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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost and the Seventh Sunday of Luke

Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

Venerable Luke of Sicily; Paul of Corinth, the Fool-for-Christ

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Tone 4; Eothinon 10

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Paul the Confessor (Tone 3)

Thy confession of the one divine Faith showed thee to the Church to be a new Paul and a zealot among priests, O holy one. The righteous blood both of Abel and Zachary with thee doth cry out together unto the Lord. Righteous Father, intercede with Christ God in our behalf that His Great Mercy may be granted unto us.

Apolytikion for our Patron, Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy, pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of thine unearthly glory; preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly: Deliver us from oppression since ye are the prince of the highest powers.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL (for the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith

has made you well; go in peace.” While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

The Synaxarion

On November 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople.

Verses

Paul, boasting in the halter upon his windpipe,
Breaketh the halter with the sounds of his windpipe.
For that Paul confesseth God, he is choked on the sixth.

When Blessed Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria lay on his deathbed, the sorrowing faithful asked him who should succeed him as the chief shepherd of the spiritual flock of Christ. He said: “If you desire a shepherd who will teach you and who will shine with virtues, choose Paul.” The people did; unfortunately, this was not accepted by the Arian heretics, nor was it accepted by Emperor Constantius, then in Antioch. Paul boldly preached the true dual natures of Christ God and was known as the second “Apostle Paul.” He was soon deposed and fled to Rome with Saint Athanasius the Great. There, Pope Julian and Emperor Constans received them warmly and upheld them in their Orthodox Faith. They saw to it that Paul was returned to his throne, but when Emperor Constans died the Arians raised their heads again, and Patriarch Paul was banished to Cucusus in Armenia. In 351, as Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, the Arians attacked and strangled him with his omophorion.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Luke of Sicily; and Paul of Corinth, the fool-for-Christ. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread is being offered by Charmaine Darmour in loving memory of the twenty-first year repose to eternal life of Archimandrite John Namie (+5 November, 2001), of blessed memory and eternal repose; the Founding Director of the Antiochian Village.

Holy Bread is also being offered by Mae Tortolano and family in fond memory of Godson, Alan George Namay (+21 September, 2022) and his infant son Travis Alan Namay (+7 April, 1991) now reunited in God's grace. Also in cherished memory of the beloved and much-missed members of the Skaff, Namay, Jurado and Tortolano family: Nafie (Saba) and Frank Skaff; Wedad (Skaff) and Sleyman Namay, Richard Namay; Loretta (Namay) and Robert Jurado; Teresa Namay; Carrie (Deeb) & Emile Skaff; and Vittorio Tortolano. May God grant them eternal repose in the tranquility of His heavenly Kingdom.

Holy Bread is being offered by Marcia O'Dea, the O'Dea and Chala families, asking our Lord to continue to always protect, guide and bless Sean O'Dea, who is celebrating his birthday today (November 6), and nephew, Richard Chala celebrating his birthday on November 11th; also in memory of Father Nicholas Neyman, who shared Sean's birthday. May God grant Sean and Richard many years, and eternal rest to Father Nicholas of blessed memory and eternal repose!

Sacramental wine is being offered by the Sayegh family with prayers for their families and their departed loved ones.

The five-loaves (*Artoclasia/Ighribniyyah*) of the Feast of the Archangels is being offered by Father Minas, Presbytera Nicole and Mary Sarchizian for the glory of God and His mercy over creation; honoring all who are named by their patron, Michael and Gabriel, and the members of our parish community celebrating their Feast Day. Amin!

Special offerings and requests for prayer are being made . . .

by Subdeacon Richard Tamoush and family for the healing
and good health of his mother, Nora Tamoush.

for (Veteran's Day - November 11th) to honor our loved ones who fulfilled
the call to study serving in the military: (U.S. Marines) Sgt. Tony
Tortolano (ret.), recipient of the 2022 Veteran of the Year Award —
Antelope Valley, for diligent assistance to veterans and their families; and
(Army) Lt. Gen. Joseph Skaff (West Point Academy graduate, and retired
Pentagon assignee). Also with gratitude and in reverent commemoration
of the valiant who were killed in action (WWII): U.S. Army (Infantry)
P.F.C. Mitchell Haddad (paternal cousin); and Army Air Force
(Bombardier) Joseph Cassis (maternal cousin). Memory eternal.

by Father Timothy remembering his son, Michael o' Kalani Baclig
on his Feast Day. May the Holy Archangel protect him from all harm.

for the repose of the newly departed Great Economos, the retired
Archpriest Antony Gabriel (+2 November, 2022), of blessed memory
and eternal repose.

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Linda Tahmoush
(+24 October, 2022). Memory eternal.

*Included in our prayers throughout the month of November are those
celebrating their birthday: Claire Mike Azzam (11/1), Laila Dawud (11/2),
Michael Mitchell (11/2), Leilah Sadd (11/2), Nabeel Abughazaleh (11/3),
Cooper Hage (11/3), Pamela Kushida (11/3), Kelly Malouf (11/3), Deacon
Andrew Monsue (11/3), Adriana Azzam (11/4), Jack Nasser (11/4), Sandi
Gorup (11/5), Sadie Heidi Blair (11/6), Diana Dunphy (11/6), Sean O'Dea
(11/6), Emile F. Skaff, Sr. (11/6), Laila Abughazaleh (11/7), Denise
Akoury (11/7), Michael Mansur (11/8), Henry John Phipps (11/8), Randy
Ababseh (11/9), Christopher Pioguinto (11/9), Stephen Nassief (11/10),
Steven Srouf (11/10), Judith Aboud (11/11), Elias Nabeel Abughazaleh
(11/11), Richard Chala (11/11), Anne Marie Botezatu (11/12), Emily
Dawud (11/12), Marilea Grundler (11/12), Rima Hage (11/13), Dennis
Haggag (11/13), Gloria Kabbash (11/13), Charlotte Lechlak (11/14), V.
Rev. Constantine Nasr (11/14), Steve Ababseh (11/16), Stephen Riad
Dunphy (11/16), Eugenia Wall (11/16), Joe Sweis (11/17), Sam Yanni
(11/19), Geri Thabit (11/20), James Alexander Wei (11/21), Natalie Roser*

(11/24), Marcia Murr Terry (11/24), Justina Sarah Wassef (11/24), Alice Andrews (11/26), William Joshua Nassir (11/26), Elias Adeeb Abughazaleh (11/27), Samer Abughazaleh (11/27), Neveen Dawud (11/27), Nahil Dawud (11/27), William Fichtner (11/27), Orit Srour (11/27), Sharon Katerelos (11/28), Justina Wassef (11/28), Keira Katherine Placeres (11/29), Thomas Akoury (11/30), and those celebrating their wedding anniversary: Daniel & Katherine Foyle (11/3), Jeffery & Danielle Thomas (11/4), Elie & Natacha Yazbek (11/21); Troy & Mary Minassian (11/27). May God grant them all many years!

Included in our prayers for the departed for the month of November are:

<i>Jamele Koekaz, +16 Nov. 1961</i>	<i>Alexandra Khoury, +25 Nov. 2003</i>
<i>Daniela Draghiciu, +4 Nov. 1963</i>	<i>Mary Hart, +3 Nov., 2005</i>
<i>Arthur Grob, +7 Nov. 1978</i>	<i>Wadih Latif, +28 Nov. 2005</i>
<i>Adla Gallade, +17 Nov. 1982</i>	<i>Nour Iskander Ayoub, +1 Nov., 2006</i>
<i>Joseph Khamis, +Nov. 1988</i>	<i>John Peters, +15 Nov. 2006</i>
<i>Najib Spiridon, +5 Nov. 1989</i>	<i>Donald Andrew Nassir, +28 Nov. 06</i>
<i>Joey Bicker, +20 Nov. 1990</i>	<i>Sumaya Khoury, +30 Nov. 2006</i>
<i>Genevieve Akoury, +23 Nov. 1990</i>	<i>David Habeeb, +2 Nov. 2007</i>
<i>Earle J. Thompson, +25 Nov. 1990</i>	<i>Anton Karam, +19 Nov. 2007</i>
<i>Travis Alan Namay, +7 Apr. 1991</i>	<i>Lucille Deeb, +24 Nov. 2007</i>
<i>Cleo Saliba, +3 Nov. 1993</i>	<i>Samy Srour, +31 Nov. 2007</i>
<i>Adele Nicholas, +20 Nov. 1993</i>	<i>Evelyn Haddad, +27 Nov. 2009</i>
<i>George Musalam, +4 Nov. 1994</i>	<i>Laila Kabbash, +17 Nov. 2010</i>
<i>Olga Handal, +7 Nov. 1994</i>	<i>George Komashko, +24 Nov. 2010</i>
<i>Stephen Stelmack, +14 Nov. 1994</i>	<i>Genevieve Antoniewicz, +25 Nov. 2010</i>
<i>Watfa Berry, +21 Nov. 1988</i>	<i>Lorana Sweet, +10 Nov. 2011</i>
<i>Elia Baida, +6 Nov. 1995</i>	<i>Azenagash Woldemichael, +26 Nov. 12</i>
<i>Katherine Monsue, +18 Nov. 1996</i>	<i>Helen Zaki, +16 Nov. 2013</i>
<i>Elena Farah, +15 Nov. 1997</i>	<i>Jose Noel Barba, +20 Nov. 2013</i>
<i>Carim J. Rihbany, +2 Nov. 1973</i>	<i>Savinita Abdennour, +20 Nov. 2013</i>
<i>Robert Nassief, +9 Nov. 1998</i>	<i>Nour Iskander Ayoub, +1 Nov. 2014</i>
<i>Toufic Sweis, +10 Nov. 1998</i>	<i>Charles Stockstill, +2 Nov. 2015</i>
<i>Vida Hapip, +14 Nov. 1998</i>	<i>David L. Obenhaus, Sr., +5 Nov. 2015</i>
<i>George Weisfuss, +17 Nov. 1998</i>	<i>Dr. Mitchel Thabit, +30 Nov. 2015</i>
<i>Helen Rihbany, +6 Nov. 1999</i>	<i>Emil Ayoub, +14 Nov., 2016</i>

Jamileh Sawalha, +2 Nov. 1999
Odeh Kassis, +11 Nov. 2000
Saïde Simon, +13 Nov. 2000
Saïde Mbarake, +27 Nov. 2001
Marie Nasser, +20 Nov. 2001
Luana Draghiciu, +03 Nov. 2002
Don Coury, +29 Nov. 2002
Nisrin Sayegh, +29 Nov. 2002
Joseph Mmona, +14 Nov. 2003
Louis Edwards, +17 Nov. 2003

John Bidwell, +25 Nov., 2016
Sid Kraker, +27 Nov, 2016
Thomas Tongate, +9 Nov., 2017
Bassem Azzam, +30 Nov., 2018
Dorothy Nelson, +16 Nov., 2018
Robert Toomey, +12 November, 2019
Sally Rihbany, +13 Nov., 2019
Richard Simon, +17 Nov., 2019
Sylvia Shimizu, +13 Nov., 2020
James Mitchell, +18 Nov., 2020

Memory Eternal!

Please phone the Church Office if there are any omissions or corrections to the above listing of names. Please bear in mind that some have chosen not to be included in our announcement. Please pardon any errors.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Feast of our Patron, the Holy Archangel Michael – November 8th
Divine Liturgy, Tuesday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m.

The Feast of St. Nektarios the Wonderworker - November 9th

Feast of St. John Chrysostom and the Eighth Sunday of Luke
Great Vespers, Saturday, November 12, 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 13 - Orthros, 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

The Feast of Philip the Holy Apostle - November 14th

Beginning of the Nativity Fast – Tuesday, November 15th

[Note: The **Fast of the Holy Nativity** is divided into two periods: 1) November 15 through December 19, the traditional fasting discipline is observed (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil), except on Tuesdays and Thursdays when wine and oil are permitted, and on Saturdays and Sundays when fish, wine and oil are allowed. It should be noted that some allow for fish on all days except Wednesdays and Fridays from November 15 to December 18; 2) December 20 through 24, traditional fasting is observed on all days except on Saturday and Sunday when wine and oil are permitted.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Feast Day Lunch

Plan to join us for our Feast Day lunch outdoors today. **Please be sure to have your check (earmarked "Lunch") ready for your meal(s) in order for you to receive your plate(s) for your meal** (\$8/adults, \$5/kids 11 and under; \$25/family of four). Coffee and cold beverages are being provided at a separate table with dessert. We sincerely thank our anonymous sponsor of the lunch and the Antiochian Women, enabling all of the proceeds to help our ladies annual support of St. Barbara Monastery; in lieu of this year's Annunciation Tea.

Teen SOYO Raffle

Tickets for our Annual Teen SOYO Raffle were mailed out and additional tickets will be available each Sunday until the date of the drawing, Sunday, December 11, 2022 at our Church School Christmas Program. Thank you for your support.

Church Offering Options

Your church offering may be made on-line via our website "Donation" tab or by mailing your check to the church at: 16643 Vanowen Street; Van Nuys, California; 91406. Mailing your check to the church will save our church a 3% service charge. Other options for your contributions include: a) automatic bill pay; b) recurring automatic withdrawal, both of which may be arranged with your bank. You may contact us for assistance with any of these options; especially when information of our bank routing and account numbers are needed.

Join Our Weekly Bible Study Each Tuesday Evening at 7 p.m.

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be held on Tuesday evening, November 8th, at 7 p.m. We will continue our study of Genesis (Chapters 13 and 14), focusing upon God' Covenant with Abraham. A Zoom Meeting link will be provided by e-mail on Tuesday, and all video links of our study are available upon request. Just contact Father Timothy at: frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org

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Sponsoring Coffee Hour Refreshments

Anyone is welcome to provide items for the Coffee Hour each Sunday. Please speak with Father Timothy, especially when you have a date for a memorial, birthday or anniversary being commemorated at the Liturgy of a specific Sunday in order to avoid any confusion in hosting a reception following the Liturgy. It is recommended that "finger food" be chosen with easily disposable wrappings to prevent additional clean-up. However, should you desire to provide a hot meal that may pertain to a special occasion, you will be responsible for the paper goods and the clean-up following the coffee hour. All beverages (coffee, tea, soft drinks and water) will be provided.

St. Nicholas Winter Camp - Friday to Monday, February 17-20, 2023

Registration for Winter Camp was opened on November 1, 2022. Here is the link to the Camp Website: <https://www.campstnicholas.com/site/home/> The Camp Committee is currently receiving applications for Camp Staff and Counselors. The following is the link for the application process: <https://www.mycircuitree.com/AV/HR/Application> Staff and Counselor qualifications include anyone who is: a) 18 years of age by the date of the Camp, b) graduated from High School, c) a member in good standing of an Orthodox Church (provided with a favorable recommendation from a Pastor).

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His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN, Antiochian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Michael,

St. Michael continues to support Loaves & Fishes, a local pantry serving the impoverished areas in Van Nuys and throughout the San Fernando Valley areas. Should you be able to participate in our Thanksgiving and/or Christmas food collection the following are suggested:

1. Monetary donation: Write a check made out to "St. Michael Church," earmarked "Holiday Food Collection" (a tax incentive).
2. If you are doing your own shopping at Ralph's or Food-4-Less stores, don't forget to use your Ralphs Reward Card to help St. Michael Church to benefit from your purchases.
3. Loaves and Fishes is also in need of the following items: Personal care items including, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary napkins and disposable razors; baby items such as size 4-5 diapers, 5T Pull-Ups or larger, and baby formula; bottled water, canned food items (preferably with pull-up tabs), i.e., tuna, chicken, baked beans, fruit, vegetables, chili, soups, pasta/ravioli, peanut butter, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast, coffee, tea; also any store gift cards for \$10.

All food items must be delivered to our Church Kitchen by Sunday, November 20th and Sunday December 18th. A cart marked Food Collection will be placed in the kitchen for your donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Christ,

Cindy Tamoush

Charity Coordinator

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**CHRISTMAS TREE
DECORATING PARTY**

**Young adult party after
church with lunch and
Christmas music**

Building Funds Capital Funds Campaign

As 2022 is coming to an end and we anticipate worshipping in our new church sanctuary in a relatively short time, we must consider the continued financial support needed to complete our Building Project.

We pray that the City of Los Angeles will issue a TEMPORARY Certificate of Occupancy in the near future, however to secure a PERMANENT Certificate of Occupancy we will be required to fund additional capital expenditures on the exterior of our property to obtain it.

Our project is divided in two parts: Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 is the actual church building and includes the exterior property improvements required by the City of Los Angeles Building Department. The exterior property improvement requirements include: a) a new Vanowen Street base wall and fence, electric gate, landscaping (currently underway), b) parking lot repairs, including slurry sealing, stripping, c) disabled persons and low emission vehicle signs; d) a trash shed enclosure must also be erected, with water and power provided to the structure. St. Michael Church will also be required to complete: e) electrical vehicle parking space connections and f) a bicycle rack.

One of the very large expenses on our plans, that the City has allowed us to temporarily postpone, is g) a covered parking with solar panels.

Phase 2 of the Project includes the interior Byzantine church iconography and furniture that many of you have witnessed in the course of construction. The fourth installation of iconography is scheduled to begin at the end of this month. The work has been overseen by our Pastor, the V. Rev. Timothy Baclig.

We need everyone's continued financial support of Phase I of the Project since we have fallen short in funding the external requirements.

As you consider your possible tax liability to the IRS for 2022, we ask that you consider making a donation to the St. Michael Church Building Fund which can be a substantial tax deduction for you. It truly is a win-win situation for you and St. Michael. Please consider a financial contribution according to your situation, with a cheerful heart.

If you have any questions with regards to Phase 1 please direct them to our Project Manager Michael Malouf michael@jacksonia.com, Ron Zraick ronaldzraick@gmail.com, and for any questions regarding Phase 2

Sponsorships to Fr. Timothy at: frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org Bear in mind that your first responsibility is an annual pledge to the General Fund of our parish in support of our month-to-month expenses. Pledge Forms for the New Year are now available by request.

Parish Christmas Card

Our 2022 St. Michael Christmas card will again include listings of parishioners who want to participate in our annual Christmas greetings that will also conveniently provide a full schedule of our Festal Services beginning with the Sunday before Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Nativity and Holy Theophany. Frieda Kabbash will be receiving donations for listings beginning in November and may also be contacted at: frieda702@aol.com Each listing is \$20. We thank our anonymous sponsor for again covering the cost for the project.

Bookstore Orders Available on Parish Website

You may place an order through our parish website or e-mail Bobbi Monsue (Manager) for special orders at: bobbi_monsue@att.net. Your credit card will also be accepted for payment. Please come in and browse through our expanding selection of new books, icons and special Christmas gift ideas. Special orders may also be made by request.

Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List

Nov 13 - open
Nov 20 - Sonia Karam
Nov 27 - open

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread or host the coffee hour.

Father Timothy on Vacation

Father Timothy will be away from November 7-14 but may still be reached by contacting him at: 818-219-3761 or e-mail in the event of an emergency. Subdeacon Richard Ajalat may also be reached for non-emergencies at: 818-800-2418 or rjalat@stmichaelvannuys.org

Upcoming Events

[Note: You may now access our Google Parish Calendar to your personal calendar.

Here is the link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YWRtaW5Ac3RtaWN0YWVsdmFubnV5cy5vcmc>]

Fourth Installation of Iconography - October 26 to November 1

St. Michael Feast Day Celebration - Sunday, November 6

[The end of Daylight Saving Time; we “fall back” and gain a full hour!]

Father Timothy on Vacation: November 7-14

The Nativity Fast: November 15 to December 24

Fall Teen Event (7-12th Graders) - Saturday, November 19
beginning with Great Vespers at 5 p.m.

Special Meeting of the Voting Membership for Parish Council Nominations - Sunday, November 20

Young Adult Christmas Tree Decorating - November 20

No Church School Classes - Sunday, November 27

Church School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 11

Women’s Advent Potluck- Monday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Christmas Service Schedule

Friday, December 23rd — **The Royal Hours of the Holy Nativity:** 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m. (in-person and live-streamed)

Saturday, December 24th — **The Paramon (Pre-Feast) of the Holy Nativity** (observed as a day of strict fasting): Orthros, 8:30 a.m. followed by The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 10 a.m.; Great Vespers of the Holy Nativity, 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th — **The Great Feast of the Holy Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ:** Orthros, 8:30 a.m. followed by The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 10 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHOOLPRESENTS

The Prince of Peace

December 11th 2022



11:30 am

immediately following the Liturgy

Lenten Lunch to Follow

proceeds benefit St. Michael Church School Program

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

**FESTIVE
YULETIDE
GATHERING**

***JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF
FELLOWSHIP &
YULETIDE CHEER!***

**An Advent Potluck at
St Michael**

**Monday Evening
December 12th at 6pm**

**Please RSVP to Charmaine at
cdarmour@sbcglobal.net**



PASTORAL SERMON
The Seventh Sunday of Luke
By V. Rev. Timothy Baclig
November 6, 2022

We will soon begin preparing for the Feast of the Birth of our Lord when the church prescribes forty days of abstinence, prayer and good works. She does this for a reason. It would help us to understand that if we are to do what God asks of us in helping others, our doing so is not based upon the abundance of things that we have or whether or not we have something to offer others. The church's call and discipline to pray, fast and do good works during advent is based upon our own spiritual needs.

Even though we are blessed with much to be thankful for materially, we each have personal physical, emotional and spiritual needs. God created us as whole persons. Good mental health is attending to our inner life. That inner life is intricately linked to our physical and mental health. We can easily become fragmented as persons in our day—loosing a sense of being created as whole persons. When we need physical care—we go to the doctor. When we need psychological care—we seek a counselor or therapist. Then, when we need to build a relationship with God—we go to church. But God did not create us as fragmented persons who seek help compartmentally.

Moreover, for some, physical needs might be also be visible, especially if we are sick or have a disability, for others a conversation or facial expression might reveal an emotional need. But deep down inside of each of us are things we may not even speak about, or might have a very difficult time putting into words. That is what pertains to our “inner life” that can define our spiritual needs.

The daughter of Jarius in spoken of in today's Gospel lesson was an only child, 12 years of age, and dying. The woman with the hemorrhage who, in a crowd of people, touched the hem of Jesus' garment was desperate

for healing. The needs of the woman and the daughter of Jarius were obviously physical. In both cases, their condition personally affected their emotional and spiritual life along with the lives of their loved ones and who knew them.

If a person's physical health is serious, especially if it becomes a major drain to one's resources and severely affects the lives of the members of their family, it is not uncommon for life to be largely defined by their physical condition; it dominates a personal conversation. Today, persons are often seen and identified not for who they truly are: men, women and children created in the image of God, but for what they may physically become: sick, unemployed, an addict, or perhaps: frail, strong, or attractive.

God, however, sees and knows us as persons. He loves us equally as His children as you and I would our own son or daughter. His supreme sacrifice for us was for that very reason: We are His own, called to be the inheritors of all that He has desired for us; regardless of whether we are old, young, rich, poor, healthy, or sick. We are all His children, created in His image to become the full inheritors as members of His Kingdom and to grow into His likeness.

We are known, loved, saved and redeemed by a God of love who came to save and heal us from every infirmity, but who also calls to be loving, His co-workers, His helpers and ministers and His fellow servants.

Prayer

O Christ, our God, the giver of every good and perfect gift: grant that we may in fear and love draw near to Thee and receive the much needed healing from all of our infirmities. Forgive us our sins and strengthen us for Thy service that we may glorify Thee in every word and deed; for Thou art the God of love and of mercy and unto Thee do we ascribe glory together with Thy Father who is from everlasting, and Thy life-giving Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. A-men.