



Newsletter November 2017

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/

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Tuesday, Nov. 7th – †6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, Nov. 8th - †6:00 pm Vespers & Study Group w/soup, salad and bread

Wednesday, Nov. 15th - †6:00 pm Vespers & Study Group w/soup, salad and bread

Sunday, Nov. 19th – Patronal Slava Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. *Potluck following Liturgy*

Tuesday, Nov. 21st – Synaxis of the Archangel Michael - †6:00 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Nov. 26th – St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
Farewell to Fr. Seraphim & Mat. Julie Joa**
At coffee hour, please wish them well as they move to Birmingham, Alabama. Fr. Seraphim will help out at St. Simeon's Orthodox Church and fill in at other OCA Churches in the South. We are grateful for all his help and service to St. Michael's.

Tuesday, Nov. 28th – Beginning of the Nativity Fast & Repose of St. Herman of Alaska (fish, wine & oil).

Wednesday, Nov. 29th - †6:00 pm Vespers & Study Group w/soup, salad and bread

Announcements:

- On Sunday, October 29, *Bob Zarzaur* was ordained sub-Deacon and the following Readers/Acolytes were tonsured: *Steve Cox, Rick Kaiser, Ray Kendall, Matthew Hartley, David Hogan and Charles Malmede.*

Coffee Hour: (*Nativity Fast)

Nov. 5th – Haddock

Nov. 12th – Hartley

Nov. 19th – Slava Potluck

Nov. 26th – Harwell/Couch

(Farewell Coffee Hour)

*Dec. 3rd – Hogan/Schultz

*Dec. 10th – Huron

*Dec. 17th – Kaiser

*Dec. 24th – Kendall

*Dec. 31th – Malmede

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:

5th – Anya Sievers

7th – Gregory Barth Jr.

18th – Christopher Culberson

24th – Constance Bowling

27th – Tim Waskerwitz

27th – Richard Kaiser

27th – Jason Hamby

28th – Matthew (Maximos) Hartley

Anniversaries:

30th – Charles & Inna Teasley

Thanks: To all who helped with the October work parties on the new Church property to prepare for our Bishop's visit– *Sam Braun, Greg Barth, Steve Cox, Ken Frack, Jeremy Haddock, Matthew Hartley, Eric Huch, Joe Jefferson, Emil Jovanov, Rick Kaiser, James Manley, Justin Novak, Hal Pastrick, Christopher Sweeney, Bob Zarzaur* and especially *Christopher Murphy* who put in four hours/day on the excavator pulling up tree stumps and will help the next two weeks in November. Also, many thanks to *Matushka Ann* who has been serving up her delicious venison chili. We, also, thank *Bob Zarzaur* for constructing the beautiful Bishop's chair sitting near the icon of St. John Maximovitch, *James Manley* for constructing the large cross on the new Church property, *Vicki Kendall* for her work on the vestments, acolyte robes and altar cloths, *Sandy Ellis* for her preparation of all the services, including Hierarchical services and *Hal and Vivienne Pastrick* for providing dinner and hosting *H.E. Bishop Longin, Fr. Deacon Milovan* and *Reader Nicola* at their home on Saturday night. Also, *Iryna Haddock & Michele Platt* for the reception.

St. Michael's News

Hierarchical Visit: On Sunday, October 29th, St. Michael's Church was blessed by a visit from our Bishop Longin and Fr. Protodeacon Milovan. This was a most welcome and grace-filled visit! During the Divine Liturgy, Bishop Longin ordained a Sub-Deacon and tonsured six Reader/Acolytes (*see 'congratulations' below*) which is a great blessing for those who were ordained/tonsured and for St. Michael's Church. Following the service, we celebrated Bishop Longin's namesday (Martyr Longinus the Centurion) with the blessing of the slava bread and wheat. Thanks to our St. Sophia Sisterhood and all who helped prepare the delicious meal following! Then, over 50 members of St. Michael's drove over to the new church property where Bishop Longin did the service of the blessing for the building of a new church in front of the large wooden cross. It was a beautiful, uplifting service and marks an important new stage toward building the Church and Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations! To newly ordained Sub-Deacon Bob Zarzaur and Reader/Acolytes Steve Cox, Matthew Hartley, David Hogan, Rick Kaiser, Ray Kendall and Charles Malmede. May God grant them many years in service to Christ!

St. Michael's Patronal Slava Feast: On Sunday, November 19 we will celebrate our Patronal feast of St. Michael and have a potluck after Liturgy. Please come and pray for the Grace of St. Michael to assist us in the building of our Church.

Church Property Work Parties: This month's work continues at the new Church Property. The trees have been cleared in the areas designated for the driveway, parking lot, cemetery, Church and fellowship hall. We have been working on removing the stumps and leftover treetop limbs in preparation for the new gravel driveway and parking area.

Wednesday Vespers: We will have 6:00 pm Vespers on Wednesday evenings in November with the exception of November 22 due to Thanksgiving holiday. A soup and bread meal will follow and everyone is invited to stay for the "Struggle for Virtue" study group, based on Archbishop Averky's wonderful and edifying book.

Coming Soon: The visit of the Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon from Hawaii is in the process of being scheduled sometime in December. Stay tuned!

Nativity Fast Begins Tuesday, November 28: Please mark your calendars for the beginning of this year's Nativity Fast. It is a less strict fast than Great Lent and fish, wine and oil are allowed on the weekends as well as several other times. (*please check the monthly church calendar for details*)

The following is a transcript of the address that Bishop Longin gave on the occasion of the blessing of St. Michael's new property:

Congratulations! Now this land is blessed and we invoke the Holy Spirit. Each time when we pray at Church, when we have some Holy Sacraments, receive Holy Sacraments, we experience and we are witnesses to the descent of the Holy Spirit. And we are witnessing a miracle of God, because everything that happens in the Church is a miracle of God's love. I think this is a miracle of God's love and unity of this “*small in number, but big heart parish*. (This Parish) actually has a big heart!” And every time we begin something in the Church, it is our Holy Tradition that we should turn to God to seek His blessing. If we receive that, everything that follows will be according to His will.

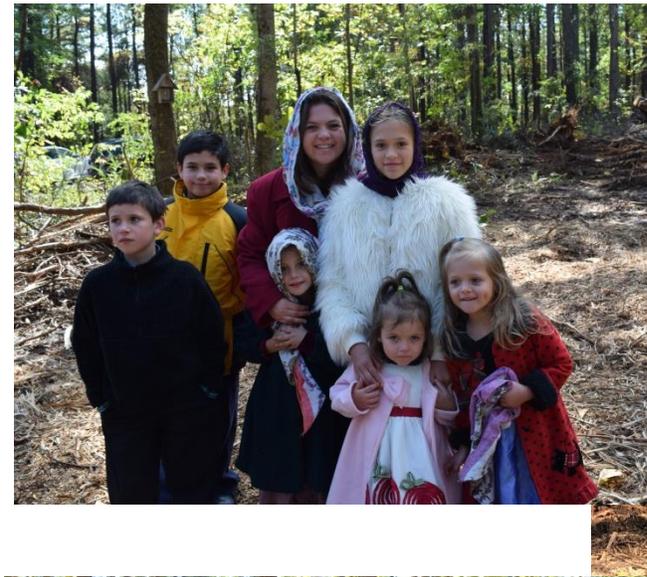
Buying this new property is a big step in the future of your Church community. As soon as we blessed it and asked God to be part of the planning and building of the new Church and hall, this property has become Holy Ground. Your goal is a Holy goal--to build a sacred place where people can pray to God, experience meeting with their Creator and partaking of the Holy Communion. I congratulate you, Fr. Gregory and your parishioners, on this important accomplishment in your, small in number, parish. It is obvious that you are very dedicated and devoted to God and to the Orthodox Faith. That strong faith and love keeps sustaining you and the growth of your parish. It will hold you and bind you to continue doing God's work.

I know that many of you will come forward to donate and help this project. The Serbian people have a beautiful saying “*Who gives to the Church, gives to God, and God never remains in debt to anyone!*” May God return to you a hundred fold for all that you will do. For the good work and success of each parish, dear Brothers and Sisters, there must be unity, harmony, brotherly love and understanding. I don't need to emphasize how important this is. Faith in God and the Church unity is a slogan very often used by St. Nicholai Velimirovic. Only strong faith in God and life according to that faith can save us. This is something that we must not forget. Faith works through love, says St. Paul. And that means love for God and one's neighbor.

I especially pray that your parish will be a community that shows understanding, peace, love and good will. I am glad that Fr. Gregory is a good shepherd and is gathering you together, that gives us all hope that our Church will continue its salvific mission of preaching the Gospel. Let us then be united and keep living according to our Holy Faith. That is the most important thing that we can do. Thank you for your hospitality. May God bless you and your families. Congratulations once again! Thank you.

Visit from H. E. Bishop Longin Tonsuring of SubDeacon, Readers & Acolytes





Above left; Bowling family:
Above right; Nicola, Bishop Longin & Fr. Milovan at Cross;
Middle; Waiting for Ceremony;
Bottom; Everyone after the Ceremony with His Eminence wearing St. Michael hardhat!



Prayer List:

Living: [Church Members & Orthodox Friends](#) Please pray for God's help with building the future church and hall on our new property on Madison Blvd.; Lisa Craft, Ivan Fontane, Angela Gafton, Olga Gulas, Leslie Hargrave, Phil Harwell & family, Weston Letson, Cate, David, Anna & Joseph Queener, Tim Waskerwitz, Kurt Weber, Fr. Parthenios, Fr. Dcn. James Hughes, Martin Gureasko. [Friends of Members:](#) Pamfilis Family, Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros

Reposed: Gregory Hughes, Angela Gafton's Father; Ron Waskerwitz, Christopher Pamfilis, Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Valentina, Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Boris and Mary Kochoff, Fryni McCreary, Nelia, Natalie.

Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by appointment – Luke 10:5 “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”

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-Deacon – Bob Zarzaur
Choir Director – Sandy Ellis
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann
Readers/Acolytes – Steve Cox, Matthew Hartley,
David Hogan, Rick Kaiser, Ray Kendall, Charles
Malmede & Hal Pastrick
Sisterhood President – Iryna Haddock
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann
Sunday School Teachers—Serena Harwell, Anya
Sievers & Adrienne Bowling
Library & Bookstore – Matushka Ann
Building Maintenance – Bob Zarzaur & Rick Kaiser
Welcoming Committee Coordinator – Charles
Malmede
Capital Campaign – Hal Pastrick and Joe Bergantz
Website – Charles Malmede
Newsletter Bulletin – Rick Kaiser
Candle/ Supplies – Rick Kaiser

Church Council – 2017 to 2018

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator
Bob Zarzaur – President
Michele Platt – Vice President
Matthew Hartley – Treasurer
Pavel (Elliot) Sievers – Secretary

Members at large – Joe Bergantz, Kathy
Couch, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Hal
Pastrick

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 (ie.; when someone is ill, etc.) If you need to see him, please call ahead.*