



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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12th Sunday after Pentecost, September 12, 2021

Sunday Antiphons and Beatitudes,
Tropar, Kondak, Prokimen and the Alleluia Verses
Tone 3, (Blue Liturgy Book)

Our Schedule of Activities this Week

- Sunday: * Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
* Church School discussion with students, teachers and parents in church after Liturgy
* Come to Coffee Hour for some Parish Fellowship after Liturgy!
- Monday: * Moleben to St. Nektarios for healing after 9/11, 8 AM
* Grab & Go Dinner, 5:30-7 PM.
- Wednesday: * Moleben to Mother of God, 6 PM at St. George, Taylor, PA
- Thursday: * Akathist to the Mother of God, 8 AM
* CHOW Pantry, 4:30-6 PM Lower Lounge of Recreation Center
- Saturday: * Liturgy with prayers for the ill, 8 AM
* Confessions 4 PM, Vespers, 5 PM



Take time to go online and listen to the homily of Metropolitan Gregory as he spoke to all of us at the Divine Liturgy at last Sunday's National ACRY Convention. Simply log onto:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C-P0d8EHBs>

Sunday, September 19, 2021

- * Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- * Parish Family Day Festival

Metropolitan Gregory Ordains Seminarian Dylan Kelemecz as Subdeacon



It was a special joy for our parish family to witness the ordination of Seminarian Dylan Kelemecz to the Order of Subdeacon at last Sunday's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy here at Saint Michael's. Dylan is entering his final semester of theological studies in the three year program at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA. The next step in his journey to the priesthood will be the major orders of ordination as Deacon and afterwards to the Holy Priesthood.

We ask your prayers for Dylan and others who will be commencing their studies at our Diocesan Seminary this week. God grant them Many Years!

Food is by take-out. We also have a basket raffle and home baked goods and the Grand Raffle!

Scripture Readings for the week of Sept 12

Sunday:	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	St. Matthew 19: 16-26
Monday:	2 Corinthians 8: 7-15	St. Mark 3: 5-12
Tuesday:	2 Corinthians 8: 16-9:5	St. Mark 3: 13-19
Wednesday:	2 Corinthians 9: 12-10:7	St. Mark 3: 20-27
Thursday:	2 Corinthians 10: 7-18	St. Mark 3: 28-35
Friday:	2 Corinthians 11: 5-21	St. Mark 4: 1-9
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 2: 6-9	St. Matthew 22: 15-22
Sunday:	1 Corinthians 16: 13-24	St. Matthew 21: 33-42

The daily readings can be found at www.acrod.org

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you; unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'

'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

"And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



Help Needed as We complete Foods for our Parish Festival next Sunday!

Monday (7AM til 2PM)	Sweat Onions(7am), Core cabbage(7am), Cook rice(9am), Steam & de-vain(9am)
Tuesday (9AM til 3PM)	Make meat fillings, Roll and cook holubki (7 roasters)
Tuesday (5PM til 8PM)	Steam & de-vain cabbage, Roll holubki
Wednesday (9AM til 3PM)	Steam & de-vain cabbage, Roll & cook holubki (8 roaster), Pack holubki
Wednesday (5PM til 8PM)	Steam & de-vain cabbage, Roll holubki, Shred cabbage for haluski
Thurs (9AM til 3PM)	Roll & cook holubki (7 roasters), Pack holubki
Thurs (5PM til 8PM)	Melt butter, Fry cabbage for haluski, Hang signs
Fri (9AM til 3PM)	Cook and pack take out pirohi, Cook and pack take out haluski, Pack holubki
Sat (9AM to 3PM)	Organize kitchen, selling lines and basket raffle area
Sun (7AM to 8PM)	Prep food(7AM), Run Family Day (11AM – 3PM), Cleanup (3PM – 5PM)

Diocesan 20 and 30-Somethings Invited to Meet at The Factory With Metropolitan Gregory On Friday evening, September 24th at 7 PM

Calling all Diocesan 20 and 30-somethings in the Binghamton/Endicott area!! Metropolitan Gregory will be in town the weekend of September 24-26, 2021 and invites you to join him at The Factory Restaurant located in the Oakdale Mall at 511 Reynolds Road in Johnson City on Friday, 9/24 at 7pm for an evening together!

Come spend time with each other and with your Diocesan Hierarch in a great setting and enjoy some great fellowship. His Eminence is looking forward to seeing all of you, catching up and simply being together.

So don't miss out on the opportunity to be together with your fellow Diocesan 20 and 30-somethings in the area and with His Eminence on Friday, 9/24 at 7pm!



20th Anniversary Remembrance of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks Remembered with The Saint Nicholas National Shrine at The World Trade Center

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Friends of Saint Nicholas officially commemorated the 20th Anniversary remembrance of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, with a memorial service and the inaugural lighting of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:45 EST.

This service marked the first time the Church and National Shrine participated in the annual commemorations.



His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America conducted the service and presided over the first lighting of the re-built church, the only house of worship destroyed on 9/11.

Designed by the world-renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, the National Shrine, with its signature glow sitting atop Liberty Park and overlooking the Memorial Pools and the 9/11 Museum, will welcome all people of all walks of faith, to remembrance and contemplation.

A Prayer...

on the Solemn 20th Anniversary...

of the 9/11 Attacks on America!

Saturday, September 11, 2021

LORD JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, twenty years ago, in a dark hour for our beloved country of America, at a time of fear and turmoil, we turned to you for strength, understanding, and guidance. And again today, we ask you to hear our prayers.

Remember the souls of all those who perished in the terrible calamities of September 11, 2001, in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Receive them into the peace of your heavenly kingdom, and never cease to console their loved ones, who will always look back with grief upon their losses.

Bless, too, those who lost their lives or their loved ones in the two decades since that dreadful day. Tragically, casualties of injury, death, and misery have continued up to the present, and we pray fervently for an end to violence everywhere, and the establishment of your peace among humankind.

With gratitude to the Armenian Church USA for this reflective and beautiful memorial prayer.

<https://armenianchurch.us/2021/09/09/a-solemn-prayer-on-the-20th-anniversarv-of-9-11/>



Lord, we come to you now in another time of turmoil and demoralization, not only for America, but for the entire world....

Bring peace and stability to our country, to our homeland, and to our world. Restore justice among your creatures: *true* justice that comes only from you. By the mystery of your all-powerful and miraculous holy cross, transform the world's pain and devastation into new life and hope.

Above all, do not let us lose faith, but draw us closer to you, and lift up our hearts with the assurance of your loving care and mercy. For you are our God, the holy creator of heaven and earth, our hope and our refuge.

To you we give glory, honor and worship, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

You are invited to Participate in the Workshop with Met. Gregory on Sept 25

It is exciting to remind you know that Metropolitan Gregory and Fr. Stephen Loposky from Camp Nazareth will be here at St. Michael's on Saturday, Sept 25 for an all day conference on "Raising Believing Children."

Please know that parents and children and faithful interested are not only invited

but encouraged to participate.

It is not often that we have an opportunity to spend time in a special workshop to share insights and thoughts together on how we can really help our families in the raising of their children in our precious faith. There is no more important task than this in all of life!

Be sure to share this wonderful news with your family and friends. All are cordially welcome and encouraged to come.. There is no charge. There are also sessions and activities for children from the ages of 5-18.

All you need to do is to register in advance on line so we will have a count of how many people to plan for that day.

Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series

"Raising Believing Children"

Saturday – September 25, 2021

St. Michael's Church, Binghamton, NY



10:30am – 4:30pm

The Workshop will feature:

- Presentations by His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory and Fr. Stephen Loposky
- Moderated Small Group Discussions.
- Q and A Sessions, and
- Activities for children ages 5-18

His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory invites you to join him and other parents as our Diocese seeks to help parents in their vocation to Raise Believing Children.

Register at: [Parenting Workshop 9-25-21](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eifs9o41fcbdef9f&oseq=&c=&ch=)

Registration closes on 9/19/21. The Workshop is free-of-charge.

Here is the link:


<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eifs9o41fcbdef9f&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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RAISING BELIEVING CHILDREN

Saturday, September 25, 2021

St. Michael's Orthodox Church
288 Clinton Street
Binghamton, NY 13905



Schedule

	Adults	Children/Youth
10:30 am (EST)	Arrival and Registration – Social (Light Snack)	
11:30 am	Prayer	
11:45 am	What's Most Important? Parenting as a Vocation – Part II	Noah – A Story of God's Love
12:30 pm	Moderated Small Group Discussions: Parenting on Purpose	
1:15 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	What's the Goal? What does a Believing Child Look Like?	Games/Activities (outside if weather permits)
3:00 pm	Moderated Small Group Discussions	Noah and the Ark of Salvation
3:45 pm	Question and Answer Session	
4:30 pm	Vespers/Departure	

For more information: Call or email Father Jim Dutko (607-725-3672 or frjimd@stny.rr.com)

Metropolitan Gregory and Father Loposky will also join us for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning September 26 and the Coffee Hour afterwards in the Center.

If you are a parent, be sure to join us on Saturday for the Workshop and then Liturgy on Sunday. You will be glad that you came and down the road, your children will bless you for your efforts!

Patriarch, Pope and Archbishop Call for Addressing Impact of Climate Change

The leaders of the Orthodox, Catholic and Anglican communions of churches have issued a rare joint statement on the need to protect creation. The message was released yesterday (Tuesday) during the Season of Creation, which runs from 1 September – designated as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – to 4 October – the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. It looks ahead to the UN climate change conference taking place in Glasgow, Scotland, in November.

Their statement, in full, is published below.

A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation

For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic – all of us, whether poor or wealthy,

weak or strong. Some were more protected or vulnerable than others, but the rapidly-spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realised that, in facing this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow.

These are not new lessons, but we have had to face them anew. May we not waste this moment. We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates: “Choose life, so that you and your children might live” (Dt 30:19). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.

September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God’s creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices we must all make. Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

The Importance of Sustainability

In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship – of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment – presents a vital starting-point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (Lk 12.13–21). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to squander it and end up hungry (Lk 15.11–32). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand, instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (Mt 7.24–27). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognise our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximised our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (Gn 2.15). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

The Impact on People Living with Poverty

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God’s creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth’s resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God’s image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.



Today, we are paying the price. The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialised countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as "fellow workers with God" (Gn 2.4–7), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

The Imperative of Cooperation

Over the course of the pandemic, we have learned how vulnerable we are. Our social systems frayed, and we found that we cannot control everything. We must acknowledge that the ways we use money and organize our societies have not benefited everyone. We find ourselves weak and anxious, submersed in a series of crises; health, environmental, food, economic and social, which are all deeply interconnected.

These crises present us with a choice. We are in a unique position either to address them with short-sightedness and profiteering or seize this as an opportunity for conversion and transformation. If we think of humanity as a family and work together towards a future based on the common good, we could find ourselves living in a very different world. Together we can share a vision for life where everyone flourishes. Together we can choose to act with love, justice and mercy. Together we can walk towards a fairer and fulfilling society with those who are most vulnerable at the centre.

But this involves making changes. Each of us, individually, must take responsibility for the ways we use our resources. This path requires an ever-closer collaboration among all churches in their commitment to care for creation. Together, as communities, churches, cities and nations, we must change route and discover new ways of working together to break down the traditional barriers between peoples, to stop competing for resources and start collaborating.

To those with more far-reaching responsibilities – heading administrations, running companies, employing people or investing funds – we say: choose people-centred profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies. "To whom much is given, much is required." (Lk 12:48)

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: "choose life, so that you and your children may live" (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us – whoever and wherever we are – can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

1st September 2021

Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew

Pope of Rome
Francis

Archbishop of Canterbury
Justin