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Capital Campaign

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Upcoming Parish Events

Our parish community has two upcoming events: **Territory Days**, held on Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 27 and 28. **Greek Festival**, August 17, 18 and 19. *Please mark your calendars and also volunteer for these important fundraisers.*

Archangel Michael Icon Workshop

Once again we are hosting an Icon Painting Workshop on May 3, 4, 5, 6. The first session will be on Thursday, May 3-from 6pm to 9pm (this is an optional date for those that can attend and wish to get an early start) followed by Friday, May 4-from 6pm to 9pm, Saturday, May 5-from 9am. to 6pm., and Sunday, May 6- from 12pm to 6pm. The workshop is open to all levels; no previous painting or Iconography experience is necessary. All materials are included in the workshop. Space is available for 12 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis at a cost of \$275.00 per participant. The workshop will be instructed by Mr. Christopher Gosey, whose studio is in New Hampshire, where he specializes in Russian, Byzantine, and Ethiopian Orthodox Icon-writing. He has lectured in the Harvard Divinity School, the International Society

of Gilders, and Harvard's School of Middle Eastern Studies. See his work at <http://holyimagesnh.weebly.com>). Additional information is available on the sign-up sheet or contact Nick Rougas at 719-369-7700 or rougasn@Comcast.net.

In accordance with His plan, God allows each person to be tested with various sorrows, so that it will be obvious who it is who loves Him.

St. Ephraim the Syrian

Reflection

There is heroism above heroism and asceticism above asceticism. St. Epiphanius of Cyprus invited Hilarion the Great to dinner and in order to show the greatest hospitality to his distinguished guest, placed fried chicken on the table and offered it to him. Hilarion said to him: “Forgive me, but ever since I was tonsured a monk, I have eaten nothing butchered.” To that Epiphanius replied: “And I, ever since I was tonsured a monk, have never lay down in bed until I first forgave my enemy.” Amazed, Hilarion said: “Your virtue is greater than mine, Oh holy master!” This is a great lesson for all of us. Fasting is an admirable thing but it is more admirable to forgive insults. Through fasting, man is preparing for charity but, by forgiving insults, man shows charity. Fasting precedes forgiveness but fasting alone, does not save without forgiveness.

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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April 8, 2018

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 1:1-9

Gospel: St. John 1:1-17

Services: *Sunday*-9 a.m. Orthros and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: PASCHA! The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Apostles Agabos, Rufos, Phlegon, Asynkritos, Herodion and Hermas of the Seventy; Celestine, bishop of Rome.

Order of Service

Antiphons

From Pascha

Little Entrance 3rd Antiphon we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us O Son of God, who did rise from the dead, we sing to You. Alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Ὡς Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

After the Entrance: Christ is Risen

Ypakoe of Pascha Tone 4

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled

away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abides in everlasting light? Behold the grave clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and has put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saves the race of man.

Kontakion of Pasch Tone 8

Though You did descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet did You destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Your Apostles, O You Who does grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of the Trisagion: *As many as have been baptized...*

Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1

The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice; for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord, has arisen upon you; dance now and be glad O Sion, and do you exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom You did bear.

Ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα τῇ Κεχαριτωμένῃ· Ἀγνή παρθένε, χαῖρε καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου.

Φωτίζου, φωτίζου, ἡ νέα Ἱερουσαλήμ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σέ ἀνέτειλε.

Χόρευε νῦν καὶ ἀγάλλου Σιών, σὺ δὲ Ἀγνή, τέρπου Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ Τόκου σου.

Communion Hymn and during Communion of the Faithful: *Receive the Body of Christ, and taste the source of Immortality. Alleluia.*

Instead of *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen

Instead of *Blessed be the name...* Christ is Risen.

Divine Services

Wed., April 11: NO SERVICE

Sat. April 14: Great Vespers 6pm

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord’s Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our church by cleaning, decorating and cooking or donated toward the ongoing work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen!*

Anastasi & Agape Vespers

Following services this morning a Paschal Dinner Celebration will be held in the Fellowship Hall. **A freewill donation is requested** and proceeds benefit Archangel Michael. *All are welcome and encouraged to attend!* During the Agape Vespers on Sunday of Pascha, the Gospel is proclaimed in many languages. Please let Fr. Dennis know what language you are able to read.

Pascha Picnic

TODAY, following Agape Vespers we have our annual picnic main course provided and don’t forget to bring in your sides dishes! The cost is \$15 per person for adults and \$5 per person for children 12 and under. *All are welcome to attend!*

During the Paschal Season

- Memorial Services for the departed are **not** permitted from Lazarus Saturday (*March 31*) to St. Thomas Sunday (*April 15 inclusive*). The

church does this so we may focus our attention solely on the Resurrection of our Lord. It also reminds us that death in and of itself, is not final for the true believer. As followers of the Risen Lord, we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with our Savior.

- Also, we do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of “*Heavenly King...*”, is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ’s Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: “Christ is Risen!” Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.
- **No Fasting During Bright Week:** All foods are permitted everyday during Bright Week, even on Wednesday and Friday. The Church relaxes the normal fasting rule to celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection. Following Bright Week, wine and oil are permitted every Wednesday and Friday until the Ascension.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: “Truly this was the Son of God” the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is “*With the fear of God, faith and love*” that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Dates to Remember

May 17—Ascension of the Lord, May 27—Pentecost, June 4-29—Apostles Fast.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **April 8:** Pascha Church Picnic; **April 15:** Sponsor Needed; **April 22:** Sponsor Needed

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Greek Dance Lessons/Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 and older, to join our parish **Youth Greek Dance Group**. The first meeting was held on February 4, 2018. The children are learning their first Greek dance and practices will take place every two weeks.

The goal is to have a group dancing for our Annual Greek Festival. Any interested adults with knowledge of Greek dances are welcome to help teach. *Practice will resume on Sunday, April 15.*

There has been much interest in creating an **Adult Greek Dance Group**. All ages over 18 are welcome and we hope to perform at our Greek Festival, contact. If there is enough interest, practices will parallel the youth dance group every two weeks after church on Sundays, with additional dancing after the children have left. For more information please contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions.

Capital Campaign Fundraiser

Dear Faithful in the Lord,

It is with much joy that I announce to you a wonderful opportunity offered to our community. A faithful family has offered to *match dollar for dollar* up to \$25,000, all new donations given toward our Capital Campaign Fund. This is in addition to previous pledges you have made. That means we have the potential of raising \$50,000!

The challenge is to have raised the matching funds by Pascha, until **April 8th** to meet this goal! I know how generous our faithful have been throughout the years at Archangel Michael Church and I am sure this opportunity is achievable.

When sending checks, please put **CC Challenge** in the memo. I wish you a blessed remainder of Great Lent and a joyous celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection. In the Risen Lord—Fr. Dennis

Stewardship 2018

Stewardship Sunday for 2018 was held on **December 3**. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for your packet.