

Newsletter October 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/



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Wednesday, Oct. 3rd – Great-martyr Eustathius

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Saturday, Oct. 6th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Sunday, Oct. 7th – Holy Protomartyr Thecla

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Monday, Oct. 8th—Church Board Meeting

†6:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 10th – Martyr Callistratus

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Saturday, Oct. 13th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Sunday, Oct. 14th – Protection of the Holy Theotokos

†8:45am Matins

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Oct 17th – Martyr Stephen his wife St.

Elena †6:00pm Vespers Service

Saturday, Oct. 20th

9—4 pm **Work Party on 8122 Madison Blvd.**

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Sunday, Oct. 21st – Venerable Pelagia the Penitent

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Oct. 24th – Apostle Philip of the Seventy

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Saturday, Oct. 20th

9:30 am **Nature Club at Wade Mountain Nature Preserve**

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Wednesday, Oct. 24th – Visit of Miraculous Iveron Icon

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Sunday, Oct. 28th – Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Oct. 31st – Apostle and Evangelist Luke

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Coffee Hour:

Oct. 7th – Sievers Nov. 4th – Bowling

Oct. 14th – Veres Nov. 11th – Cox

Oct. 21st – Zarzaur Nov. 18th – Darzi/Baker

Oct. 28th – Bergantz Nov. 25th – Ellis/Fontane

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 – Samuel Novak

6th – Evan Bowling

8th – Ivan Sievers

11th – Timothy Harwell

14th – Vincent Novak

18th – Phoebe Laxson

21st – Cate Queener

26th – Benjamin Huch

26th – Noah Bowling

27th – Trinity Bowling

27th – Sophia Harwell

Anniversaries:

7th – David & Cheryl Brown

15th – Charles & Anastasia Malmede

16th – Bob & Mary Zarzaur

16th – Justin & Lisa Novak

23th – Peter & Timea Veres

Thanks: To *Helen Bergantz* for a new coffee urn and styrofoam cups. To *Iryna Haddock* for organizing the St. Sophia Slava potluck for the Annual Meeting on September 30. To *Greg Barth, Joe Bergantz, Rick Bowling, David Brown, Steve Cox, Devan DeFrank, Matthew Hartley, David Hogan, Rick Kaiser, Benjamin Litter, Allen Morgan, Eric Morgan, and Bob Pickle* for their hard work wood chipping, chopping wood and brush hogging the new Church property. Also, we are grateful for the use of *Anthony & Dena Laxson Dodge Ram 2500 super duty truck* for hauling the bobcats from Robin Rents and saving us \$300.

Visitation of Hawaiian Iveron Miraculous Icon:

Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 pm at St. Michael Church

Congratulations: *Chase Baker* for being sworn in as Church Board member.

St. Michael's News

This past month September was a very spiritually rich month. We began the new Church (Liturgical) Year on September 1/14. Then we celebrated two of the twelve Great Feasts: *The Nativity of the Theotokos* on September 8/21 and the *Exaltation of the Cross* on September 14/27.

Work Party: On Saturday, September 22nd, the men of St. Michael's gathered at our new property to continue cleaning things up in preparation for our next phase. The crew cleared the huge weeds that had been attempting to take over the property as well as cleaning up limbs with the woodchipper and splitting firewood.

Visit from Diocesan Education Director: We hosted Fr. Thomas Kazich this month on September 22 & 23, for an official visit to evaluate our children's education program. Fr. Thomas attended our Saturday Vespers service and gave a short talk afterward; also concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Gregory, gave the sermon, led a children's activity for all our kids and gave a talk and discussion afterwards. Fr. Thomas enjoyed his visit very much and noted how positive everything is at St. Michael's.

Annual Assembly and St. Sophia Sisterhood Slava: On Sunday, September 30, we celebrated the St. Sophia Slava, the patron of our Sisterhood. It was a very joyous occasion and the children helped twirl the Slava bread. There was an amazing potluck meal afterward and a good time was had by all! Following the Slava and meal, we held our Annual Assembly. Bob Zarzaur called the meeting to order and after an opening prayer, Treasurer Matthew Hartley gave his Treasurer's report. Due to some extra expenses this year (such as the new parking lot, security measures, etc.) we are running at a modest deficit. Fortunately, there is still time for everyone to make generous contributions so that we can catch up by the end of the year.

Fr. Gregory gave the 'state of the union' report again this year. We've had some growth and at last count, St. Michael's has 120 children and adults (about 50 children) and 54 households and there are 12 Inquirers and Catechumens preparing for baptism. President Bob Zarzaur gave an update of our new property and capital campaign. The next phase will be the driveway, roadway, parking and stormwater system. We have a very reasonable estimate from our General Contractor of \$132,000 for this next phase. Once this is completed, we can move on to the utilities and then finally, the Fellowship Hall. We've made good progress, but we need everyone to make a generous campaign pledge so that we can move forward with this next phase. Pledge forms were distributed to everyone there in return envelopes. If you haven't gotten your pledge form, please ask Fr. Gregory.

Stewardship Program: Fr. Gregory gave a short talk about our Stewardship Program. In order for St. Michael's to continue as a strong, growing church, we need everyone to become a Steward, giving generously of their Time, Talent and Treasure. With an annual operating budget of \$125,000; mathematically, ideally, we need every one of our 54 households to give \$2,400 per year (\$50 per week, or \$200 per month). However, we also recognize that some households have been blessed with more income and some with less. The important thing is that *everyone gives what for them is a generous gift!* While the annual operating fund is essential, we also need to ask everyone to make a capital campaign pledge to help finish the new property development so we can get moved over there. Pledges may be spread out over a multi-year period (even 5 years if need be). This is a one-time "stretch gift" due to the opportunity and need we have for increased space and as an investment in the future of St. Michael's. Remember, this is a gift to God and He has promised to reward every offering we make with great abundance! Please fill out your pledge forms and return them to Treasurer Matthew Hartley before the end of this year.

Coming Up:

Saturday, October 20 from 9am to 4pm: Work party at the new property

Wednesday, October 24th at 6pm: Visit of the miraculous Hawaiian Icon of the Mother of God

Saturday, October 27 at 10am: Outdoor Divine Liturgy at the new property

September 2018 Photos



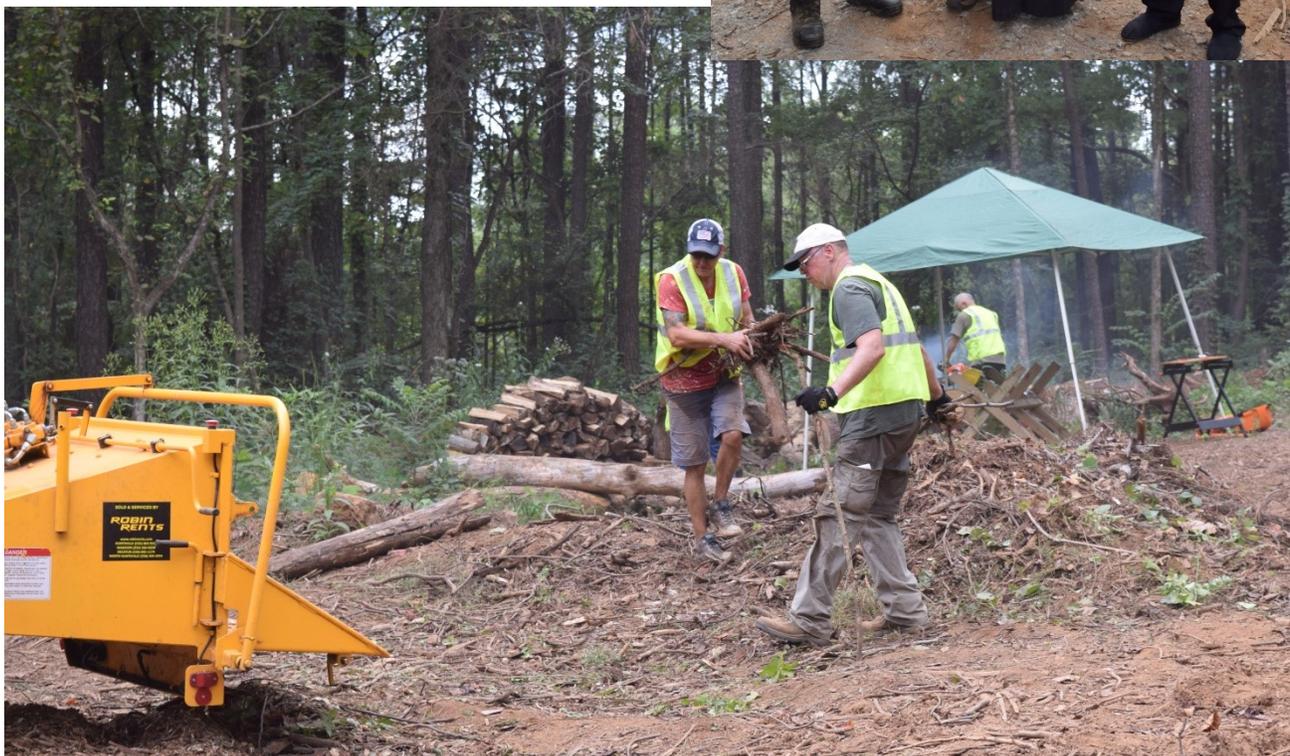
Saturday, September 22 Work Party at 8123 Madison Blvd.

Above left: Steve Cox, Allen Morgan, Matthew Hartley, Joe Bergantz, Fr. Thomas Kazich and Fr. Gregory.

Above right: Rick Kaiser, bobcat operator

Center: Rick Bowling, Fr. Gregory and Fr. Thomas Kazich

Below: Allen Morgan & Joe Bergantz feed wood chipper.
Under canopy Steve Cox chops up stumps



September 2018 Photos



Above: Fr. Thomas Kazich teaches lesson on "Light."

Middle: Fr. Thomas demonstrates how to dip candle wicks in hot wax and then cool in cold water.

Bottom: Group picture with teachers—Serena Harwell, Adrienne Bowling, Patrease Traylor and Matushka Ann



September



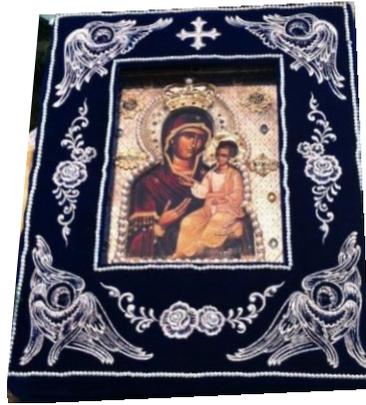
Above left & right: Nature Club at Hays Nature Preserve in Hampton Cove—Harwell, Veres & Ory families

Left Middle: Chase Baker, new Board member.

Right Middle: St. Sophia Slava Ceremony

Bottom: St. Michael's Members attending Annual Assembly September 30.





Miraculous Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God

On Wednesday, October 24th at 6pm, St. Michael's Church will be blessed with a special visit of the Miraculous Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God. This may very well be a 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience so everyone is encouraged to come. Our merciful God has seen fit to provide some spiritual consolation to the faithful in these dark and difficult times. This is a good opportunity to bring your prayers before the Mother of God, who is our heavenly intercessor and is quick to come to our aid. Here is an excerpt from an article, describing this wondrous Icon:

In June of 2008, the "Hawaiian" Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon was officially recognized by the Russian Orthodox Church as miraculous and worthy of veneration, and was given the blessing to travel to the various churches and monasteries of Holy Orthodoxy. The original "owner" of the Icon, Subdeacon Nectarios, was charged by the Russian Orthodox Church to be Her guardian, and provide for the safety and care of this Wonderworking Icon of Christ's Holy Church.

Since June of 2008, the Iveron Icon has been to over 1000 churches in North America of all (canonical) jurisdictions, and has been venerated by millions of people throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the world. In many cities, the holy Icon is taken from one parish to another, being venerated by all the Orthodox clergy, and helping to establish and heal relationships amongst the Orthodox faithful, and also strengthening and fostering ties between the sister parishes. Requests have now been made for the Wonderworking Icon to be brought to Russia, the Ukraine, Greece, Cyprus, South America, Europe, the Holy Land, Romania, Mount Athos, and Serbia. When the Holy Icon was taken to the Republic of Georgia in 2014 at the request of the Catholicos-Patriarch ILIA II of Georgia, over a million faithful came to venerate the "Panagia of Hawaii." A number of miracles, including the healing of cancer, were reported to the Georgian Patriarchate.

Numerous miracles have been attributed to the Theotokos through this "humble little Icon", hundreds of verified accounts were collected, and are indeed miraculous. Physical and spiritual healings have included the healing of blindness and eye disease, cancer, demonic possession, paralysis, kidney disease, chronic pain, and debilitating viruses.

Yet, wherever the holy Icon goes, the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother abound. People have commented that just being in the presence of this Icon, you feel such an abundance of love and joy. It is truly indescribable. We are so very blessed that God has shown His love toward us by allowing us a small forebearance of what the saints call, "the true odour of sanctity." The true meaning of the Icon's appearance is known only to God, time will reveal all things. Yet, what we do know is this, God loves us. And that is all that matters...

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, 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: Gennadiy Zhmaylo, 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, Adrienne Bowling, Pavel Sievers & Timea Veres
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—2018 to 2019

Father Gregory Schultz—Parish Administrator
Sub-deacon Moses (Bob) Zarzaur—President
Michele Platt—Vice President
Matthew Hartley—Treasurer
Pavel (Elliot) Sievers—Secretary

Members at Large—Chase Baker, Joe Bergantz, 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.*