



# FROM THE AMBIVON

## ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils.

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries for July

**Birthdays:** Charissa Voroziiichak (7/9); Euphemia Keklak (7/14); Vitaliy Rakovsky (7/20); Arlette Zupko (7/25); Maria Rakovsky (7/26); Julia Sarti (7/27);

**Nameday:** Euphemia Keklak (7/11); Julia Sarti (7/16); Patricia/Parasceva (7/26); Silas Hart (7/29);

**Anniversary:** Vitaliy & Maria Rakovsky (7/4);

**Baptism:**

**Travelers:**

**Prospora Schedule:** We need families to start baking prospora 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 me to replenish our supplies.

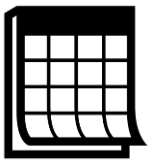
What more can we, as men, wish for than to be one with our God, our Father? For this, we must learn how to approach Him in the brief time of our lives that we have been given. As we have no strength of our own whatsoever, we must approach Him as innocent, openhearted children, from the heart. We must beg Him to teach us how to be good, how to love Him as much as the Most Holy Mother of God, the angels, and the saints do.

**Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica**

Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.186

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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

## WEEK 17-23 July

SAT, July 22nd: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers /Confession

SUN, July 23rd: Hours @ 9:20 Hours, 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.

### UP COMING

SAT, July 29th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers /Confession

SUN, July 30th: Hours @ 9:20 Hours, 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7



## Announcements

### Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

**Silent Prayers and Confession:** Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM

**Church Work Day:** Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Summer's coming and the grass is growing faster! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

**Proshora Baking** - 11:00 am 02 August

**Catechumen Class:** Summer Break Start Back up in September

**Heavenly Host Program:** We need a coordinator.

**Parish Council Meeting:** 30 July after Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

**DVP - OCA Diaconal Vocations Program.** If you are interested, please see me.

**FOCA Annual Picnic at Knoebels** - Sunday July 16th after Liturgy. Please check in at Pavilion D near Giant Ferris Wheel. There will be a picnic dinner: hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas and side dishes with fellowship! Cost: \$5 per person (6y/o and below are free).

### 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.

**July Deposits**

10th: \$3,376.00

**Expenditures:** \$2,511.55

**Bank Balance:** \$43,553.62

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

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

## *Parish Prayer List*

**Please remember in your prayers LIVING**

Ill-afflicted Archpriests John Nightingale & Fr Theodore Orzolek

**All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends:** Mike Jadick, Bernie Elko, Margaret Pregmon, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Eli Stavisky, Evelyn Bunevitch, Nadia Macheska, John Pritchuk, Paulette Ezbiansky, Andrew Lutzick, Daniel Jones, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Matushka Paula Soucek; Al Horek; Abigail; David Lezinsky

**Servants of God** Barbara Sevensky, Christine Sevensky, Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmann, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia (Mia) (Keklak); Amaya Jackson; Robert Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha, & Rosa Coyoy; Peter Kesklosky, Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina (Shepherd); Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas (Hart)

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** Alexander Pritchuk (5/18); Marie Ann Buranich (5/25)

**DEPARTED:** Tom Krenitsky (7/6); Michael Palonchiak (7/6); Michael Peregrim Sr. (7/08); John Sokol (7/7); William Keslosky (7/15); Justine (Tinchey) Ludwig (7/19); Steve Serniak (7/20); Genevieve Barile (7/31);

**Our prayer list will start rotating names off on a monthly basis. Please speak with Fr to add names to the list for special/specific needs.**

"How good it is to meet death with prayer! But for this you have to get used to it, while you are healthy." St Nikon, p. 170

*Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina.* Translated by Archimandrite George Schaefer. Jordanville, NY: Holy Trinity Publications, 2005.



# Words of Wisdom

## Today Readings

**Epistle:** Hebrews 13:7-16

**Gospel:** John 17:1-13

### *From the Saints & Teachers*

#### **Hebrews 13:7 Remember Your Leaders**

**Remember the One Who Preaches.** Didache: My child, day and night “you should remember him who preaches God’s word to you,” and honor him as you would the Lord. For where the Lord’s nature is discussed, there the Lord is. Every day you should seek the company of saints to enjoy their refreshing conversation. You must not start a schism but reconcile those at strife. Didache 4.1–3.

**“Faith” Means Steadfastness.** Chrysostom: By “faith” he means steadfastness. How so? Because they believe in the things to come. For they would not have shown forth a pure life if they were troubled with questions about the things to come, if they had doubted. On the Epistle to the Hebrews 33.3.

**Leaders Long Dead.** Theodoret of Cyr: He referred to the saints long dead—Stephen the protomartyr, James the brother of John, James called Just; many others as well were done away with by the Jews’ fury. By having an eye to them, he is saying, and acquainting yourselves with their praiseworthy lifestyle, emulate their faith. Interpretation of Hebrews 13.

Heen, E. M., & Krey, P. D. W. (Eds.). (2005). [\*Hebrews\*](#) (p. 231). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

#### **John 17:4 God’s Glory on Earth Accomplished**

**Full Knowledge Brings Full Glory.** Augustine: If knowledge of God is eternal life, the more we grow in this knowledge, the greater the advances we make toward life. And we shall not die in the eternal life that is to come. For then, when there shall be no death, the knowledge of God shall be perfected. Then God will be most fully glorified because then it will be the completed glory, as expressed in Greek by *doxa*.... But glory was defined among the ancients as fame accompanied with praise. But if one’s praise depends on what is said of him, how will God be praised when he himself shall be seen? And so it is said in Scripture, “Blessed are they who dwell in your house. They will be praising you forever and ever.” There, where there shall be full knowledge of God, his praise will continue without end. And because it is full knowledge, the glorification will also be full and complete. Tractates on the Gospel of John 105.3.

Elowsky, J. C. (Ed.). (2007). [\*John 11–21\*](#) (p. 234). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.