

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Sunday Bulletin, June 13, 2021

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – TONE 6. HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENIAL COUNCIL. AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION. MARTYR AQUILINA OF BYBLOS IN SYRIA. ST. TRIPHYLLIUS, BISHOP OF LEUCOSIA IN CYPRUS. MARTYR ANTONINA OF NICEA. ST. ANNA AND HER SON, ST. JOHN, OF CONSTANTINOPLE. VEN. ANDRONICUS, DISCIPLE OF VEN. SERGIUS OF RADONEZH, AND VEN. SABBAS, ABBOTS, OF MOSCOW. VEN. NUN ALEXANDRA OF DIVEYEVO.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, June 13: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).

Saturday, June 19: 5 PM Great Vespers with Litya.

Sunday, June 20: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10). **Feast of Pentecost**

Remember in Your Prayers...

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

Offerings:

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

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: Will be open Saturday, (6/19) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Michael Maestri.**

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

Birthday

Pat Jones 6/8

David Jadick 6/17

Marie Buranich 6/18

Patron Saint

Martha Matechak 6/4 St, Martha, sister of Lazarus

Rose Krenitsky 6/9 St. Rhoda

Paul Bezuhly 6/29 St. Peter

Fr. Peter 6/29 St. Peter

Masks and social distancing are no longer required in our parish for those who are fully vaccinated.

Fr. Peter will be taking a vacation this Wednesday (6/16) and Thursday (6/17). Please call the office for any emergencies.

Parish Council Meeting: This Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 PM in the hall basement.

Please join us on Sunday, June 27, 2021 following Divine Liturgy for a Continental Breakfast in the hall classroom to wish Father Peter and Matushka Mary Lynn well on their retirement. Thank you, Emily Krenitsky.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle)

16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.
30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.
31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.
32 So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.
34 Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.
35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel)

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,
2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
6 I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.
8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.
9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.
11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.
12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria

The Holy Martyr Aquilina, a native of the Phoenician city of Byblos, suffered under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Her parents raised her in Christian piety. When the girl was only twelve years old, she persuaded a pagan friend to convert to Christ. One of the servants of the imperial governor Volusian accused her of teaching others not to follow the religion of their fathers. The girl firmly confessed her faith in Christ before the governor and said that she would not renounce Him. Volusian tried to influence the young confessor through persuasion and by flattery, but seeing her confidence, he ordered her to be tortured.

They struck her upon the face, then they stripped her and beat her with whips. The torturer asked, "Where then is your God? Let Him come and take you out of my hands". The saint answered, "The Lord is here with me invisibly, and the more I suffer, the more strength and endurance will He give me."

They drilled through the martyr's ears with heated metal rods. The holy virgin fell down as if dead. The torturer thought that the girl had actually died, and he gave orders to throw her body outside the city to be eaten by dogs. By night a holy angel appeared to Saint Aquilina, roused her and said, "Arise and be healed. Go and denounce Volusian, so that he and his plans may come to nothing."

The martyr went to the court of the governor and stood before Volusian. Seeing Saint Aquilina, he called for his servants and ordered them to keep watch over her until morning. In the morning he sentenced Saint Aquilina to death, saying that she was a sorceress who did not obey the imperial decrees. When they led the saint to execution, she prayed and gave thanks to God for allowing her to suffer for His Holy Name.

A voice was heard in answer to her prayer, summoning her to the heavenly Kingdom. Before the executioner could carry out the sentence, the martyr gave up her spirit to God (+ 293). The executioner feared to disobey the governor's orders, so he cut off her head although she was already dead. Christians piously buried the martyr's body. Later, her relics were taken to Constantinople and placed in a church named for her.