



# Newsletter February 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/)

### February Important Church Dates:

*\*please check calendar for details*

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople (389).**

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – 6pm Vespers for Meeting of the Lord**

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – The Meeting of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ**

†8:45am Matins

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Zaccheus Sunday**

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

**Week of February 22-26 is FAST FREE WEEK!**

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

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

### Announcements:

**Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by appointment.**

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is the BBQ pork roast fundraiser. Order your pork roast now and tell your friends about this amazing event by world-famous, award-winning BBQ Master Bob Zarzaur. Please email Bob at [Bobz1957@yahoo.com](mailto:Bobz1957@yahoo.com) to order your pork roast now!**

### Coffee Hour:

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Malmede/ Chynoweth

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Pastrick

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Pickle

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Platt

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sisterhood

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> – Queener/Siever

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Wolf/Standife

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Zarzaur

*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:

1st – Joe Bergantz

6th – Charles Chynoweth

7th – Michele Platt

9th – Alexandra Pickle

15th – Charles Malmede

21st – Kirk Weber

### Anniversaries:

9<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Seraphim & Mat. Julie Joa

14<sup>th</sup> – Rob and Loren Capsopoulos

22<sup>nd</sup> – Pavel & Anya Sievers

27<sup>th</sup> – Sandy & Roger Ellis

### Supplies Needed –

- Fork, Spoons and Paper Plates
- Paper Towels
- Olive Oil (not extra virgin)

### Upcoming Events:

Maslenitsa Fundraiser: Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-4. Volunteers are needed to help out with this great fund raising opportunity. Please contact Iryna Haddock at [Iryna75@gmail.com](mailto:Iryna75@gmail.com) for details.

Children's Ed. Program & Choir: Sat., 2/6 and Sat. 2/20 at 11am. Please bring the kids to church for this program. It's a lot of fun and remember, our children will be the future church choir members!

Nativity 2016: This past Nativity was a wonderful celebration of the Birth of our Lord! We had a record attendance for the Nativity Divine Liturgy on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Eve service and meal the night before and the annual Schultz Christmas party were also both very well attended with lots of Christmas cheer and fellowship!







## The Meeting of the Lord Jesus Christ

On the fortieth day after His birth, the Virgin Mary brought Jesus into the Temple of Jerusalem, in accordance with the Law, to dedicate Him to God and to purify herself. (*“Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites both of man and beast, for it belongs to me”*; Exodus 13:2) Although neither the mother nor her Son was unclean, the Lawgiver did not want to transgress His own Law, which He had given through Moses, His Prophet.

At that time, the Archpriest Zachariah (the father of John the Forerunner) was on duty in the Temple (*“serving as a priest before God in the order of his division”*; Luke 1:8) Zacharias placed the Virgin Mary, not in the temple area reserved for women, but rather in the area reserved for virgins.

On this occasion, two unusual persons appeared in the Temple: the Elder Simeon and Anna, the daughter of Phanuel. The righteous Simeon took the Messiah in his arms and said: “Now, Master, let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation” (St. Luke 2:29-30). Simeon also spoke the following words about the Christ-child: *“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel”* (St. Luke 2:34).

The righteous Anna, (who from her youth served God in the Temple by fasting and prayers), recognized the Messiah in Jesus, glorified God and proclaimed the coming of the long-awaited One to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (*from the Synaxarion*)

“Each soul ought to be a Temple of God, to which Mary brings Jesus. The prayer of Simeon, ‘now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace’ does not simply mean that someone who has seen Jesus and has held him in his arms can now leave this life and die in peace: it also means for us that, having seen and touched the Saviour, we are released from the hold that sin has on us, and in peace, can leave the realm of evil.” (*from “The Year of Grace of the Lord”*)

**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 & Orthodox Friends:** Jim Cesari, Lisa Craft, Anna Fontane, Leslie Hargrave, Harris family, Phil Harwell, Kathe Hoyer, Veronika Johnson, Weston Letson, Sean Perry & family, David & Cate Queener, Catrina Thomas, Ron Waskerwitz, Tim Waskerwitz, Kurt Weber, Adam & Brittini Zarzaur and Brad Zarzaur. **Friends of Members:** Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Corey Robinson, Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Todd McCaffery, Kate McCaffery.

**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, Clyde Ennis (Leslie Hargrave's grandfather), Brandie Cesari (Jim Cesari's wife).

**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  
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

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.*