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## ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.

Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815).

Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.). Venerable Níkander Wonderworker of Pskov (1581). Monastic Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612). Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven. Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230-39). Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos (1938). The “MIROZH” (1198) and “THE MYRTLE TREE” Icons of the Mother of God.

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries for September

**Birthdays:** Michael Keklak (9/4); Juda Hart (9/8); Nadia Hart (9/10); Emily Hart (9/21); Gregory Krevko (9/14); Michael Jadick (9/27)

**Nameday:** Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (9/17); Nadia/Hope Hart (9/17)

**Anniversary:** Jason & Maura Vo (9/17)

**Baptism:**

**Travelers:**

**Prospora Schedule:** We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out. *St Tikhon's Has prospora stamps.*

01Oct

08Oct

15Oct Emily Hart

**Counting:** Thank you Emily Krenitsky for assisting in counting today's offerings.

01Oct Emily Krenitsky

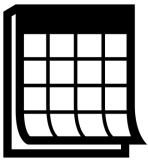
08Oct Patricia Jones

15Oct

**Visitors:** *PLEASE JOIN US FOR 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.*

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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

SAT, Sep 30th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following  
SUN, Oct 1st: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone  
8. The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

SAT, Oct 7th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following  
SUN, Oct 8th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Fathers of  
the 7th Ecumenical Council.



## Announcements Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

**Silent Prayers and Confession:** Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

**Monthly Panikhida:** September 30th 4pm. Please submit names of family members you would like to be remembered.

**Inquirers/Catechumen/Continuing ED Class:** Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

**Bible Study:** Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. I am working my way through Romans if you want to join me.

**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. Need to schedule a date for a briefing.

**Parish Council Meeting: 01OCT All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month)** Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have. The Annual Parish census is coming up and is due to the chancery in October.

**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.

**Women's Fall Brunch** - Emilia Hart will host a fall brunch at her house Oct 28th at 10am. Please get with her for her address and details.

**Pasta Dinner** - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tamara Wytovich to help Volunteer. Tickets are ready to be purchased. Please see Tamara or Sandy for tickets or to help sell tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 4th. Those volunteering to make baskets, please have them made and to the church by Oct 29th.

**Protection of the Theotokos** - This year, this feast of the Mother of God falls on a Sunday (it is October 1st every year). The feast commemorates the protection she provided "under her veil" - her head-covering! We will follow the example of Bishop ALEXEI (bishop of our diocese in Alaska) and do a blessing of head-coverings at the end of liturgy on this day. If you are a woman who wears a head-covering, please bring all you have to be blessed. For more information on head-coverings please see this article that His Grace wrote. <https://odoso.org/news/article-on-headcoverings>

**Fall Camping Weekend:** If you are interested in a weekend camping trip please see Fr.

## *Parish Prayer List*

**DEPARTED:** William Macheska (9/2); Nancy Journak (9/7); Natasha Stavisky (9/16); Mary Shrive 9/30;

**Please remember in your prayers LIVING**

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests John Nightingale & Theodore Orzolek*

**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.*

**Servants of God** *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha (and her unborn child), & 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, Maura Elko, Lydia Popov*

**Catechumen - Jason Vo**

### **How Much is my tithe**

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
<b>\$200</b>	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
<b>\$500</b>	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
<b>\$750</b>	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
<b>\$1000</b>	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
<b>\$1500</b>	\$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.

**September Income:** \$6,143.00

**Expenditures:** \$17,734.39 (14K A/C Repair)

**Bank Balance:** \$92,617.56

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

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



**Epistle:** Romans 8:28-39 (*Epistle, New Martyrs*)  
2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (*Epistle*)

**Gospel:** Luke 21:12-19 (*Gospel, New Martyrs*)  
Luke 5:1-11 (*Gospel*)

### *From the Saints & Teachers*

**Romans 8:28 In Everything God Works for Good.**

**St John Chrysostom:** When Paul speaks of “all things” he mentions even the things that seem painful. For if tribulation, or poverty, or imprisonment, or famines, or deaths or anything else should come upon us, God can change them into the opposite. For this is one instance of his ineffable power, that he can make painful things appear light to us and turn them into things which can be helpful. Paul talks about being called “according to his purpose” in order to show that the calling itself is not enough.... The calling was not forced on anyone, nor was it compulsory. Everyone was called, but not everyone obeyed the call. **Homilies on Romans 15.**

**St John Chrysostom:** Even opposition and disappointment are turned into good, which is exactly what happened with this remarkable man, the apostle Paul. **Homilies on Genesis 67.19.**

**Luke 21:12–19 (ACCS Lk): 21:12–19 Persecution Before the Temple is Destroyed**

**Apostles Will Be Persecuted as a Sign of the Coming Consummation. St Cyril of Alexandria:**

Jesus gives them clear and evident signs of the time when the consummation of the world draws near. He says that there will be wars, turmoil, famines and epidemics everywhere. There will be terrors from heaven and great signs. As another Evangelist says, “All the stars shall fall, and the heaven be rolled up like a scroll, and its powers will be shaken.”

In the middle of this, the Savior places what refers to the capture of Jerusalem. He mixes the accounts together in both parts of the narrative. Before all these things, he says, “They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and to prisons and bringing you before kings and rulers for my name’s sake. This will be a witness to you.” Before the times of consummation, the land of the Jews was taken captive, and the Roman armies overran it. They burned the temple, overthrew their national government, and stopped the means for legal worship. They no longer had sacrifices, now that the temple was destroyed. The country of the Jews together with Jerusalem itself was totally laid waste. Before these things happened, they persecuted the blessed disciples. They imprisoned them and had a part in unendurable trials. They brought the disciples before judges and sent them to kings. Paul was sent to Rome to Caesar....

Christ promises, however, that he will deliver them certainly and completely. He says that a hair of your head will not perish. **Commentary on Luke, Homily 139.**