



## St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Mission

### Newsletter

Oct 2010

### Christ is Risen!

Saturday's - Vespers  
6:00 P.M.

Sunday's - Divine Liturgy  
10:00 A.M.

*"The true Christian is a warrior fighting his way through the regiments of the unseen enemy to his heavenly homeland."*

*Saint Herman of  
Alaska*

### Important Upcoming Church Dates:

**Thursday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Protection of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

### Service Schedule for Oct:

Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vespers, 6:00PM  
Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM  
Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM  
Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM  
Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM  
Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM  
Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM  
Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM  
Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Vespers, 6:00 PM  
Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</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.*

**Request:** The church has a need for 8 stackable chairs like the ones we have in the Narthex. Sam's club has them for about \$25.00 ea. If you can help, please contact Fr. Gregory or one of the board members.

### Father Gregory's contact info:

Home ph: 256-325-4401 & cell: 608-334-1073.

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### Coffee Hour:

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Bergantz	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> – Buska
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> – Platt	Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> – Ellis
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> – Stein	Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> – Gulas
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wharry	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> – Harouff
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> – Zarzaur	

*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!

No Birthdays this month!

### Anniversaries:

16th – Bob & Mary Zarzaur

### Church Cleaning:

Oct – Kaiser                      Nov – Pastrick  
*This is your Church – help keep it clean!*

**News Items?** Please send church news items to the Newsletter editor Rick Kaiser at:

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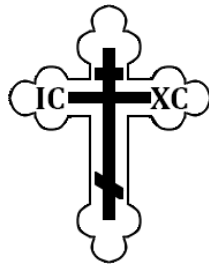
**Prayer Requests:** Please remember in your prayers: Child Jovana (2 years old – leukemia); Katarzyna Bazylewicz; Tatiana Kukhtareva; Mariam & Tom Calache; Mary Kochoff; Glenn Dengler (friend of Jokich family) and daughters Haley (7) and Nicole (3); Dessie Jokich (mother of Mike Jokich); Sandy & Roger 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.

Announcements:

Reader's Workshop: A workshop held at the Church hall on Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Church Services.

Spiritual Chat Group meetings: There will be a Bible Study & Spiritual Chat group meeting on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 27 at 7:00pm at the Church.

Fr. Gregory is available most Fridays if anyone has any needs. Please contact him at [frgregory1@gmail.com](mailto:frgregory1@gmail.com), home phone at 256-325-4401 or mobile phone at 608-334-1073.



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The War against Evil  
Fr. Gregory Schultz

*"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God..." Ephesians 6:11:18*

While 80% to 90% of people today say that they believe in God, one poll in 2009 revealed that about 60% of people professing to be Christians do not believe that Satan is real, but is merely a symbol of evil. In the words of the 19<sup>th</sup> century French poet, [Charles Baudelaire](#) "The greatest trick the devil ever played was convincing the world that he did not exist." How often do we hear about some act of senseless evil today, and very quickly a panel of "experts" analyze why this

terrible crime happened, usually the result of a bad childhood or some other rational explanation. Evil as a spiritual force is not usually mentioned, at least not on the 6 o'clock news.

When St. Paul says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but...against spiritual wickedness in high places, he is not referring to Worldwide Wrestling Federation – he's talking about real, actual demons; fallen angels. In the book *"Orthodox Dogmatic Theology"* by Fr. Michael Pomazansky, he says, *"God created the world pure, perfect, free from evil. Evil entered the world as a consequence of the fall, which occurred, according the word of God, originally in the world of fleshless spirits, and then in the human race, and was reflected in the whole of living nature...the origin of sin comes from the devil...one of the rational spirits or angels who deviated into the path of evil..."*

It is important for Christians today not to be fooled into thinking that Satan is merely a symbol of evil. Often, the world encourages us to be sophisticated and cynical – suggesting that such ideas of an actual devil is perhaps a good way to scare children into behaving better, but certainly cannot be taken seriously in our modern, "enlightened," scientific and technological world. If one thinks this way, one really has no faith that the Holy Scriptures are true or that 2,000 years of the writings and lives of the Saints are nothing more than quaint fairy tales; in this case the devil has already won for he has managed to deceive such a person. Only when it is too late, will such a person learn the truth.

On October 2/15, the Orthodox Church honors Hieromartyr Cyprian, a former sorcerer who was well-acquainted with real demons who carried out his bidding until he discovered that Satan has no power over the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Having failed to help a corrupt young man win the affections of a young woman (Justina, a pious Christian girl) through demonic interventions, Cyprian's eyes were opened and he became a Christian, eventually receiving ordination as a Bishop and later suffered martyrdom for Christ.

Today, an unbelieving world that is starved for meaning, seeks to find consolation (and nearly \$6 billion in American revenues) in the celebration of "Halloween." Once a Christian feast day to commemorate the Saints in heaven (All Hallows Eve) it has now become a hodge-podge of various pagan customs and practices. This is a good example of why we Orthodox Christians need to develop a strong Orthodox worldview and not just accept whatever the secular world has been telling us all our lives.

When St. John Maximovitch had worked hard for a long time to get the Russian Church to finally agree to glorify St. John of Kronstadt as a saint, it was time for the actual glorification service to take place and yet there were very few people at the church. St. John asked one of the deacons where everyone was and he was told that most of the church members were attending a Halloween party. St. John went ahead with the glorification service and then paid a visit to the hall where the party was being held. Suddenly the doors were flung open and there stood St. John with his bishop's staff. The music stopped, everyone stood there in embarrassed silence while St. John walked around the room and then left. The next day at church, the faithful received a stern sermon from Archbishop John! Let us ask God's help to deepen our faith and be victorious against our common enemy the devil and let that faith serve as our shield against the evil one so that we too, having done all, will be able to stand against the evil one and be saved!