



## St. Michael the Archangel Eastern Orthodox Mission

### Newsletter

Aug 2010

### Christ is Risen!

Saturday's - Vespers

6:00 P.M.

Sunday's - Divine Liturgy

10:00 A.M.

*"If there were no people who reviled, offended, or persecuted us, we would never be able to come to love our enemies, which is commanded by the Gospel, and which forms the highest commandment among those given to us with regard to our neighbors.*

*-- St. Ignatius Brianchaninov*

### Important Upcoming Church Dates:

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> – Dormition  
(Theotokos) Fast.

Thursday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – The Holy  
Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.

Saturday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – The Dormition of our  
Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin  
Mary.

### Service Schedule for Aug:

Sat. Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00PM

Sun. Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM  
followed by a Memorial Service for Gus Gulas  
(Lola's husband/ Ted's father).

Sat. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM

Sun. Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM

Wed. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM (Holy  
Transfiguration)

Sat. Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM

Sun. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM

Fri. Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM (Dormition)

Sat. Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

Sun. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM

✠ Confessions will be heard on Saturdays after  
Vespers; also on Sunday mornings before Divine  
Liturgy 9:30 am to 10 am.

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### Coffee Hour:

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Bergantz

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – Buska

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – Ellis (Fast)

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – Gulas (Fast)

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Harouff

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Lee/Spire

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Jokich

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Kaiser

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – Pamfilis

*If you will be unable to serve coffee hour on your Sunday,  
please make arrangements to switch with another family.  
Thanks!*

### Birthdays:

#### God Grant Them Many Years!

14th – Abby Catherine Patterson

16th – Kathy Thomas

17th – Michele Kaiser

18th – Mary Kochoff

24th – Michele Jokich

24th – Steve Demora

26th – Catrina Thomas

28th – Cathy Patterson

### Anniversaries:

10th – Peter & Irena Buksa

### Church Cleaning:

Aug – Ellis

Sept – Jokich

*This is your Church – help keep it clean!*

[News Items?](#) Please send church news items to the Newsletter editor Rick Kaiser at:  
[rkmk2001@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkmk2001@bellsouth.net)

**Prayer Requests:** Please remember in your prayers: Child Jovana (2 years old – leukemia); Katarzyna Bazylewicz; Tatiana Kukhtareva; Mariam & Tom Calache; Mary Kochoff; Glenn Dengler (friend of Jokich family) and daughters Haley (7) and Nicole (3); Dessie Jokich (mother of Mike Jokich); Sandy & Roger Ellis; Daniel Ellis (brother of Roger); Ted Gulas; Edythe Hales; Markela Hatzakis; Brian Jokich; Elena Meagher and her son Igor; Daniel & Anne Kobasa (parents of H. Bergantz); Rhonda Lovette; Tim & Ron Waskerwitz; Evangeline Pamfilis; Pat Darzy; Mary Zarzaur; Fryne McCreary; Dick Kaiser (Father of Rick Kaiser) and Lola Gulas. Thomas L. Snow (son-in-law of Joe and Helen Bergantz serving in Afghanistan)

### **Fr. Gregory's August 2010 Newsletter Article**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'd like to thank all of you for your kind and gracious help in unloading our moving truck, cleaning the kitchen and bathrooms & helping us get moved into our new house. When our Lord said that by your love for one another all men would know that you are my disciples, your heroic efforts on one of the hottest days ever, was a real demonstration of that Gospel passage. So Mat. Ann and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your love and support!

Some have noted that our move here to Huntsville represents a new step for the St. Michael Mission and Mat. Ann and I are honored to be a part of that new step. From a spiritual perspective, this is also a big change for all of us, both individually and as a Mission. Yet, the idea of change and spiritual growth is mentioned throughout the Scriptures. In one Gospel passage, Christ says that no one likes new wine at first, saying the old was better and that if new wine is put into old wineskins, the skins will burst; but that new wine must be put into new wineskins.

It is human nature to prefer that things stay constant and we often take comfort in the familiar. One of the ancient Greek philosophers, Heraclitus, said that the only thing constant is change. With respect to this fallen world we live in, Heraclitus was quite right. The human body is constantly growing new blood cells and skin cells and getting rid of the old ones. We see in nature how trees lose their leaves in the autumn, but then in the spring put forth new leaves that bring forth fruit. Caterpillars weave their cocoons and then emerge as butterflies. Throughout the Scriptures and writings of the Holy Fathers, we are exhorted to put off the old man and be renewed in Christ. Looked at from this perspective, change can be a very good thing for us and helps us grow spiritually.

My family has been fans of the Green Bay Packers since we grew up in Wisconsin. When quarterback Brett Favre eventually left the Packers to play for the rival Minnesota Vikings, one pastor in Green Bay put a sign out in front of his church that read: God will never leave you for the Vikings! Even though it was kind of funny, it actually touches on a real Truth. God is both eternal and unchanging, yet, He is ever new and His Life-giving Spirit helps transform us through a continuing process of renewal. When we feel uncomfortable at times with new changes, that's the time to turn to God and seek His help. He knows our every need and permits us to have struggles in this life that may be difficult at times, but ultimately are for our benefit. I'm excited about this new opportunity to work together to strengthen and build this mission to the glory of God.

May God bless you always!

In Christ,

+Fr. Gregory Schultz