



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

Christ is in our Midst!
Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM
Website: www.stmichaelshsv.org

*“Prayer is the flower
of gentleness and of
freedom from anger.
Prayer is the fruit of
joy and thankfulness.
Prayer is the remedy
for gloom and
despondency.”*

Evagrius the Solitary

November: Important Church Dates:

(please check calendar for Divine Liturgy Schedule)

Saturday 1st – St. John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt.

Wednesday 5th – Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord.

Friday Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian

Friday 21st – Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers.

Wednesday 26th – Commemoration of St. John Chrysostomos.

Friday 28th – Beginning of the Nativity Fast.

Saturday 29th – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Save the Date :

November 9th: Baptism of Anna Joy Queener & Catechumen blessing for her parents, David and Cate following Divine Liturgy

November 23rd: **St. Michael Slava:** Slava service and potluck meal following Divine Liturgy.

Church Cleaning: The Church Council set up a church cleaning list, similar to the way we do coffee hour, in order to give everyone an opportunity to help. The next cleaning will be held on Nov. **8th at 9:00AM**. Rick Kaiser will open the church for cleaning.

Cleaning duty list:

1. Zarzaur
2. Bergantz
3. Capsopoulos
4. Cox

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

Coffee Hour: (* Nativity Fast)

Nov 2nd – Sisterhood	*Dec. 7 th – Ellis/Fontane
Nov 9th – Cox	*Dec. 14 th – Gulas
Nov 16th – Craft	*Dec. 21 st – Haddock
Nov 23rd – Slava/Potluck	*Dec. 28 th – Hansen
*Nov 30th – Darzi/Baker	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

God Grant Them Many Years!

Birthdays:

8th – Laura Vukosavljevic
15th – Michael Hansen
16th – Loren Capsopoulos
24th – Shellie Kioutas
27th – Tim Waskerwitz
27th – Richard Kaiser
29th – Zach Jokich

Anniversaries:

25th – Dragan & Laura Vukosavljevic
30th – Charles & Inna Teasley

Church Library News:

It is wonderful that many of our church members have been checking out books and reading them. However, our Church Librarian 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. Please look around your house to see if you still have books checked out that should be returned (so that someone else can read them) and let Matushka Ann know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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.

News Items – Please send church news items to the Newsletter Editor: Rick Kaiser at rkmk2012@gmail.com

Prayer List:

Please keep in your prayers

Living: **Church Members:** Vangie Pamfilis, Milka Taylor, Kathe Hoyer. **Friends of Members:** Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Catrina Thomas, (Kathy Hoyer's daughter).

Reposed: Milan Petrovic, Jim Smith (Lisa Crafts' father), Larry Smith (Lisa Crafts' Uncle), 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).

Committees/chairpersons:

Parish Council – Hal Pastrick
Choir Director – Sandy Ellis
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann
Sisterhood President – Shellie Kioutaas
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann
Church Supply Coordinator – Loren Capsapoulos
Events - Olga Hansen
Library – Matushka Ann
Bookstore - Matushka Ann
Building Maintenance - Bob and Rick
Welcoming Committee Coordinator – Charles Malmede
Capital Campaign - Hal and Joe
Website – Charles Malmede
Newsletter Bulletin – Rick Kaiser
Candle Supplies – Michele Kaiser

Church Council – 2014 to 2015

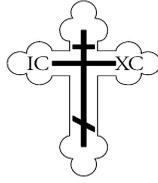
Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator
Bob Zarzaur– President
Michele Platt – Vice President
Joe Bergantz – Treasurer
Marshal Standifer – Secretary
Members at large – Sandy Ellis, Mike Jokich, Rick Kaiser, Shellie Kioutas, Charles Malmede, Hal Pastrick

Please note: the Church telephone number is:
256-881-2449

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.*



“O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.” Psalm 118:29

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When the calendar turns to November each year, we often begin to think of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. American children have grown up hearing about the Plymouth Pilgrims sitting down to eat a meal with the Native American Indians in thanksgiving for a good harvest.

Most children upon receiving a birthday present or Christmas present from their parents are thankful. However, presents are not usually received every day and so children might sometimes forget how much their parents love them, in between receiving nice presents. Sometimes parents even need to correct their kids when they misbehave so that they will learn respect, good manners and obedience.

It's really the same thing in our relationship with God. When a new baby is born, a wedding takes place, when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Pascha and other joyous times like this, thankfulness to God is kindled in our hearts. Yet, when struggles come along, illness, financial hardships, difficulties with family relationships, it's easy to forget all the good things we've been given.

As St. John of Kronstadt once wrote:

- Thank God every day with your whole heart for having given to you life according to His image and likeness—an intelligently free and immortal life.
- Especially thank God for having restored and guided you again unto life eternal after you had fallen into eternal death, and for having done so not simply by the action of His omnipotence, for this would not have been in conformity to His justice, but by having given for our redemption His only begotten Son, Who suffered and died for us.
- Thank Him also for again daily bestowing life upon you, who have fallen an innumerable multitude of times, by your own free will, through sins, from life into death, and that He does so as soon as you only say from your whole heart: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee!”
- Thank Him also for often delivering you from sickness, you who imprudently throw yourself into danger and sickness, the precursors of bodily death, for correcting your faults, and for not depriving you of earthly life, knowing that it is dear to you, and that you are not yet ready for the future, eternal life.
- Thank Him for all your means of existence, for all the joys and sorrows of life; for everything is from Him, the All-merciful Father; everything comes from the First Origin of Life, Who has apportioned and lent life to all.

God bless you!

In Christ,

+Fr. Gregory