



Newsletter July 2015

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.stmichaelsv.org/

July: Important Church Dates:

Wed. 1st—6pm Vespers for St. John Maximovitch

Thurs. 2nd—9am Orthros/10am Liturgy for

St. John Maximovitch

Sunday 12th –Holy, Glorious and All-praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul. End of Apostles Fast

Sunday 19th—St. Sisoies the Great

Sunday 26th – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils

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 at: (church) 256-881-2449; (home) 256-325-4401 or (email) frgregory1@gmail.com

Supplies Needed: Please consider donating the following:

- ✓ Paper towels, Paper plates, Napkins, Spic-n-Span floor cleaner, Liquid hand soap.

If you can donate it would be greatly appreciated!

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

*July 5th – Craft

July 12th – Sisterhood

July 19th – Huron

July 26th – Jokich

Aug. 2nd – Sisterhood

Aug. 9th – Kaiser

**Aug. 16th – Pastrick

**Aug. 23rd – Platt

Aug. 30th – Wolf/Standifer

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

Church Cleaning: The next cleaning will be held on **July 11th at 9:00AM.** Mike Jokich will open the church for cleaning. Please come and help us keep our church clean!

Birthdays:

2nd – Debbie Gulas

4th – Vivienne Pastrick

7th – Inna Teasley

10th – Charles Teasley

Anniversaries:

19th – Rick & Michele Kaiser

News Items – Please send church news items to the Newsletter Editor: Rick Kaiser at rkmk2012@gmail.com

Sisterhood Meeting: Sisterhood of St. Sophia meets monthly July 16th at 6:00 PM.



Several families have moved this year, leaving some gaps in our coffee hour list! Please talk to Fr. Gregory, Mat. Ann or one of the board members about having your name added to the list. It's a simple way to get involved, a great venue to greet newcomers that come to visit, and the more responsibility we share, the better it is for all. Thanks!



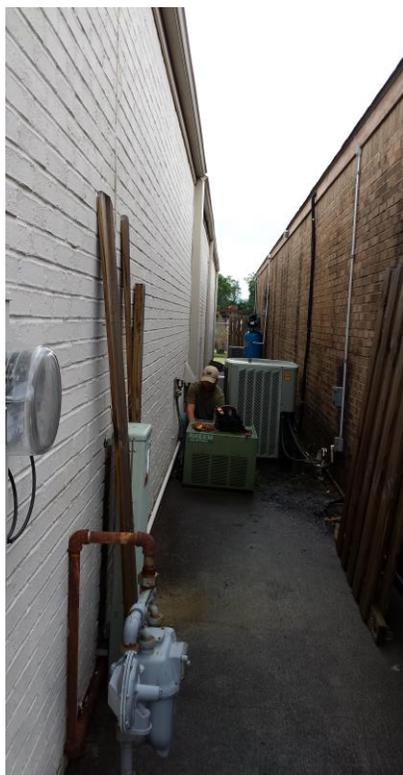
Church Retreat & Picnic: June 5th & 6th

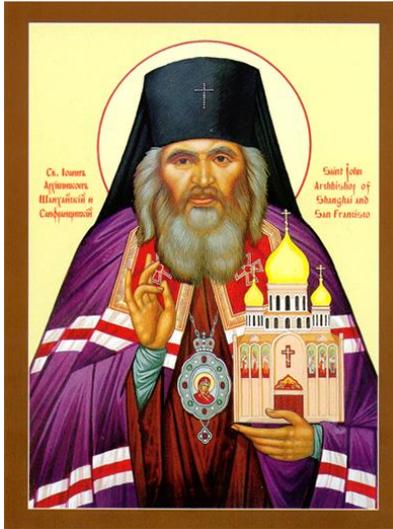
St. Michael's Church celebrated its' first annual Church Retreat & Picnic at the Monte Sano Campground. Many hard working volunteers set up an outdoor chapel under the Campground Pavilion. Thanks to **Chase Baker & Charles Malmede** for helping build the outdoor altar & proskomedia tables & analogian and to **Robert Abrams, Rick Kaiser, Allen Morgan** and everyone else who lent a hand. Vespers was served just as the sun was beginning to set. It was a peaceful and inspiring service. Afterwards, a veritable feast was served thanks to local BBQ champion, Bob Zarzaur and family. A number of St. Michael's parishioners camped out that evening in tents, RV's or cabins and no one went to bed hungry! On Saturday morning, Matins and Divine Liturgy were served. This may very well have been the first Orthodox Divine Liturgy served on Monte Sano. It was a beautiful and Grace-filled service with nature as our backdrop. Thanks to **Shellie Kioutas** and the **Sisterhood** and **Bob Zarzaur** and everyone who helped to provide the delicious BBQ ribs and delectable dishes that were served afterwards to everyone's delight. All those who attended felt the bonds of Christian fellowship being strengthened in our community and many are looking forward to the next retreat & picnic.



St. Michael's gets a new Air Conditioning System & Furnace!

We recently received a grant from Christ the Saviour Brotherhood (a pan-Orthodox organization) to replace our 32-year old air conditioning system that was on its last legs. Steve Cox was able to use his employee discount to purchase all the equipment and supplies at a great discount and his son, HVAC expert extraordinaire Gary Cox headed up the installation team. Thanks to **Steve Cox** for donating his time and expertise in organizing this! We also want to thank **Chris Sweeney, Charles Malmede** and **Robert Abrams** for their assistance. Beginning early Saturday morning on June 27th, the crew worked all day and late into the night to complete the A/C installation in time for Sunday Liturgy. While the temperature used to rise 10 to 20 degrees by the end of each Liturgy in the summer months, (since the old unit was no longer able to keep up), on June 28th, it stayed cool for the entire service! Thank you Steve, Gary and all the crew!





ARCHBISHOP JOHN: WONDER-WORKER OF SHANGHAI AND SAN FRANCISCO

After the repose of Archbishop Simon of Shanghai in 1933, Archbishop Victor who headed the Russian Mission in China sent a request to the Synod for a new bishop for Shanghai. In 1934, the hieromonk John (Ioann in Russian) was consecrated bishop of Shanghai when he was 38 years old, by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) in the presence of many Russian hierarchs and Serbian delegates, such as his contemporary, St Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Ochrid.

Upon arrival in Shanghai from the former Yugoslav republic on the feast of the entry of the Theotokos (Nov 21/Dec 4, 1934), St John, even though a strict bishop, led a life of simplicity and asceticism. He was active not only in Church with serving daily liturgies but also in the society, where he gathered abandoned children from the streets and started an orphanage. He likewise oversaw the completion of the construction of the Cathedral dedicated to the icon of the Theotokos, Surety of Sinners. The Russian Church Abroad elevated him as Archbishop of Shanghai after World War II in 1946, where he stayed until the Communist government took power in mainland China in 1949. Many among his flock who did not wish to stay fled with him through Hong Kong to the Philippines.

He eventually arrived in America and took up the archbishopric see of the Church Abroad in San Francisco in 1962. St John fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, July 2, 1966. His glorification took place on June 19/July 2, 1994 at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Theotokos "Joy of All Who Sorrow" in the city of San Francisco, where his uncorrupt relics were revealed when his sepulchre was opened. He is commemorated each year on the Saturday closest to June 19 / July 2.

[Prayer List:](#)

Please keep in your prayers

Living: **Church Members:** Kathe Hoyer, Brad Zarzaur, Ashley Zarzaur. **Friends of Members:** Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Catrina Thomas.

Reposed: Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Jim Smith (Lisa Crafts' father), Larry Smith (Lisa Craft's Uncle), Anna Scoggins (mother of Kathy Hoyer), Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie and Clyde Ennis (Leslie Hargrave's grandfather).

Committees/Chairpersons:

Choir Director – Sandy Ellis
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann
Sisterhood President – Shellie Kioutas
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann
Church Supply Coordinator – Loren Capsopoulos
Library & Bookstore – Matushka Ann & Leslie Hargrave
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 – 2014 to 2015

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, Shellie Kioutas, Charles Malmede, Hal Pastrick

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

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 are given priority (i.e.; when someone is ill, etc.). If you need to see him, please call ahead.*