisterhood Slava following Divine Liturgy

### Announcements:

Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by appointment.

### Supplies Needed:

- Specialty coffee is always appreciated!
- Kleenex

### Coffee Hour:

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – Capsopoulos

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Cox

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Darzi/Baker

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Sisterhood

(St. Sophia's Day!)

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ellis/Fontane

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Gulas

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Haddock

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hargrave

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Harwell/Couch

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:

3rd – Ashley Zarzaur

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5th – Gabrielle (Jade) Perry

7th – Bob Zarzaur

8th – Leeza Haddock

11th – Jim Cesari

14th – Monica Schultz

17th – Brian Jokich

18th – Michael (Logan) Perry

20th – Karen Chynoweth

20th – Ted Gulas

22nd – Anna Fontane

26th – Luke Chynoweth

27th – Julia Chynoweth

27th – Marshall Standifer

### Anniversaries:

10th – Mike & Michele Jokich

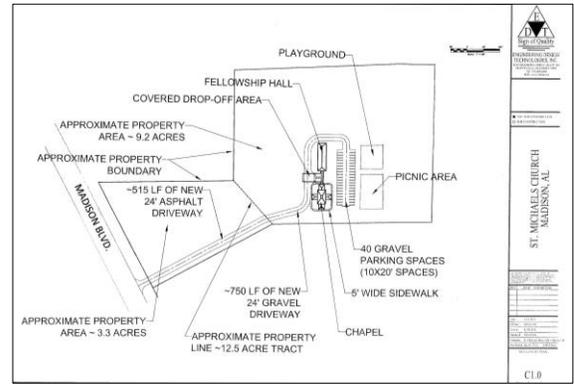
10th – Fr. Gregory & Mat. Ann Schultz

11th – Tamara & James Huron

## The Journey Begins!



*Concept drawing of new Church*



*Preliminary site plan for new Church/Hall*

I along with Father Gregory and the Church Council would like to thank those of you who attended and participated in the General Assembly and vote. We had a huge turnout. I think many good questions were asked and answered. This I believe is a monumental milestone for our church. The church voted to move forward with the purchase of the land. We also asked everyone to write an amount which they felt they could increase their monthly donations and it surpassed the amount needed monthly. This is the beginning not the end to this journey. It will take several years of dedication, hard work and prayer to see this to fruition. I am happy that we have a shared vision for the future of St. Michael's church.

Also, it was wonderful to see all the children in church yesterday. The sounds of children in church are the sound of our future. Without children we are a dying parish. Moving forward we have made the decision to give these children and their children a St. Michael's to continue to worship and glorify our Lord, in North Alabama and a symbol of our faith in the community for years to come.

I would also like to thank everyone for helping make yesterday happen. It was a joint effort from setting up tables and chairs, to working with the banks, working on the power point, working with the real estate agent, to preparing and serving food and cleaning up (the part no one enjoys). A huge Thank You!

I look forward to sharing this journey of building a NEW St. Michael's.

God Bless and Thank you,

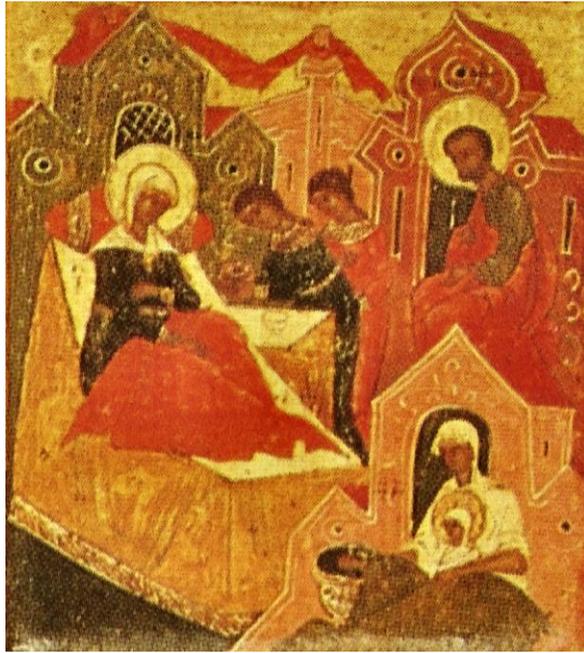
***Bob Zarzaur***

*Church Board President*

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***Congratulations to our new Catechumens Jeremy Haddock, Jade Perry and Logan Perry!***





## *Nativity of the Theotokos--September 8/21*

The holy Virgin Mary was born of her aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the tribe of David and her mother of the tribe of Aaron, and so she was of royal blood from her father and priestly blood from her mother. By this, she foreshadowed Him who would be born of her as King and High Priest.

Her parents were already old and had no children, and, because of this, were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility, they prayed with tears that God would bring joy to their old age with the gift of a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and Sarah, giving them their son Isaac. God, almighty and all-seeing, gave them a joy far exceeding all their expectations and their wildest 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.

God gave them just one daughter, who later gave 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, altar of the living God, table of living bread, ark of God's holy things, tree of the most delicious fruits, glory of the human race, praise of womanhood, fount of virginity and purity—this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna.

Born in Nazareth, she was after three years taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, whence she returned again to Nazareth and shortly afterwards heard the tidings of the holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, from her most pure and virginal body.

*(from the Prologue of St. Nicholai Velimirovic)*

**Donations in Memory or In Honor of:** *(none to report this month)*

**Sisterhood Fundraiser:** Mark Your Calendar for **Wednesday, September 21 at 6pm:** Sisterhood Fundraiser “We Care Wednesday” at the Blue Pants Brewery, 500 Lanier Rd., Madison, AL. BPB will donate to our church for each pint of beer sold. There will also be food and some silent auction items.

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

**House Blessings:** Please contact Fr. Gregory to schedule your house blessing.

**Committees/Chairpersons:**

Choir Director – Sandy Ellis  
Ass’t Choir Director – Matushka Ann  
Sisterhood President – Iryna Haddock  
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann  
Church Supply Coordinator – Loren Capsopoulos  
Legal Advisor—Brad Chynoweth  
Library & Bookstore – Matushka Ann  
Building Maintenance - Bob and Rick  
Welcoming Committee Coordinator – Charles Malmede  
Capital Campaign – Hal Pastrick and Joe Bergantz  
Website – Charles Malmede  
Newsletter Bulletin – Rick Kaiser  
Candle Supplies – Michele Kaiser

**Church Council – 2015 to 2016**

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator  
Bob Zarzaur– President  
Michele Platt – Vice President  
Joe Bergantz – Treasurer  
Marshal Standifer – Secretary

**Members at large** – Sandy Ellis, Mike Jokich, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Hal Pastrick

**Prayer List:**

**Living:** **Church Members & Orthodox Friends** Pat Darzi, Jim Cesari, Lisa Craft, Ivan Fontane, Angela Gafton, Olga Gulas, Leslie Hargrave, Harris family, Phil Harwell & family, Kathe Hoyer, Mat. Julie Joa, Weston Letson, Allen Morgan, Justin Novak, Sean Perry & family, Chris Sweeney, Catrina Thomas, Ron Waskerwitz, Tim Waskerwitz, Kurt Weber. **Friends of Members:** Pamfilis Family, Cheryl Brown, Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros, Martin Gureasko, Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne, Kara, Glen, Todd McCaffery, Steve McCreary.

**Reposed:** Christopher Pamfilis, Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Valentina, Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie.

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.*