

## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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### Sunday Bulletin, May 2, 2021

**HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA. MARTYRS HESPERUS, ZOE, AND THEIR SONS, CYRIACUS AND THEODULUS, AT ATTALIA. ST. BORIS, IN BAPTISM MICHAEL, PRINCE OF BULGARIA. TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE HOLY PASSIONBEARERS BORIS AND GLEB, IN BAPTISM ROMAN AND DAVID.**

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#### Service Schedule:

Sunday, May 2: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by Procession and blessing of baskets. **Holy Pascha.**  
Monday, May 3: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (Pascal Hours at 8:50).  
Saturday, May 8: 5 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, May 9: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by blessing of graves at 2 PM.

#### Remember in Your Prayers...

**Health / General:** Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Lillian Kite, Rose Krenitsky, Sandy Pregmon, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Margaret Pregmon & Edward (Barbara's brother).

**Memory Eternal:** Basil Farbanish.

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#### Offerings:

**Pascha Flowers: For the Health of:** Rose Krenitsky by Gregory & Emily Krenitsky.

**Pascha Flowers: In Memory of:** Michael & Mary Marko by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Mary Oselinsky by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Wasil & Theresa Veronick by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Diane Yacopchak by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Harold Krenitsky by Rose, Emily & Gregory Krenitsky; all the deceased members of the Krenitsky, Halchak Fortuna, Deininger families by Emily Krenitsky; William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska; Aleck & Ann Jadick by David Jadick; Mary & John Ezbiansky by Patricia Jones; Lorraine Ezbiansky & Zachary Ezbiansky Pavese by Patricia Jones; Paul Jones by Patricia Jones; Ellen, Stephen, Faye & Stephen by Marie Pasternak; Harry, Femia, Pasternak Family by Marie Pasternak; Mary, Helen & Thomas Jones by Daniel Jones; Andrew Peregrim Family by Ann Tyrpak; Peter Tyrpak by Lolita Tyrpak; Walter, Sonia, Peter, Walter Jr. Tyrpak by Ann Tyrpak; Alexandra, Michael Toczko & Family by Marie Pasternak; Lillian & Michael Keslosky Jr. by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; Sonia, Ethel and Michael Keslosky by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; Lillian & Michael Keslosky Jr. by Olivia and Julia Keslosky; William Keslosky by Barbara Keslosky.

**Pascha Offering: In Memory of:** Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich; Deceased members of the Krenitsky Family by David Jadick; Deceased members of the Jadick Family by David Jadick; Arden, Ken Jerski, Pregmon & Hubiak Family by Daniel & Sandra Pregmon; Diane, Dennis, Mike & Eva Pregmon by Daniel & Sandra Pregmon; Hubiak and Ken Jerski Family by Frank, Patricia and Kristen Waznak; William, Alice, Maxie, Helene Wozniak, Michael & Jean Wasko by William Wozniak.

**Pascha Offering: For the Health of:** Alexander Horek, Ilaria Krenitsky and Stella Krenitsky by David Jadick; Michael Jadick by David Jadick;

**Pascha Vigil Lights: In Memory of:** Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich; Steve & Julia Hubiak, Harrison Hubiak, Peter Hubiak & John Hubiak by Ann Buday; Michael & Nancy Buday, Helen & Millie Krenitsky by Ann Buday; Deceased members of the Karl & Evdokia Barsigian Family by the Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren; Harry Krevko, Frank & Anna Orzalek, Basil & Harpina Krevko by Mary Krevko; Theresa Polanchik, Helen Polanchik by Donna Polanchik.

**Pascha Altar Candles: In Memory of:** William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska; Charles Sigman, Jr. by Nadia Macheska; Michael Buday by Ann Buday; Deceased members of the Atapovich, Romanowsky and Attacheck Families by Richard Atapovich.

**Pascha Altar Calla Lilies: In Memory of:** the Deceased members of the Harrison & Tekla Krenitsky family by the Granddaughters, Great Granddaughters and Great Great Granddaughters;

**Vigil Lights: In Memory of:** Barbara Pecuch by Marie Pasternak; Diane Yacopchak by Marie Pasternak; Justina Ludwig by Marie Pasternak; Alexandra Michael Tuczko by Marie Pasternak; Ellen, Stephen, Faye and Stephen Pasternak by Marie Pasternak; Madeline Suprick Cook by Marie Pasternak; Alexandra & Michael Tuczko by Marie Pasternak; Michael B. Keslosky by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; William Keslosky by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski.

**Vigil Lights: For the Health of:** Stefan Tutka by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski.

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**Announcements:** (Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

**A Brief word about Communion:** For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion, including fasting from midnight and having recently received confession and absolution. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with the priest and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament, its responsibility to and towards membership in the Orthodox Church.

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry:** Will be open Thursday, (5/6) & Saturday, (5/15) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **JoAnn Perrige**, Michael Maestri.

**May Celebrations: We will sing "God Grant you many years" on the first Sunday of the month.**

<b>Birthday</b>		<b>Patron Saint</b>	
Matushka Mary Lynn	5/7	Helen Bezuhly	5/21 (Empress Helena)
Danny Jones	5/31	Emily Krenitsky	5/30 (St. Emilia)

**Blessing of Baskets:** Will take place in the hall after Pascha Liturgy today. For those who would prefer not to come in the building, I can bless your basket at your car (either in the trunk or on top of the car or next to your car) after I bless the baskets in the hall. Please continue to wear your mask in the hall.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This is the second of three Sunday's that we are announcing that our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 16 after Divine Liturgy in our Nave.

**Bp. Mark visit:** His Eminence Archbishop Mark will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on May 23, 2021 at our church. We will be blessed by his visit.

### **Today's Holy Scripture Readings:**

#### **Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle)**

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,  
2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,  
3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.  
4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;  
5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."  
6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"  
7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.  
8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### **John 1:1-17 (Gospel)**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
2 He was in the beginning with God.  
3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.  
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.  
7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.  
8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.  
9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.  
10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.  
11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.  
12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:  
13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.  
14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.  
15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’”  
16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.  
17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## **Saint Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria**

Saint Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria, was a great Father of the Church and a pillar of Orthodoxy. He was born around the year 297 in the city of Alexandria into a family of pious Christians. He received a fine secular education, but he acquired more knowledge by diligent study of the Holy Scripture. In his childhood, the future hierarch Athanasius became known to Saint Alexander the Patriarch of Alexandria (May 29). A group of children, which included Athanasius, were playing at the seashore. The Christian children decided to baptize their pagan playmates.

The young Athanasius, whom the children designated as “bishop”, performed the Baptism, precisely repeating the words he heard in church during this sacrament. Patriarch Alexander observed all this from a window. He then commanded that the children and their parents be brought to him. He conversed with them for a long while, and determined that the Baptism performed by the children was done according to the Church order. He acknowledged the Baptism as real and sealed it with the sacrament of Chrismation. From this moment, the Patriarch looked after the spiritual upbringing of Athanasius and in time brought him into the clergy, at first as a reader, and then he ordained him as a deacon.

It was as a deacon that Saint Athanasius accompanied Patriarch Alexander to the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in the year 325. At the Council, Saint Athanasius refuted of the heresy of Arius. His speech met with the approval of the Orthodox Fathers of the Council, but the Arians, those openly and those secretly so, came to hate Athanasius and persecuted him for the rest of his life.

After the death of holy Patriarch Alexander, Saint Athanasius was unanimously chosen as his successor in the See of Alexandria. He refused, accounting himself unworthy, but at the insistence of all the Orthodox populace that it was in agreement, he was consecrated bishop when he was twenty-eight, and installed as the archpastor of the Alexandrian Church. Saint Athanasius guided the Church for forty-seven years, and during this time he endured persecution and grief from his antagonists. Several times he was expelled from Alexandria and hid himself from the Arians in desolate places, since they repeatedly tried to kill him. Saint Athanasius spent more than twenty years in exile, returned to his flock, and then was banished again.

There was a time when he remained as the only Orthodox bishop in the area, a moment when all the other bishops had fallen into heresy. At the false councils of Arian bishops he was deposed as bishop. Despite being persecuted for many years, the saint continued to defend the purity of the Orthodox Faith, and he wrote countless letters and tracts against the Arian heresy.

When Julian the Apostate (361-363) began a persecution against Christians, his wrath first fell upon Saint Athanasius, whom he considered a great pillar of Orthodoxy. Julian intended to kill the saint in order to strike Christianity a grievous blow, but he soon perished himself. Mortally wounded by an arrow during a battle, he cried out with despair: “You have conquered, O Galilean.” After Julian’s death, Saint Athanasius guided the Alexandrian Church for seven years and died in 373, at the age of seventy-six.

Numerous works of Saint Athanasius have been preserved; four Orations against the Arian heresy; also an Epistle to Epictetus, bishop of the Church of Corinth, on the divine and human natures in Jesus Christ; four Epistles to Serapion, Bishop of Thmuis, about the Holy Spirit and His equality with the Father and the Son, directed against the heresy of Macedonius. Other apologetic works of the Saint in defense of Orthodoxy have been preserved, among which is the Letter to the Emperor Constantius. Saint Athanasius wrote commentaries on Holy Scripture, and books of a moral and didactic character, as well as a biography of Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), with whom Saint Athanasius was very close. Saint John Chrysostom advised every Orthodox Christian to read this Life. The memory of Saint Athanasius is celebrated also on January 18 with Saint Cyril of Alexandria.