



**St. Michael the  
Archangel  
Serbian Orthodox  
Parish  
Newsletter  
July 2014**

**Christ is in our Midst!**

Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM  
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Website: [www.stmichaelshsv.org](http://www.stmichaelshsv.org)

*“The Apostles did not grudge leaving their nets for the Lord’s sake...and we likewise, for the Lord’s sake, ought to leave everything that hinders our following Him—that is, all the many and various nets in which the enemy entangles us in this life.”*

St. John of Kronstadt

**July: Important Church Dates:**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** (6pm)--Vespers for St. John Maximovitch

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**—20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Glorification of St. John Maximovitch

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Divine Liturgy 10:00am** for The Holy, Apostles, Peter and Paul. End of the Apostles Fast.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**—**Wedding** of Tatyana Malyarenko & John Johnson after Liturgy (please RSVP to Tatyana by July 7)

**Please Come and Welcome:** Fr. Milorad Loncar, Archdiocesan Secretary, who will visit St. Michael’s from **Thursday, July 17- Monday, July 21** and will be giving a public lecture on **Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** on St. Nikolai Velimirovic as well as attending Tatyana’s wedding and reception.

**NEW: Orthodox Summer Camp:** A mini-summer camp program will be held on Mon. June 30 (9am-12 noon); Tues. July 1 (10am-12 noon); Wed. July 2 (10am to 12 noon). Program will focus on Prosfora baking, Sacraments, Saints, Icons and Scripture. Contact Elena Lee ([lenaLee10@aol.com](mailto:lenaLee10@aol.com)) or Alexandra Pickle ([Alexandra.pickle@gmail.com](mailto:Alexandra.pickle@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Confessions:** may be heard Saturdays after Vespers; also Sunday mornings before Divine Liturgy 9:40 am-10 am or contact Fr. Gregory to arrange a time. Please come early on Sunday mornings so we may start Divine Liturgy on time.

**Church Needs:** Regular and decaffeinated coffee. Specialty coffee is always a nice treat also! If you can donate some, it would be very much appreciated!

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

\*Jul 6<sup>th</sup> – Gulas

Jul 13<sup>th</sup> – Haddock

Jul 20<sup>th</sup> – Hansen

Jul 27<sup>th</sup> – Hargrave

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hogan, Weber, Mat Ann

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – Jokich

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – Kaiser

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Kioutas

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – Lee

**Church Cleaning:** The Church Council has decided to set up a church cleaning list, similar to the way we do coffee hour, in order to give everyone an opportunity to help. Each month, one person will lead the cleaning party and open the church and 4 others will be on the list to help. The next cleaning will be held on **July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM**. Bob Zarzaur will open the church for cleaning.

Cleaning duty list:

1. Haddock
2. Hansen
3. Hargrave
4. Hogan/Weber

**Note:** If you can’t make it to the cleaning, please arrange to trade places with someone from the coffee hour list that can.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

God Grant Them Many Years!

**Birthdays:**

2nd – Debbie Gulas

4th – Vivienne Pastrick

7th – Inna Teasley

10th – Charles Teasley

**Anniversaries:**

19th – Rick & Michele Kaiser

31st – Michael & Olga Hansen

**Other News:**

Fr. Gregory will be out of town from July 28 – August 7

## Announcements

Fr Gregory was elevated to the rank of Protonamesnik\* by His Grace Bishop Longin at the Hierarchical Liturgy on June 15<sup>th</sup> at New Gracanica. Congratulations to Fr Gregory!

*\*Protonamesnik is the rank between Priest and Archpriest (Deputy Archpriest)*

## Prayer List:

### **Please keep in your prayers**

Living: **Church Members:** Vangie Pamfilis, Milka Taylor (recovery from surgery). **Friends of Members:** Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Janet Burn's daughters Rebecca and Kara, and granddaughter Victoria, Kathy Hoyer, Kathy Thomas & daughter Catrina.

Reposed: Jim Smith (Lisa Crafts' father), Anna Scoggins (mother of Kathy Hoyer), Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie, Olga Hansen's father, Dragan, and Taylor Keesling (grand niece of Roger Ellis).

## Church Council – 2013 to 2014

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator

Hal Pastrick– President

Bob Zarzaur – Vice President

Joe Bergantz – Treasurer

Michele Platt – Secretary

**Members at large** – Sandy Ellis, Mike Jokich, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Marshall Standifer

Choir Director: Sandy Ellis

Ass't Choir Director: Mat. Ann

Sisterhood President: Shellie Kioutas

Website Coordinator: Charles Malmede

Librarian – Leslie Hargrave

Sunday School Coordinator: Mat. Ann

Church Supply Coord.: Tatyana Malyarenko

News Items - Please send church news items to the Newsletter Editor: Rick Kaiser at [rkmk2012@gmail.com](mailto:rkmk2012@gmail.com)

Please note: the Church telephone number is:

**256-881-2449**

## Church Library News:

It is wonderful that many of our church members have been checking out books and reading them. However, our Church Librarian Leslie would like to remind everyone that it is a lending library, and that all books must be checked out using the clipboard and returned. When you return books, please do not re-shelve them, but rather, place them on the bottom shelf by the clipboard, since Leslie needs to keep track of our books. Please let Leslie know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Office hours at the church are as follows.\*

Tuesday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 12 noon – 6:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

*\*Please note: while Fr. Gregory will normally be at the church during these times, pastoral needs will be given priority (i.e.; when someone is ill, etc.). If you need to see him, it is recommended that you call ahead.*



## The Apostolic Church

Having celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, the Apostle's Fast begins each year the following week and concludes with the celebration of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on July 12 (n.s.). The fast of the holy Apostles dates back to the first centuries of Christianity. Our Holy Father among the saints, St. Leo the Great (†461) said: "*After the long feast of Pentecost, fasting is especially necessary to purify our thoughts and render us worthy to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit ... Therefore, the salutary custom was established of fasting after the joyful days during which we celebrated the Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.*" In keeping the Apostle's Fast, Orthodox Christians today strengthen their spiritual link to the Holy Apostles and Fathers of our faith.

The Ninth Article of the Nicene Creed states that we believe "*In One Holy Ecumenical (or Catholic) and Apostolic Church.*" In the catechism of St. Nikolai Velimirovic, he writes 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. He goes on to say that the Church should obey the Apostles in everything, because Christ elected them and authorized them to speak and act in His name... "*Ye shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning.*" (John 15:27) We should listen to the Apostles as we listen to Christ for "*He that receiveth you receiveth Me.*" (Matt. 10:40) The Lord gave His apostles the authority to bind and loose "*Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven*" (Matt. 18:18), and also "*Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*" (John 20:23) St. Nikolai affirms that the Apostolic Succession is the unbroken chain of the practice of transferring the grace and authority in the Church from the Apostles and Bishops and from Bishops to Priests and Deacons by the laying on of hands. He also affirms that our ancient Eastern Orthodox Church has faithfully preserved that apostolic succession.

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to imitate the Holy Apostles by our faithfulness to our Holy Church and by our participation in the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world. As St. Paul said, "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*" (I Cor. 11:1) The most effective means of spreading the Gospel is by our example. As Christ said, "*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*" (John 13:35)