



# Newsletter June 2018

**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/)

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**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>— All Saints (Eve of the Apostles Fast)**

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>— 3<sup>rd</sup> discovery of the Venerable Head of St. John the Baptist**

†6:00pm Vespers Service

**Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>— All Saints of North America**

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>— St. Justin the Philosopher**

†6:00pm Vespers Service

**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>— New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke**

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>— Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates**

†6:00pm Vespers Service

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> — Work Party at New Property on 8122 Madison Blvd—security chains, utility shed**

9 am—4 pm (lunch provided)

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>— Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas**

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>— Prophet Amos**

†6:00pm Vespers Service

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

June 3<sup>rd</sup>— Darzi/Baker \*July 1<sup>st</sup>— Bowling

\*June 10<sup>th</sup>— Veres \*July 8<sup>th</sup>— Cox

\*June 17<sup>th</sup>— Zarzaur July 15<sup>th</sup>— Sievers

\*June 24<sup>th</sup>— Bergantz July 22<sup>nd</sup>— Ellis/Fontane

July 29<sup>th</sup>— Haddock

*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:**

1<sup>st</sup>— Father Gregory Schultz

5<sup>th</sup>— Keela Ainsworth

6<sup>th</sup>— Chris Sweeney

7<sup>th</sup>— Helen Bergantz

11<sup>th</sup>— Robbie Cox

11<sup>th</sup>— Vivienne Bowling

15<sup>th</sup>— Tamara Huron

17<sup>th</sup>— Eric Huch

19<sup>th</sup>— Chase Baker

21<sup>st</sup>— David Queener

24<sup>th</sup>— Justin Novak

26<sup>th</sup>— Vicki Kendall

28<sup>th</sup>— Hal Pastrick

28<sup>th</sup>— Serena Harwell

**Anniversaries:**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Hal & Vivienne Pastrick

12<sup>th</sup> - Joe & Helen Bergantz

25<sup>th</sup>— Marc & Kathy Couch

25<sup>th</sup>— Jim & Neli Manley

**Thanks:** To *Tamara Huron* for the flowers for Ascension. To *Bob Zarzaur* for his BBQ ribs! To *Iryna Haddock, Anna Fontane, Marc & Kathy Couch* for organizing the meals; To *Leonard Adams, Ryan Agee, Rick & Noah Bowling, Matthew Hartley, David Hogan, Charles Malmede* and everyone else who helped load, setup, breakdown and unload all the outdoor chapel iconostasis & equipment. To *Marc & Kathy Couch* for providing a tent & air mattress for *Fr. Ignati* & for hosting him. To *Sandy Ellis* for organizing the retreat services. To *Steve Cox* for loaning us the use of his trailer; And to all who made generous financial contributions to help St. Michael's make this retreat possible!

# St. Michael's News

**Ascension & Pentecost:** St. Michael's has been busy this past month. On May 16-17, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with an evening Vespers service and morning Matins & Liturgy. Flowers were provided by *Tamara Huron*. Right before Vespers began, the *Epitaphion* (burial shroud of Christ) was removed from the altar table and all the white Paschal altar coverings and vestments were changed to gold. The Holy Church gives us this image to help us follow in the footsteps of our Lord's Ascension. Then, on Sunday, May 27th, we celebrated the Descent of the Holy Spirit with the Feast of Pentecost. Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, we all participated in the "kneeling prayers." These prayers recapitulate the whole divine economy of salvation, indicating all that God has done for mankind since the creation and earnestly entreating God to send us the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**4th Annual Retreat:** This year's retreat took things to a whole new level! St. Michael's was blessed to have *Abbot Damascene* of the St. Herman of Alaska monastery as our guest speaker. Also, by adding an extra day and evening, we had more time for the lecture series, meals and fellowship. Many more of St. Michael's parishioners also camped in the campground this year either in RV's, tents or cabins, so one could scarcely walk around the campground without running into someone from St. Michael's! We virtually established a little Orthodox village on top of Monte Sano! Another wonderful blessing was that many new visitors joined us for this year's retreat. One young couple (who are catechumens) drove up from Mobile, AL. Several others heard of the retreat from our website or postings on the internet. *Fr. Parthenius and Presbytera Marion Turner* drove from Nashville to attend.

*Abbot Damascene* provided a rich series of talks from the Holy Fathers on the subject of "Creation, Salvation and Deification." *Fr. Damascene* has spent years researching the writings of the Holy Fathers regarding the Book of Genesis and the Six Days of Creation. His talks highlighted the significance of God's creation of the universe and how this affects our spiritual life and salvation. These talks have been recorded and we hope to make them available soon for anyone who might be interested.

## **COMING UP:**

**St. Michael's Orthodox Summer Church Camp**—This year's summer program for the children of St. Michael's will begin on Monday, June 11 and go through Wednesday June 13. This year's theme will be on the tradition of the Apostle's Fast and the Orthodox approach to fasting. On Wednesday, an outing is planned to the water park at Southern Adventures. Please see Mat. Ann for details.

**Work Party at the New Property:** We will meet at 8122 Madison Blvd on Saturday, June 23rd from 9am to 4pm. Projects include cleaning up the limbs, spreading woodchips in various areas, putting in security chains, building a utility shed. Projects will be based on available manpower, so please let Fr. Gregory know whether or not you can help on June 23rd. As usual, a lunch will be provided. "*The laborer is worthy of his hire!*"



## May 2018 Photos



Feast of Ascension

Flowers Provided by  
Tamara Huron



Leonard Adams

Is made a  
Catechumen

Leavetaking of Sam Braun sitting  
next to Fr. Gregory and Matthew  
Hartley





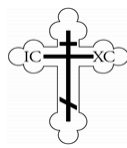
# June 2018 Photos

## 2018 Fourth Annual Retreat at Monte Sano









## In the Season of the Apostle's Fast

The Apostle's Fast is one of the four extended fasting periods in the Liturgical Year which are preparations for four feasts: Nativity Fast (Nativity or Christmas), Great Lent (Resurrection or Pascha), Apostle's Fast Apostles Peter and Paul) and Dormition Fast (Repose of the Mother of God). Fasting, prayer and almsgiving have always been the three spiritual practices that help us draw closer to Christ and acquire the Grace of the Holy Spirit to a greater degree. While there are many events of great significance in Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition, the Holy Church has directed us to pay special attention to these four feasts.

St. John Maximovitch says, *"The day of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is the culminating feast of the Gospel. Although the last event in the life of Christ which is related in the Gospel is His Ascension into heaven, the preaching of the Apostles is closely bound up with the Gospel. The Gospel tells us of their being chosen, and the Gospel indicates beforehand the end of Apostolic activity."*

In the ninth article of the Nicene Creed, we affirm our belief "In One Holy Ecumenical (or catholic) and **Apostolic** Church." St. Nikolai Velimirovic in his catechetical book *The Faith of the Saints*, uses the term "*ecumenical*" rather than "*catholic*." While both words have essentially the same meaning, that the Holy Church is universal, it is virtually impossible to use the word "*catholic*" today without associating with the Roman Catholic Church, which unfortunately, tends to obscure the true meaning of the word '*catholic*' which means universal. Nevertheless, what does the term '*Apostolic*' refer to?

The word Apostle comes from the Greek word "*apostolos*" which means "*messenger*." As Archbishop Averky explains, *"This name was given to the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, sent by Him to preach the Gospel to all mankind. Just as the word "Gospels" now indicates the written word (originally the oral preaching) concerning the life and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, the "Apostolos" refers to the extant writings of Christ's apostles, including their deeds, lives, and teachings. This division of the New Testament into two parts—the Gospel and the Apostolos—is of ancient provenance. We find this division and the name "Apostolos" in the writings of St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Clement of Alexandria and Tertullian."*

St. Nikolai Velimirovic says that the Church is called apostolic because the spirit, the doctrine and the practices of Christ's apostles are fully and carefully preserved in our Church...that we should obey the apostles in everything because Christ elected them and authorized them to speak and act in His name....Also that apostolic succession is the lawful hierarchy, that is, the unbroken chain of the practice of transferring the grace and authority in the Church from the apostles to bishops and from bishops to priests and deacons by the laying on of hands...and that our Orthodox Church has faithfully preserved that apostolic succession.

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to enter into the apostolic ministry of our Church. How are we to do this? By following the example of the Apostles! They fasted, prayed, did good deeds and were obedient to our Lord in all things. He sent down upon them the promise of the Holy Spirit and gave them the spiritual gifts they needed to fulfill their calling. So let us each take this opportunity during the Apostle's Fast to draw closer to Christ and prayerfully ask His help in fulfilling our responsibilities as His disciples. Let us earnestly repent of our sins and ask Christ to forgive us, that we may acquire the Grace of the Holy Spirit and truly serve as His messengers and witnesses before all the world! Glory be to God!



## 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, Loren Capsopoulos, Leslie Hargrave, Phil Harwell & family, Weston Letson, Cate, David, Anna & Joseph Queener, Tim Waskerwitz, Kurt Weber, Fr. Parthenios, Sean Perry, Fr. Dcn James Hughes, Martin Gureasko.  
**Friends of Members:** Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros

**Reposed:** Fr. Chris Williamson, Gregory Hughes, Ron Waskerwitz, Christopher Pamfilis, Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Valentina, Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Boris and Mary Kochoff, Fryni McCreary, Nelia Friedman, Natalie Elliott.

**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 and Pavel Sievers, Adrienne Bowling  
Library & Bookstore—Matushka Ann  
Building Maintenance—Sub-deacon Bob Zarzaur & Rick Kaiser  
Welcoming Committee Coordinator—Charles Malmede  
Website—Charles Malmede  
Newsletter Bulletin—Rick Kaiser  
Candle/Supplies—Rick Kaiser

## Church Council—2017 to 2018

Father Gregory Schultz—Parish Administrator  
Sub-deacon 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 and 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.*