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Divine Liturgy Schedule
June 21, 2020

Saturday, June 20
6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Anniversary Blessings for Tom & Jen Jones
-Mary Ann Jarolen

Sunday, June 21
10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Tuesday, June 23
6:30 PM

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
†Peter & Pauline Slota: Russell & Ann Skordy
Edward & Anna Kroll
- Lisa, Nikolas & Benjamin Placek

Saturday, June 27
6:00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
†Peter & Pauline Maciborski

Sunday, June 28
10:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick At Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly Away: Leona Kobela Prayer Request: Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

PROKEIMON: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to Romans 5:1-10:

Brethren, therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia(3) Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia(3).

Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33



The Lord said, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (that is, money). Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit: and as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to put on?' (for after all these things the Gentiles seek); for your Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice; and all these things shall be given you besides."

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

TRAVELERS' PRAYER

O Almighty and merciful God, who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of fall and bruises, and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!! VITAEMO!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Wishing all of our Father's A Very Happy Father's Day! Mnohaya Lita!

THANK YOU! A big "Thank You" to Bobby Miles who does a wonderful job of cutting the grass at the church! We appreciate your work and dedication!

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad.

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,

nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."



PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, we pray to the saints. Can we also pray to the angels e.g., to Michael the Archangel or Gabriel? Prayer is a conversation with God, Martyrs, Saints or Angels. Generally when people pray they will ask for help in time of need and we can pray not only to the Angels, whose names we know, but also to the angels whose names we don't know, like our guardian angels. This is a tradition that dates back from before the time of Christ and it is not new with the Apostles. For example, the Saint Michael Prayer which we know today, dates back to 1886. Pope Leo XIII after saying mass at St. Peter's Chapel had a vision of the devil petitioning God for a greater authority in the world, claiming that if he were granted this authority, he could destroy the church. This vision included demonic spirits gathering and surrounding Rome with the goal of destroying the Vatican State and the church... Pope Leo XIII penned a prayer to Saint Michael to assist the church in this onslaught and he asked the worldwide church to recite the prayer following mass. Because Pope Leo XIII recognized that our battle in this world is always against Lucifer and the demons in the hell, who are all fallen angels, so who better to ask for help in our battle with the demons than the Prince of Angels, Saint Michael the Archangel, who defeated Lucifer and the fallen angels with the other faithful angels and cast them into hell. (See Revelation 12:7-9).

Excerpt from A Beginner's Guide to Spirituality- Michael Keiser (Pages 25-34)

Three elements provide the foundation for any serious Orthodox spiritual life: The Divine Liturgy, the daily worship of the Church, and personal prayer. Any good rule will focus on these parts of spiritual life, keeping them in proper balance. Think of them as the legs on a stool: the stool is perfectly safe and stable if it has at least three legs to support itself and whatever weight is placed on it; but if you remove one of the legs, the stool will collapse and anyone sitting on it will fall. If we try to live spiritual lives that do not have these three legs, they will collapse.

The Divine Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy is the center of the Church's being. While Orthodox devotion does not generally focus on body parts, such as the Sacred Heart of the Roman tradition, I think it would be appropriate to call the Divine Liturgy the heartbeat of Christ's body. Not just the offering of the Divine Liturgy, but also a prepared reception of the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, is of absolute importance based on the teaching of the Lord: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." (John 6:53). The opposite of life is death, so if we have no life in us without Holy Communion, we are spiritually dead...

Personal Prayer

Prayer is a conversation with God, learning about God, and remembering God... Prayer requires an act of will; we must make a decision to pray and struggle with the problems of perseverance and distraction that will occur.

Daily Worship

In addition to private prayer, there is corporate prayer of the Church that is offered to God each day. We are familiar with the corporate worship in the Divine Liturgy, but additional services are offered to God throughout every day that are an important part of the Orthodox Church's cycle of worship... This leg is perhaps the least known to many Orthodox Christians. Daily worship is not just for monastics. ... services are linked with the Liturgy and are meant to be offered along with it in the parish cycle of worship: Vespers and Matins. Vespers is the service that sanctifies the coming of evening and Matins the coming of morning...

JUNE CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mrs. Geraldine Adamchak in loving memory of her husband, Daniel Adamchak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz For God's Blessings & Good Health for their grand-son, Peyton Schwartz.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of June

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen for the 12th Wedding Anniversary of Jenn & Tom Jones.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis for

All The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given by Anna Kutsup in loving memory of Sophie Wieczerek.