



Newsletter September 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/

September Important Church Dates:

Sunday 6th – Hieromartyr Eutychius (1st c.)

Friday 11th – Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

† 7:00pm – Guest Speaker Fr. Serafim Baltic

Sunday 20th – Potluck & Annual Assembly 12pm.

Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

† 6pm Vespers

Monday 21st – Nativity of the Theotokos.

† 8:45am Orthros/10am Liturgy

Sunday 27th – Elevation of the Cross

Announcement: After a summer break, we will be starting up the Spiritual Chat Group again. Please join us this Wednesday at St. Michaels Church at 6:30pm and be prepared to suggest topics you are interested in for future discussions!

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

Supplies Needed: Please consider donating the following:

- Coffee and Creamer (Specialty coffee is always appreciated!)

Coffee Hour: (* Fast Day)

Sept. 6th – Platt

Sept. 13th – Wolf/Standifer

Sept. 20th – Gen. Asm. Potluck

*Sept. 27th – Zarzaur

Oct. 4th – St. Sophia
Slava

Oct. 11th – Bergantz

Oct. 18th – Capsopoulos

Oct. 25th – Cox

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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7th – Bob Zarzaur

8th – Leeza Haddock

11th – Jim Cesari

14th – Monica Schultz

17th – Brian Jokich

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



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!



The Universal Exaltation of the Precious Cross

On Sunday, September 27, we will celebrate the Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Due to the solemnity of this feast, the Church has established that regardless of the day of the week on which it is observed, that it be a fast day. The Lord said, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."* (Luke 9:23)

St. Innocent of Alaska wrote a small book of instruction about the Christian life called *"Indication of the Way Into the Kingdom of Heaven."* A free copy of this book will soon be available on our website at stmichaelshsv.org. Following are a few excerpts:

"The first duty of a Christian is to deny oneself. To deny oneself means: to give up one's bad habits, to root out of the heart all that ties us to the world; not to cherish bad desires and thoughts; to quench and suppress bad thoughts; to avoid occasions of sin; not to do or desire anything from self-love, but to do everything out of love for God. To deny oneself means, according to the Apostle Paul, to be dead to sin and the world, but alive to God.

A Christian's second duty is to take up his cross. The word 'cross' means sufferings, sorrows and adversities. There are exterior and interior crosses. To take up one's cross means to accept and bear uncomplainingly everything unpleasant, painful, sad, difficult and oppressive that may happen to us in our life. To take up one's cross means not only to bear crosses laid on us by others or sent by Providence, but to take and carry one's own crosses and even to lay crosses upon oneself and bear them.

The third duty of the disciple of Jesus Christ is to follow Him. To follow Jesus Christ means to imitate in all our works and acts the works and acts of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus Christ lived and acted on earth, so we should also live and act. For example: Jesus Christ always gave thanks and praise to God His Father, and always prayed to Him. So too in every state and in all the circumstances of our life we should thank God, love Him and both publicly and privately give praise to Him, pray to Him, and always have Him in our mind and heart."

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and help us to deny ourselves, take up cross and follow Him!

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

Prayer List:

Please keep in your prayers

Living: **Church Members:** Jim Cesari, Kathe Hoyer, Brad Zarzaur, Ashley Zarzaur. **Friends of Members:** Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Corey Robinson, 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, Brandie Cesari (Jim Cesari's wife).

Committees/Chairpersons:

Choir Director – Sandy Ellis
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann
Sisterhood President – Michele Platt
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann
Church Supply Coordinator – Loren Capsopoulos
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 – 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, 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.*