

# Newsletter May 2020

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)



### See St. Michaels Website for Calendar

#### **Saturday, May 2nd – Vespers**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream*

#### **Sunday, May 3rd – Sun. of the Myrrh-bearing Women**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy *Live Stream*

#### **Wednesday, May 6th – Moleben to St. Michael**

+6:00 pm *Live Stream* Fish Day

#### **Saturday, May 9th – Vespers**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream*

#### **Sunday, May 10th – Sunday of the Paralytic**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy *Live Stream*

#### **Wednesday, May 13th – Holy Apostle James**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream* Fish Day

#### **Saturday, May 16th – Vespers**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream*

#### **Sunday, May 17th – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy *Live Stream*

#### **Wednesday, May 20th – Moleben to St. Michael**

+6:00 pm *Live Stream* Fish Day

#### **Saturday, May 23rd – Holy Apostle Simon**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream*

#### **Sunday, May 24th – Sunday of the Blind Man**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy *Live Stream*

#### **Wednesday, May 27th – Vespers for Ascension**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream* Fish Day

#### **Thursday, May 28th – Ascension of Our Lord**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy *Live Stream*

#### **Saturday, May 29th – Vespers**

+6:00 pm Vespers *Live Stream*

#### **Sunday, May 31st – Holy Frs. 1st Ecumenical Council**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy *Live Stream*

**Coffee Hour:** There will be no coffee hours until further notice. When we begin again, we will start with the family where we left off.

#### **Birthdays:**

4th – Caleb Eversole

6th – Ryan Agee

8th – Ray Kendall

11th – Anya Pickle

12th – Cheryl Brown

29th – Phil Harwell

29th – Lisa Novak

30th – Amelia Sievers

31st – Mary Zarzaur

#### **Anniversaries**

12th – Vicki & Ray Kendall

14th – Iryna & Jeremy Haddock

29th – Michele & Don Platt

30th – Benjamin & Stephanie  
Litter

**Online Church School:** Is being offered by Stephanie Litter which consists of her telling a saint's life and offering a craft. She is working on a "zoom" classroom. Please contact her or check your Facebook page.

**Save the Date: June 11–13 St. Michael's 6th Annual Retreat on Monte Sano. RV site 78 A & B are still available to reserve. For cabins or other sites call Patty at Monte Sano 256-534-3757**

**Inkind Donations:** Pussywillows from Joe and Helen Bergantz; Tomb Flowers from Cooper (Tamara) and Paul Murray. Tomb decorated and flowers removed by Cooper (Tamara) Murray.

**Livestreaming Technical Help**—Charles Malmede

**Livestreaming Choir**—Matushka Ann, Charles Malmede, Ray and Vicki Kendall

**Acolytes**—Matthew Hartley and Rick Kaiser.

There were no more than 7 people helping with services and sometimes only 4 people.

## The News at St. Michael's – May 2020

**Feasts:** Christ is Risen! Glory be to God, we completed the course of the Lenten Fast and Holy Week this past month. The Paschal services were very inspiring and uplifting! That said, we were also very sad that we could not all gather together physically to celebrate the Feast of Feasts. Nevertheless, with God all things are possible! We were still blessed to at least be able to livestream the services and many have shared that these have been helpful.

**New Property Update:** Things are well underway to complete “Phase 2” which are the utilities, stormwater system, grading work and paving. If you’ve driven by the property, you’ll notice the heavy equipment and the concrete manholes and pipes up the hill awaiting installation. We are still on track for the Phase 2 work to be completed this summer.

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Coronavirus Situation:** At this point, we are still following the Bishop’s direction to continue to do the church services with just a few people. We’ll be following the developments closely and hope that when Gov. Ivey reviews the restrictions on May 15 we will be able to re-open St. Michael’s. However, if anyone truly has a special need to give confession, receive Holy Communion or some other need, please contact Fr. Gregory to make arrangements.

**Online Church School:** *Stephanie Litter* continues to coordinate a Church School lesson at 4:30 pm on Sundays. She usually reads the Life of a Saint or the particular feast that we’re celebrating. She will offer a craft idea that when completed can be shown on her “zoom” classroom. Connect with *Stephanie* on Facebook.

**Online Giving:** Even though we are still dealing with the coronavirus restrictions, St. Michael’s still has to pay the monthly mortgage payments, utility bills and so forth. Since many of our members normally make their contributions using the collection basket when they’re at church, that is no longer an option at this point. Please consider looking over your finances and making a generous monthly tithe contribution that works for you. You can mail a check or if you’ll go to our website: <https://stmichaelshsv.org> and find the “Donations” tab, just click it and it will take you to a page where you can make an ongoing monthly contribution or a one-time donation using a credit or debit card.

**Annual Retreat:** We are, still, very much hoping to have our annual retreat June 11-13 this year at Monte Sano State Park Campground. For anyone who has made campground and/or cabin reservations, there is a 72-hour cancellation policy, so if (God forbid!) there was a need to cancel, the deadline would be by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Paschal Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

If any man be devout and God-loving, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumph! If any be a good and wise servant, let him enter rejoicing into the joy of his Lord.

If any be weary of fasting, let him now receive his reward. If any have labored from the first hour, let him receive today his rightful due. If any have come at the third hour, let him feast with thankfulness. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him in no wise be in doubt; for in no wise shall he suffer loss. If any be delayed even until the ninth hour, let him draw near, doubting nothing, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him not be fearful on account of his lateness. For the Master, Who is jealous of his honor, receiveth the last even as the first. He giveth rest unto him that cometh at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that hath labored from the first hour.

And to the last He is merciful, and the first He pleaseth; to the one He giveth, and to the other He bestoweth; and He receiveth the works, and welcometh the intention; and the deed He honoureth, and the offering He praiseth.

Wherefore, then, enter ye all into the joy of your Lord; both the first and the second, receive ye your reward. Ye rich and ye poor, with one another exult! Ye sober and ye slothful, honour the day! Ye that have kept the fast and ye that have not, be glad today. The table is full-laden; delight ye all. The calf is fatted; let none go forth hungry. Let all enjoy the feast of faith, receive all ye the riches of goodness.

Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal Kingdom hath been revealed. Let no one weep for his transgressions, for forgiveness hath dawned from the tomb. Let no one fear death, for the death of the Saviour hath set us free. He that was held prisoner of it hath annihilated it, He Who descended into hades.

He embittered it, when it tasted of His flesh. And foretelling this, Isaiah, cried: "Hades," he saith, "was embittered when it encountered Thee below."

It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered. It received a body, and encountered God. It received earth, and met Heaven. It received that which it saw, and fell to what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting? O hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen, and thou art cast down! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life flourisheth! Christ is risen, and there is none dead in the tombs. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of them that have fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.



# April 2020 Photos



*Top Left:* Feast of the Annunciation April 7; *Top Right:* Palm Sunday April 12; *Center:* Amelia and Nicholai Sievers home Church watching Fr. Gregory on live-stream; *Right Bottom:* Holy Thursday Service of the 12 Gospels April 16; *Left Bottom:* Bridegroom Matins on Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday April 13 & 14 with Acolyte Matthew Hartley.





*Above Left: Holy Thursday Vesperal Liturgy;  
Above Right: Cooper (Tamara) Murray coordinates the decorating of the Tomb;  
Center: Epitaphios of Christ icon on the decorated Tomb;  
Below: Holy Friday Vespers with Procession of Epitaphion April 17*



# PASCHA

Sunday, April 19

*Top Left:* Fr. Gregory giving Homily of St. John Chrysotom;  
*Center:* Paschal choir—Vicki Kendall, Charles Malmede, Ray Kendall & Mat. Ann (not in pic).  
*Bottom:* Live-streamed blessing of the Pascha (Easter) baskets.



## Prayer List:

**Living: Church Members & Orthodox Friends:** Please pray for God's help with building of the future Church and hall on our new property on Madison Blvd.; Tim Waskerwitz, Pat Darzi's speedy recovery from surgery, Martin Gureasko. **Friends of Members:** Anne Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros

**Reposed:** Fr. Michael Vanderhoef, Fr. Patrick Kinder, Bill McKenney, Eli Grba, Fr. Athanasius Shaw, Gennadiy Zhmaylo, Fr. Chris Williamson, Gregory Hughes, Ron Waskerwitz, Christopher Pamfilis, Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Olga Gulas, Valentina, Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Boris and Mary Kochoff, Fryni McCreary, Nelia Friedman, Natalie Elliott.

**Confessions:** May be heard Saturdays after Vespers; Sunday 9:40—10 am before Divine Liturgy or contact Fr. Gregory to arrange a time. Please come early Sunday morning so we can begin Liturgy by 10:00 am.

## Committees/Chairpersons:

*Sub-deacons*—Bob Zarzaur & Anthony Freude

*Choir Director*—Ray Kendall

*Ass't Choir Director*—Matushka Ann

*Readers/Acolytes*—Steve Cox, Matthew Hartley, David Hogan, Rick Kaiser, Ray Kendall, Charles Malmede & Hal Pastrick

*Sisterhood President*—Iryna Haddock

*Sisterhood Treasurer*—Michele Platt

*Sunday School Director*—Matushka Ann

*Sunday School Teachers*—Serena Harwell, Pavel Sievers and Timea Veres

*Sunday School Teaching Assistants*—Stephanie Litter and Patrease Traylor

*Bookstore*—Matushka Ann

*Library*—Eric Morgan

*Building Maintenance*—Sub-deacon Bob Zarzaur & Rick Kaiser

*Welcoming Committee Coordinator*—Charles Malmede

*Live-streaming & Website*—Charles Malmede

*Newsletter Bulletin*—Rick Kaiser

*Candle/Supplies*—Rick Kaiser

*Facebook/Instagram*—Stephanie Litter

## Church Council—2019 to 2020

Father Gregory Schultz—Parish Administrator

Sub-deacon Moses (Bob) Zarzaur—President

Michele Platt—Vice President

Matthew Hartley—Treasurer

Rick Kaiser—Secretary

**Members at Large**— Joe Bergantz, John

Duda, Benjamin Litter, Charles Malmede and

Hal Pastrick

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

Office hours at the Church are cancelled at this time.

Please contact Fr. Gregory concerning any pastoral needs.