

Newsletter September 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



See [St. Michaels Website](http://www.stmichaelshsv.org) for Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 2 –No Services

Fr. Gregory out of town.

Saturday, Sept. 5 – No Vespers service

Fr. Gregory out of town.

Sunday, Sept. 6 – Hieromartyr Eutychius

+10:00am Typica Readers Service

Wednesday, Sept. 9 –No Services

Fr. Gregory out of town.

Friday, Sept. 11– **Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

Saturday, Sept. 12 – +6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 13 – **Placing of the Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy

12:30 pm Baptism of Lidia Veres with Reception following

Monday, Sept. 14 – Church New Year

Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Moleben to St. Michael

+6:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 19 – 4:00 pm Catechumen & Inquirer's

+6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 20 – Holy Martyr Sozontos

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy

+12:30pm Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Monday, Sept. 21 – **Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos**

+8:45am Orthros

+10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Moleben to St. Michael

+6:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 26 – 4:00 pm Catechumen & Inquirer's

+6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, Sept. 27 – **Exaltation of the Cross (Fast Day)**

+8:45am Orthros;

+10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – Moleben to St. Michael

+6:00 pm

Coffee Hour: (*Exaltation of the Cross Fast Day)

Sept 6 – Zarzaur

Oct 4 – Fontane/Adams

Sept 13 – Ainsworth

Oct 11 – Haddock

Sept 20 – Baker

Oct 18 – Hartley/Brennan

*Sept 27 – Bergantz (fast)

Oct 25 – Harwell

Birthdays:

3rd – Ashley Zarzaur

3rd – Landon Zarzaur

7th – Bob Zarzaur

8th – Leeza Haddock

11th – Esther Huch

14th – Monica Schultz Baker

14th – Dylan Phillips

22nd – Anna Fontane

Anniversaries

3rd – Olesya & Adam Phillips

10 – Fr. Gregory & Mat Ann Schultz

24th –Eric & Wendy Morgan

27th – John & Anna Jones

Many Thanks to: John Duda for organizing the shed construction and donating it to the church and to Benj Litter for organizing the playground removal. Thanks also to our crew of hearty volunteers: Joe Bergantz, Matthew Hartley, Rick Kaiser, Justin Novak, Adam & Olysia Phillips and Bill Tanner.

News: The former Church school building has been sold and tables and chairs will be stored in the new shed behind the Church. TBA development of a Church school program on Saturday or weekday. Feedback is welcome.

August 2020 Photos



Baptism of Constantine Leon Baker
on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Godparents are: *Leonard Adams
and Maryna Hamby*

Proud parents: *Chase & Monica
Baker*

Proud Grandparents: *Joel & Chris-
tie and Fr. Gregory & Matushka Ann*

Great grandmother: *Nancy Morelan*

Below Right: *Tatiana Shadrino
gives Constantine a hug*



August 2020 Photos



Above left: Fr. Gregory blesses children for 2020-2021 school year

Above right: Newly tonsured reader Leonard leads Matins

Right: Blessing fruits on the Feast of the Transfiguration
Bottom: Well attended Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos



August 2020 Photos



Constructing new metal shed donated by *John Duda*. *Adam Phillips* on the roof.
Matthew Hartley and *Rick Kaiser* offering advice.



The News at St. Michael's –September 2020

Feasts & Fasts: We celebrated the **Feast of the Transfiguration** with a vespers service on August 18th and Matins & Divine Liturgy on August 19th. The Dormition Fast began on August 14th, culminating with the **Feast of the Dormition** which we celebrated with Vespers on August 27th and Matins/Divine Liturgy on August 28th.

Work Party: On Saturday, August 22nd, a work party was held at St. Michael's Church on Spartacus Drive. The old playground equipment was removed (to make way for a new playground) and a storage shed was set up behind the church. Special thanks to John Duda for organizing the shed construction and donating it to the church and to Benj Litter for organizing the playground removal. Thanks also to our crew of hearty volunteers: Joe Bergantz, Matthew Hartley, Rick Kaiser, Justin Novak, Adam & Olysia Phillips and Bill Tanner.

Baptism: On August 2nd, St. Michael's welcomed its newest (and youngest) member with the baptism of Constantine Leon Baker. Leonard Adams and Maryna Hamby served as godparents. Thanks also to Becky Brennan for sewing the baptismal robe.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Upcoming Feasts & Fasts: The **Church New Year** begins on September 1/14. The Holy Church has given us two Great Feasts to help get us off on the right foot: The **Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos** will be celebrated on Monday, September 21st and the **Feast of the Elevation of the Cross** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27th.

Catechumen & Inquirers Class: Classes are being held on Saturday afternoons at 4pm with the exception of 9/5 & 9/12.

St. Michael Moleben & Akathist Services: These services will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm with the exception of 9/2 & 9/9. Our purpose is to ask the divine intercession of our Patron: St. Michael the Archangel, as we develop our new property.

Misc.: Fr. Gregory & Mat. Ann will be out of town from 9/1 – 9/12. Fr. Gregory's 90 year old father has been in a nursing home since last year so they will be visiting him and other family. Ray Kendall will be leading a Typica Service on Sunday, September 6th at 10:00am.



The First Ecumenical Council [Nicaea, 325] decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1st (14th on the 'new' calendar). The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year (Exodus 23:16), the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21), opened the book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words: *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn (Isaiah 61:1-2)."*

We know that the Kingdom of Heaven is eternal and that time and space only exist in this present, fallen world. Yet, heaven and earth "come together" in the sacraments of the Holy Church. Many have experienced how during the Divine Liturgy and other Divine Services, time itself seems to be suspended. It is often at such times that a window to the other world opens to us.

If you were going to take a trip somewhere far away, you would begin making plans and preparations in advance: travel arrangements, packing, making an itinerary and so forth. In a way, our whole life is a preparation for when we will leave this earthly life and enter into the next life in the other world. As Christians, it is our responsibility to rouse ourselves each day and as St. Paul writes in Hebrews 2:1-2 "... *let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*"

The Church New Year marks the beginning of a whole new cycle of the Liturgical Year and is an important image for us of sanctifying the time we have on this earth. As St. Paul says in Ephesians 5:15-16 *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."* In the world, there are many secular holidays which people base their plans around: Labor Day, Halloween, New Year's Day, July 4th, Memorial Day, etc. In a sense, these secular holidays sort of "frame in" the life in the secular world. While there's nothing wrong with recognizing these worldly holidays as far as they go, they are just that: days that honor events in this world. However, as Christians, we know that Christ's kingdom is not of this world. By centering our lives around the Great Feasts and Fasts of the Holy Church, we are truly preparing for our life in the other world to come.

St. Nikolai Velimirovic offers the following "Commandments of the Church" in which every Christian ought:

1. To go to church for public worship every Sunday, and on great holy days, besides the every-day prayers
2. To keep the fast periods and fast days as prescribed
3. To respect the priests as spiritual fathers
4. To confess sins with repentance before a priest
5. To avoid association with unbelievers and to read no atheistic, vulgar books
6. To pray for the living and the dead
7. To keep special fasts and prayers when they are ordered by the Church authorities in times of emergency such as war, pestilence, hunger, drought, etc.
8. To support the maintenance of the church, Church servants and Church institutions
9. To educate children by the Faith of our Fathers, and to admonish sinners to return to the Faith
10. To help in every respect the Orthodox Church's mission in this world.

Let these be our "*New Year's Resolutions*" for this coming Church New Year!

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.; Kathy Couch, Vicki Kendall, Becky Brennan, Pat Darzi's speedy recovery from surgery. **Friends of Members:** Anne Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros

Reposed: Carl Brennan, 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, Joe Bergantz,

Hal Pastrick & Anthony Freude

Choir Director—Ray Kendall

Ass't Choir Director—Matushka Ann

Readers/Acolytes—Leonard Adams, Steve Cox,
Matthew Hartley, David Hogan, Rick Kaiser, Ray
Kendall, Benjamin Litter, Charles Malmede
& Eric Morgan

Sisterhood President—Iryna Haddock

Sisterhood Treasurer—Michele Platt

Sunday School Director—Matushka Ann

Sunday School Teachers—Serena Harwell, Pavel
Sievers

Sunday School Teaching Assistants—Stephanie Litter

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.