



Newsletter September 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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Sunday Sept. 2nd – Prophet Samuel

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, Sept. 4th - Church Board Meeting

†6:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 5th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Sunday, Sept. 9th – Venerable Poemen the Great

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Sept. 12th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Sunday, Sept. 16th – Hieromartyr Anthimus

†8:45am Matins

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Sept. 19th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Wednesday, Sept. 20th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Friday, Sept. 21st – Nativity of the Theotokos

†8:45am Matins

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Sept. 23rd – Martyrs Menodora, et. al.

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Sept. 26th

†6:00pm Vespers Service

Thursday, Sept. 27th – Elevation of the Cross

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Sept. 30th – St. Sophia & daughters

†8:45am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Slava Service 11:30 am

Potluck Coffee Hour & Annual Members Meeting

Coffee Hour: (*Dormition Fast)

Sept. 2nd – Kendall

Oct. 7th – Sievers

Sept. 9th – Malmede

Oct. 14th – Veres

Sept. 16th – Pastrick

Oct. 21st – Zarzaur

Sept. 23rd – Pickle

Oct. 28th – Bergantz

Sept. 30th – Platt—Potluck

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 – Ashley Zarzaur

3rd – Landon Zarzaur

3rd – Joseph Queener

7th – Bob Zarzaur

8th – Leeza Haddock

11th – Esther Huch

14th – Monica Schultz Baker

22nd – Anna Fontane

Anniversaries:

10th – Fr. Gregory & Mat Ann Schultz

11th – Tamara & James Huron

18th – Rick & Adrienne Bowling

Thanks: To Bob Zarzaur, Joe Bergantz, Rick Kaiser, Jeremy Haddock, Eric Morgan, Ryan Traylor & Kalani Traylor and Devan DeFrank, for removing fence, mixing concrete and putting yellow posts in the ground for the parking lot at 4319 Spartacus Drive on Saturday, August 25. To Fr. Gregory, Chase Baker and Justin Novak for installing the security cameras at 4319 Spartacus Drive. To Charles Malmede for doing research and configuration on the security cameras.

In-Kind Donations Needed: A glass front china cabinet for more space for the Church bookstore stock and small table and chairs for pre-school Church school (simple & plain without cartoons).

Piano Lessons: now available with Monica (Schultz) Baker. (please see Page 2 “St. Michael’s News” for more details.

St. Michael's News

On **Sunday, August 5th**, St. Michael's welcomed its newest member, **Joy Elizabeth Ainsworth** with her baptism into the Orthodox faith! Congratulations to her parents Nathan and Keela! May God grant the Ainsworth family many years!

Benjamin, Stephanie and Jude Litter became catechumens on **Sunday, August 26th**. Many Years to the Litter family!

After a break over the summer months, **St. Michael's Sunday School** started up again on **Sunday, August 12th**. St. Michael's now has about forty children altogether. *Matushka Ann* and Sunday School teachers *Adrienne Bowling, Timea Veres, Serena Harwell and Pavel Sievers* have been dividing the children into three age groups, which has been very effective in presenting age-appropriate lessons.

The **Dormition Fast** began on **Tuesday, August 14th**. During that time, we celebrated the Feast of the **Transfiguration of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ** on Sunday August 19th. Then, on **Tuesday, August 28th** we celebrated the **Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary**.

On **Saturday, August 25th**, some men of St. Michael's gathered for a **work party** at our present 4319 Spartacus Drive location to build the new parking lot. Thank you to *Bob Zarzaur, Joe Bergantz, Rick Kaiser, Eric Morgan, Ryan Traylor, Devan DeFrank, Justin Novak and Chase Baker*. We were pleasantly surprised when several men from the asphalt business next door volunteered to help us with some of the construction and layout. Since they are professional parking lot builders, it helped the work go much more quickly and efficiently. This has boosted our parking capacity to about 20 spaces, nearly double what we had before! In addition, Justin and Chase were able to begin installing our **new security system** wiring in the attic. Hats off to them for showing up a 6:30 am!

Coming Up

Church Feasts with Liturgies this month: In the month of September, we are blessed with two of the twelve Great Feasts of the Church: the **Nativity of the Theotokos, Friday, September 21st** at 10:00 am and the **Exaltation of the Cross, Thursday, September 27th** at 10:00 am (this is a fast day, due to the solemnity of the Feast)

Work Party at new property on Saturday, Sept. 22, 9am to 4pm

St. Michael Nature Club Hike on Saturday, Sept. 29, 10am to 12pm at Hayes Nature Preserve, 7153 Hwy 431-S, Owens Cross Roads.

Annual Assembly & St. Sophia Sisterhood Slava: will be held on **Sunday, September 30th** after Divine Liturgy. *Potluck Coffee Hour!*

Piano Lessons: Newlywed Monica (Schultz) Baker is now accepting students of all ages for piano lessons. If you're interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Monica by phone or text at: 608-695-3351 or by email at: monica.baker.piano@gmail.com. Her musical bio can be found at <https://www.monicaschultz.instantcore.com>. In addition to piano instruction, Monica is also available for accompanying, performing, vocal coaching, chamber music, choral conducting and music theory instruction.

August 2018 Photos

**Improved Parking Lot at St.
Michael's Church on
4319 Spartacus Drive
August 25, 2018
Work Party**



**Baptism of
Joy Elizabeth Ains-
worth on Sunday,
August 5**



**Benjamin, Stephanie and Jude
Litter were made catechumens
with Rick and Adrienne Bowling as
sponsors on August 26, 2018**



Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8/21



The holy Virgin Mary was born of her aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the tribe of David and her mother of the tribe of Aaron, and so she was of royal blood from her father and priestly blood from her mother. By this, she foreshadowed Him who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were already old and had no children, and, because of this, were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility, they prayed with tears that God would bring joy to their old age with the gift of a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and Sarah, giving them their son Isaac. God, almighty and all-seeing, gave them a joy far exceeding all their expectations and their wildest dreams, for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God; He illumined them not only with temporal joy but with eternal. God gave them just one daughter, who later gave them just one grandson - but what a daughter and what a grandson! Mary full of grace, blessed among women, the temple of the Holy Spirit, altar of the living God, table of living bread, ark of God's holy things, tree of the most delicious fruits, glory of the human race, praise of womanhood, fount of virginity and purity - this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. Born in Nazareth, she was after three years taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, whence she returned again to Nazareth and shortly afterwards heard the tidings of the holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, from her most pure and virginal body.

from the Prologue of Ochrid

Exaltation of the Cross—September 14/27



On this day are commemorated two events connected with the Precious Cross of Christ: the first, the finding of the Cross on Golgotha and the second the returning of the Cross to Jerusalem from Persia. Staying in the Holy Land, the holy Empress Helena decided to look for the Precious Cross of the Lord. An old Jew called Judah was the only person who knew the whereabouts of the Cross, and, under pressure from the Empress, he revealed that the Cross was buried under the Temple of Venus that the Emperor Hadrian had built on Golgotha. The Empress ordered that this idolatrous temple be pulled down, and then, digging deep below it, she found three crosses. While the Empress was in uncertainty about how to recognise which cross was the Lord's, a funeral procession passed by. Then Patriarch Macarius told them to place the crosses one by one on the dead man. When they placed the first and second on him, the dead man remained unchanged, but when they placed the third on him, he was restored to life. By this, they knew that this was the Precious and life-giving Cross of Christ. After that, they placed it on a sick woman, and she recovered. Then the Patriarch raised the Cross aloft for all to see, and the people sang with tears: 'Lord, have mercy!' The Empress Helena had a silver casing made, and placed the precious Cross in it. Later, King Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, took the people into slavery and carried the Lord's Cross off to Persia, where it remained for fourteen years. In 628, the Greek Emperor Heraclius was victorious over Chozroes and brought the Cross back to Jerusalem with great ceremony. Entering the city, Heraclius was carrying the Cross on his back, but suddenly the aged Emperor was unable to take another step. Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel directing the Emperor to take off his imperial robes and walk beneath the Cross along the way that Christ had walked, barefoot and humiliated as He had been. He passed this vision on to the Emperor, who stripped himself of his raiment and, in poor clothing and barefoot, took up the Cross, carried it to Golgotha and placed it in the Church of the Resurrection, to the joy and consolation of the whole Christian world.

from the Prologue of Ochrid

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.; Chris Murphy, 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—2017 to 2018

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—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.*