



FROM THE AMBIVON

ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Leavetaking of the Transfiguration. St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia

Birthdays & Anniversaries for August

Birthdays: Savina Shepherd (8/5); Fr Michael Shepherd (8/18);

Nameday:

Anniversary: Eli & Paula Stavisky (8/4);

Baptism:

Travelers: Fr Michael, Matushaka Emilia, Maximus, Rodion & Savina; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Silas, & Nadezdha

Prosphora Schedule: We need families to start baking prosphora at home

Counting: Please Sign up to Count for the month of August

Visitors: *PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

There are times when trials and temptations multiply and cause a man, despite his diligence, to deviate from the true path; for all his wisdom and skill are swallowed up.

This happens so as to prevent us from trusting in ourselves

St. John of Karpathos

Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.303

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule AUGUST

TUES, August 15th: Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM Dormition -

All are invited to St Nicholas - Olyphant

SUN, August 20th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 2

SAT, August 26th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, August 27th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession. Not during the 8-20Aug

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Heavenly Host Program: Natasha Coyoy is our coordinator. We will have a meeting on this on the 27th of August.

Parish Council Meeting: 03Sept23 All are invited

Vacation - Fr Michael and his family will be on vacation 08Aug-22Aug. Fr Gregory White, Holy Resurrection Cathedral, will be the on call priest. He can be reached at 570-822-7725 or gregory.white@stots.edu. Fr David Hester will celebrate Liturgy on 13th & 20th of August with no Vespers.

Registration - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

There is alot going on in the parish: The parish council is now moving forward our Heavenly Image and address alot of our maintenance that needs some love and attention.

1. Locks on Church replaced - closed circuit - Completed.
2. A/C - We have contracting company who will be coming in this week to fix the A/C
3. Cupolas - Monday we will have an estimate for us to repaint the Cupolas
4. Parking Lot - We are looking into estimates and to repair/pave the parking lot and address the sides with asphalt
5. Continue to work on changing out lights and fire alarms in the nave
6. Fix the many leaks that have damaged the walls e.g. repair, prime, paint etc.
7. New carpet
8. Paint ceiling darker blue with stars to display the cosmos with the pantocrator
9. Office and Bookstore downstairs

Parish Prayer List

NEWLY DEPARTED: *Matushka Dolores* Donlick (7/28);

DEPARTED: *Matushka Karen Mahaffey* (8/8); *Barbara Pecuch* (8/9); *Patricia Chesniak* (8/15);

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests John Nightingale & Theodore Orzolek*

Servants of God *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchyk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha, & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky,*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Our tithing and donations have dipped. Please, I ask, relook at your tithing commitment and adjust accordingly.

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.

July Income: \$8,924 -3978.49

Expenditures: \$17,220.41 +4,317.92

Atypical - Donation to St Tikhon's Summer Camp and Wine/Candle Purchase

Bank Balance: \$113,641.95 (deposited an insurance check, check from RBO, 2 CDs Woman's club)

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

Will update when I return.



From the Saints & Teachers

4:9 *The Apostles Have Become a Spectacle*

A Spectacle. Ambrose: Paul was worthy to be watched by angels as he strove to win the prize of Christ, as he struggled to establish the life of angels on earth and confound the wickedness of angels in heaven. For he wrestled with spiritual wickedness. Rightly did the world watch him, to follow his example. Episcopal Election at Vercellae 63.71.

The Contrast with Pettiness. Chrysostom: From the things by which he vilifies himself, Paul shows us how great he is. From the things that make the Corinthians proud he displays their littleness. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 12.6.

Why the Angels Marvel. Theodoret of Cyr: The angels marvel at the apostles' fortitude. As for human beings, some rejoice in the apostles' afflictions, while others are moved to pity but have no help to offer. Commentary on the First Epistle to the Corinthians 189.

4:10 *Fools for Christ's Sake*

Fools for Christ. Ambrosiaster: Those who love Christ are fools as far as the world is concerned. Commentary on Paul's Epistles.

Held in Disrepute. Chrysostom: Paul said these things in order to provoke the Corinthians to consider that they should zealously seek to emulate the apostles in their dangers and their indignities, not in their honors and glories. For it is the former, not the latter, that the gospel requires. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 13.1.

4:11 *Physical Deprivations*

The Constant Risk of the Athlete. Chrysostom: Paul is talking about the present as much as about the past, because the Christian must always be living in this way, and not just occasionally. The wrestler may be crowned after a single victory, but if he then goes on to lose, he will not be crowned a second time. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 13.2.

4:12 *Suffering and Endurance*

Suffering Without Anger. Chrysostom: Paul is saying that the main point is not that he and his fellow apostles are suffering, for that is common to all. What is unique about them is that they are suffering without despair or anger. On the contrary, they are full of rejoicing, and they prove it by returning good for the evil they receive. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 13.2.

4:13 *Returning Good for Evil*

Silence, Not Reproach. Chrysostom: Christ commanded us to bear insults meekly, both so that we might grow in virtue ourselves and that we might put our adversaries to shame. That effect is best produced not by reproach but by silence. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 13.2.

Bray, G. L. (Ed.). (1999). [1-2 Corinthians](#) (pp. 40-41). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.