



Newsletter June 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/

Link - St. Michaels Calendar:

* Please check calendar for details

Sunday 5th – Sunday of the Blind Man

Thursday 9th – The Ascension of the Lord!

Sunday 12th – The Fathers of the 1st

Ecumenical Council

**Friday 17th & Saturday 18th – St. Michael's
Retreat & Picnic at Monte Sano Campground
Pavilion (stay tuned for details)**

Sunday 19th – Pentecost. Trinity Sunday

Sunday 26th – Sunday of All Saints

Announcements:

Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by appointment.

Supplies Needed :

- Communion Wine. Preferably Manischewitz.
- Regular and decaffeinated coffee. Specialty coffee is always appreciated!
- Paper towels.

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

Coffee Hour:

June 5 th – Harwell/Thomas	July 3 rd – Kaiser
June 12 th – Hogan/Schultz	July 10 th – Malmede/Chynoweth
June 19 th – Huron	July 17 th – Pastrick
June 26 th – Jokich	July 24 th – Pickle
	July 31 st – Platt

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

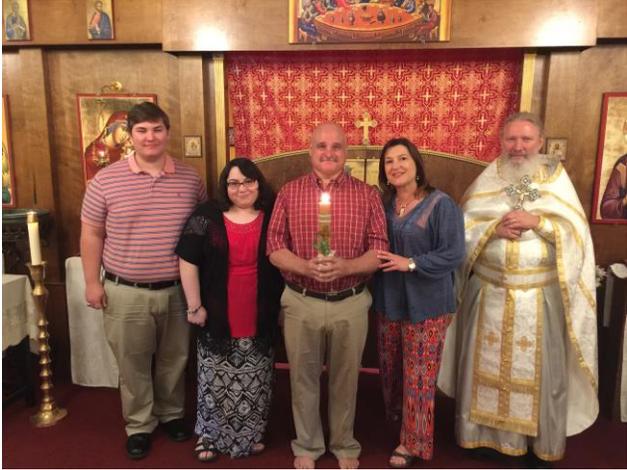
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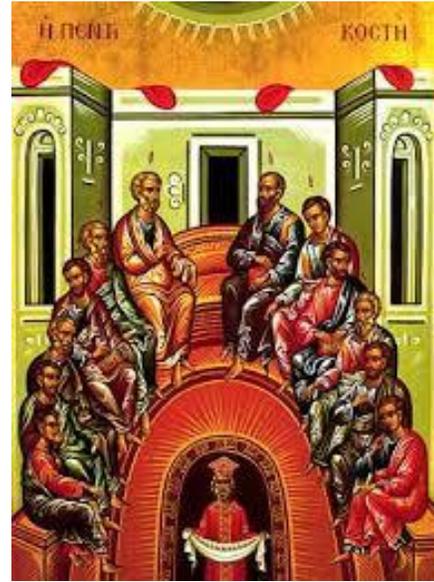
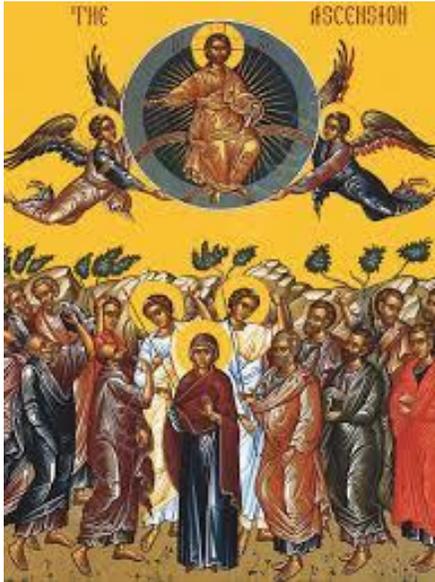
1st – Father Gregory Schultz
2nd – Olga Gulas
3rd – Fr. Seraphim Joa
6th – Chris Sweeney
7th – Helen Bergantz
11th – Robbie Cox
15th – Tamara Huron
19th – Chase Baker
21st – David Queener
24th – Lisa Craft
24th – Justin Novak
28th – Hal Pastrick
28th – Serena Harwell
28th – Christopher Murphy
30th – Leslie Hargrave

Anniversaries:

3rd – Hal & Vivienne Pastrick
12th – Joe & Helen Bergantz

Welcome Newly Chrismated St. Michael's Members: Sean Perry and Marc Couch!





Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost

On Thursday, June 9th we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. A footnote in *The Orthodox Study Bible* says the following: “Christ’s Ascension is His enthronement in the fullness of divine authority and glory. Icons of the Ascension represent Christ in such a way that one cannot tell whether He is going to heaven or coming again to earth. This captures the profound truth that we are already living under His reign while awaiting His return. Thus, the icon shows Christ being taken up, coming again in like manner, and yet continually present. Believers are not to stand idly gazing up into heaven, but rather are called to virtuous faith and action in this world until Christ’s return.

On Sunday, June 19th, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Originally the feast of Pentecost took place fifty days after Passover and offerings were made to the Lord from the firstfruits of the harvest at the tabernacle. However, in the Christian era, the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles transcends the Old Testament feast of Pentecost (or Tabernacles). All those who received the Holy Spirit have become the firstfruits of Christ’s Church. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples also fulfills the prophecies of Ezekiel 36:24-28 “I shall put My Spirit within you... You will be My people and I shall be your God...” and Joel 3:1-5 “...and in those days, I will pour out My Spirit upon my servants and on My handmaids...”

Donations:

St. Michael's church sends its condolences to the Kioutas Family for the tragic loss of their daughter Alexa and grandson Hayden. May their memory be eternal! A collection was taken to help with funeral expenses and we'd like to recognize those who made financial contributions: Rick & Michelle Kaiser, Carol Wolf & Marshal Standifer, Michelle Platt, Alexandra Pickle, Joe & Helen Bergantz, Loren & Rob Capsopoulos, Hal & Vivienne Pastrick, Brad & Karen Chynoweth, Kathy Thomas, David & Cheryl Brown, Pat Darzi, David Hogan, and Bob & Mary Zarzaur. Thanks also to all those who helped with the Pannikhida Service and meal afterwards. Also, thanks to those who gave donations directly to the Kioutas family or through the GoFundMe website.

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.

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

House Blessings: Please contact Fr. Gregory to schedule your house blessing at: (church) 256-881-2449; (home) 256-325-4401 or (email)

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

Prayer List:

Living: **Church Members & Orthodox Friends** Jim Cesari, Lisa Craft, Ivan Fontane, Angela Gafton, Martin Gureasko, Leslie Hargrave, Harris family, Phil Harwell, Kathe Hoyer, Mat. Julie Joa, Allen Morgan, Justin Novak, Sean Perry & family, Queener Family, Chris Sweeney, Catrina Thomas, Ron Waskerwitz, Tim Waskerwitz. **Friends of Members:** Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros, Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Todd McCaffery, Steve McCreary.
Reposed: Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Valentina Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie.

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

Office hours at the church are as follows.*

Tues: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wed: 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Thurs: 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.*