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SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 27

16th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Question & Answer Period
Church Open 12:00-2:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 30

7:00p.m. Vespers

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 1

Protection of the Holy Theotokos

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 3

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 4

17th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)

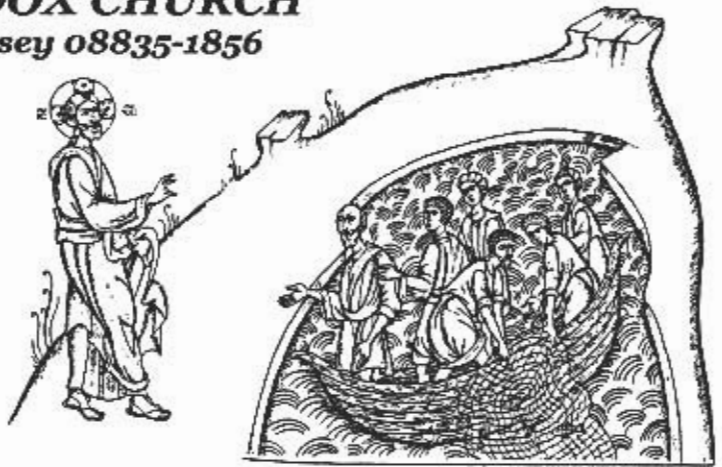
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Fasting Days

Wednesday, September 30

Friday, October 2



+ THE NET OF THE FAITH

The kingdom of heaven is said to be like a net let down into the sea. This net gathers all kinds of fish, and when it is full it is brought to shore where the good fish are sorted into baskets and the bad ones thrown away.

It is our holy church that is compared to a net. The church has been entrusted to fishermen, and draws all people out of the turbulent waters of the present age to the eternal kingdom lest we drown in the depths of endless death. It gathers all kinds of fish because it calls to the forgiveness of sins the wise and foolish, free and slave, rich and poor, strong and weak. The psalmist says to God, *Every human being will come to you!* This net will be completely filled when it enfolds the entire human race at the end of time.

The fishermen bring it in and sit down on the shore. Just as the sea signifies this present age, so the shore signifies its end. At the end of this present age, the good fish are to be sorted into baskets and the bad thrown away. Then all God's chosen will be received into their eternal dwelling, and the rejected will be led away into outer darkness since they have extinguished the light of the kingdom within them.

At the present time the net of the faith holds all of us, good and bad alike. We are mingled, like the different kinds of fish. On the shore is revealed to the church what she has been drawing in. The fish, when they have been caught, are unable to change; but we who are wicked can become good. Let us bear this in mind while we are still in the process of being caught, lest we be thrown aside on the shore!

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Oct. 23	40th	Day for Fr. George Breyan
Sept. 28,	1953	Thomas Lisowski
Sept. 29,	1929	Demetrius Berdar
Sept. 30,	1954	Wasył Kluchnik
Sept. 30,	1966	Anna Gnointsky
Sept. 30,	1983	Anna Motoviloff
Sept. ?,	1930	Stephen Chemeris
Oct. 02,	1990	Stella Labay
Oct. 03,	1922	John Milanich
Oct. 03,	1946	Stephen Blisak
Oct. 03,	1971	Dimitri Pegene
Oct. 03,	1978	Pauline Andreyko

Open Door Ministry

From 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. for the next 3 Sundays, the Doors of the Church as an "outreach" so visitors can see, pray, light a candle, obtain information about our church. Door-Keepers are sought. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand or speak with Reader Symeon Combs.

Orthodox Education Day – Sat., Oct. 3

Annual celebration day at St. Vladimir's Seminary. See the posted flyer on bulletin board for details.

A Presentation On Coptic Orthodoxy

On Sunday, Oct. 18th, at the Coffee Hour, Father Antonio of Ss. Mary & Athanasius Coptic Church (presently meeting in the upper hall) will give a brief overview of Coptic Orthodoxy. This is an opportunity for us to get-to-know one another. The first in a series of joint activities being planned.

Church School Classes

Will meet in October Month. They are divided in this manner:

Primary - 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Secondary - 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Jr. High/High – 2nd Sunday

Information on particulars has been mailed to parents.

Memorial Services

For (+) Emilia Sarchisian, Oct. 13th at 6:45p.m.

For (+) Archpriest George Breyan, Oct. 22nd at 6:30p.m. (40th Day).

Namesday Greetings

Protection of Theotokos/Oct. 1: Mary Rosocha, Marie Turri, Pamela Stone;
St. Justina/Oct. 2: Justine Dao;
Many Blessed Years!

Film Presentation – "The Monastery – Mr. Vig and the Nun"

Sun., Oct. 11th at 12:00p.m. & Tues, Oct. 13th at 7:30p.m. in the Conference Room. All Invited!

Bring a Friend or Neighbor!

This film tells the story of a Danish man living in a dilapidated castle, whose dream has been to turn the castle into a monastery. The Church sends nuns and in the person of Sister Ambrosija, the wills and lives of both Mr. Vig and the nun are changed. This is a heart-warming and often hilarious documentary. Two very different people are thrown together by chance or destiny and become close friends.

Change in October Monthly Calendar

The Diocesan Assembly scheduled for Oct. 23rd has been cancelled. The Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:30a.m. (Feast of St. James).

Offerings for the week of Sept. 27

Olive Oil – in memory of Joan; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Jeffery Alexander (birthday); in memory of Michael and Justina.

Wine – for a safe journey; for safe travel; for health of Marie (birthday).

Adult Study Classes

Wednesday evenings, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28 in the Conference Room, 7-8:30p.m. Each evening will have it's own select topic. The last 15 minutes will be open to all general discussion about anything "under the sun."

Remember in Prayer

Mary Holovach, Mary Rosocha, Theodora Combs, and Charles Kachek. (Please submit other names to Father James.)



News and Events

OCA Holy Synod of Bishops elects Archpriest Michael Dahulich Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey

Posted 09/22

SYOSSET, NY [OCA Communications] - On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting at its regular Fall Session at the OCA Chancery, elected Archpriest Michael Dahulich Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey.

Archpriest Michael Dahulich was born in Johnson City, NY, on August 29, 1950. From the age of 10 until he graduated from college and went to seminary, he served as an altar boy under the tutelage of his pastor, Fr. Stephen Dutko, who was the inspiration for his vocation.

He graduated from Binghamton Central High School in 1967. Two years later he graduated from Broome Community College, Binghamton, NY, and began studies at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA. He completed his theological studies there in December 1972.

While in seminary, Michael met Deborah Sandak. They were married in January 1973. On February 3, 1973, Michael was ordained to the Diaconate, and on February 4 to the Priesthood, in the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA. Later that month Fr. Michael and Matushka Deborah assumed their first parish assignment at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Homer City, PA, a small mission community that had not previously had a full time priest. Two days after beginning this assignment, Matushka Deborah was killed in a car accident.

Following the death of his wife, Fr. Michael was encouraged to pursue further studies. He attended St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA, graduating with a degree in Philosophy, and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, graduating with a Master of Arts in Theology and later a Ph.D. in Theology.

Fr. Michael continued to serve Saints Peter and Paul Church for 13 years, seeing it grow from 60 to more than 130 members, and from mission to parish status.

For 16 years he served as pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Phoenixville, PA, during which time the parish grew from 256 to nearly 450 members, including more than 100 children.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Fr. Michael served as Prefect of Student Life at Christ the Saviour Seminary, where he also taught Ethics, Scripture and Homiletics. During his Ph.D. studies at Duquesne, he was also adjunct lecturer, teaching Scripture and Eastern Orthodoxy in the Theology Department.

Fr. Michael also served in the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA as Religious Education Director for the Johnstown Deanery and the Associate Editor of "The Church Messenger," the official diocesan periodical. Additionally he was personal secretary to His Grace, Bishop John, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese and Secretary to His Grace, Bishop [now Metropolitan] Nicholas of Amisos.

Additionally, Fr. Michael was Dean of the Carpatho-Russian Diocese's Mid-Atlantic Deanery, Vice-Chairman of the Harvest 2000 Committee on Missions, Evangelization and Diocesan Growth, and served on the Study and Planning

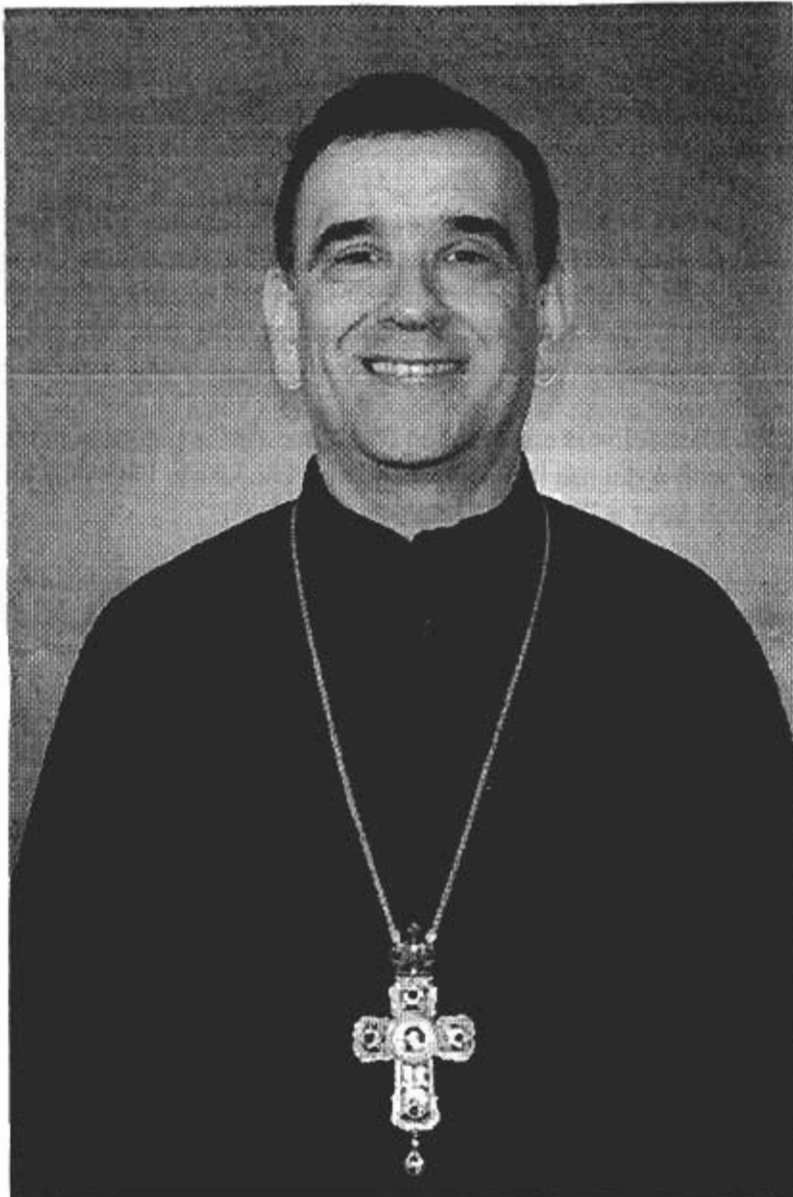
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In 1993, Fr. Michael was invited to teach at St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, PA, where he has served on the faculty to this day. In 2001, he was released from the Carpatho-Russian Diocese and received into the Orthodox Church in America, serving full-time at St. Tikhon's Seminary. He was first Administrative Dean and later Dean, as well as working as Director of Recruitment, Development and Fundraising at the school.

Fr. Michael was part of the team that earned national accreditation for St. Tikhon's Seminary from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and helped work on a revised curriculum for the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. He has served as editor of "The Tikhonaire," "The Spirit of St. Tikhon's," "By the Waters," and "St. Tikhon's Theological Journal." Fr. Michael also teaches New Testament, Old Testament, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, and Ethics.

In other work, Fr. Michael served as a member of the Board of Theological Education of the Orthodox Church in America, OCA representative to the National Advisory Board of the American Bible Society, a member, and former National Secretary, of the Orthodox Theological Society of America, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion [OCAMPR].

The Holy Synod of Bishops has announced that the consecration of Bishop-elect Michael will take place shortly after the New Year. Further details will be announced as they become available.



THE TREE OF LIFE

ARE YOU IN THE TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

THE GREAT SCHISM: 1054 A.D.

Took place when the Bishop of Rome who is also known as the POPE broke off from the True Church because he wanted to be the head and started to change things that were forbidden to be changed. Prior to this, the Church was united for about 1000 years.

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH (EPHESIANS 5:23)

If anyone does not abide in me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; And they gather them and throw them into the fire. And they are burned. (JOHN 15:6)

THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION: 1517 A.D.
Took place when people protested to the Roman Catholic institution who had changed the True Teachings of the Church. But instead of returning to Orthodoxy, they created their own man-made churches, which continue to disagree and split among themselves because they are false and there is no Holy Spirit to guide them. Today there are over 2000 different Protestant groups!

IS CHRIST DIVIDED? (1 CORINTHIANS 1:13)

For the time will come when they will not endure Sound Doctrine but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables (2 TIM 4:3-4)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith giving heed to Deceiving spirits and Doctrines of Demons. (1 TIM 4:1)

...Twisting the Scriptures to their own destruction. (2 PETER 3:16)



- ANGELICAN: 1534
- BAPTIST: 1600s
- REFORMED: 1628
- PRESBYTERIAN: 1640
- BRETHREN: 1719
- METHODIST: 1744
- CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1807
- MORMON: 1830
- 7th DAY ADVENTIST: 1844
- CRISTADELPHIAN: 1848
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: 1870
- SALVATION ARMY: 1878
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: 1879
- PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD: 1900s
- CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: 1908
- ARMSTRONGISM (THE PLAIN TRUTH 1934)
- ETC. ETC. ETC.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: (ECUMENISM): 1948

Take heed that no one deceives you. (MATTHEW 24:4)

I am with you always, even to the end of the age AMEN. (MATTHEW 28:20)

Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. (HEB 13:8)

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The Faith which was ONCE for all delivered to the Saints. (JUDE 3)

All Orthodox credal formulas, liturgical texts, and doctrinal Statements affirm the claim that the Orthodox Church has preserved the original apostolic faith, which was also expressed in the common Christian tradition of the first centuries. Encyclopaedia Britannica #3 article on Eastern Orthodoxy

ONE LORD ONE FAITH ONE BAPTISM (EPHESIANS 4:5)

The Church of the Living God the Pillar and support of the Truth (1 TIM 3:15)

The Holy Spirit will guide you (The Church) into all Truth. (John 16:13)

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH (i.e. Universal)

I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not overpower it. (Matthew 16:18)