

# THE MANTLE

## Saint Michael's Orthodox Church

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September 24, 2023

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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### Sunday, September 24:

- 9:15 A.M. Adult Religious Education class.
- 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy!
- Church School following Holy Communion.
- Confessions will be heard after the Liturgy. (*Please sit in the left front pew immediately following the Liturgy.*)
- The Coffee Social will be sponsored by **Nick and Pam Misichko**. All of our faithful and guests are invited and encouraged to join in fellowship.

### Saturday, September 30:

- 9:00 A.M. Father Sam is hoping to see many of our faithful at the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk the Walk for IOCC** at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church (5649 N Sheridan Road, Chicago).

Register at [iocc.org/chicago](http://iocc.org/chicago)

### Sunday, October 1:

- 9:15 A.M. Adult Religious Education class.
- 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy!
- Church School classes following Holy Communion.
- A Combined Panachida will be served.
- Confessions will be heard after the service.
- The Coffee Social will be sponsored by Keith and Regina Bauman.

### Rubrics

*Hardbound Divine Liturgy Book*

(Page 99) Resurrection Tropar - Tone 7

(Page 99) Resurrection Kondak - Tone 7

(Page 100) Birthgiver Hymn – Tone 7

(Page 101) Prokimen - Tone 7

(Page 101) Alleluia Verses

### Epistle Reading

**St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10.** We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fasting; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### Gospel Reading

**Saint Luke 5:1-11.** At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## Saints and Feasts

**Thecla the Protomartyr & Equal to the Apostles.** This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.

**The Commemoration of the Miracle of the Theotokos Myrtidiotissis in Kythyra.** A small church was built to house the icon, and was called "Of the Myrtle Tree," after the icon. The building was replaced and enlarged over the years, and many miracles took place there. At the end of the sixteenth century Theodore Koumprianos, a descendant of the shepherd who found the icon, lived in the village of Kousoumari. He was a paralytic, and had an unshakeable faith that the Mother of God would heal him. Each year on September 24 he sent a family member to the church to light candles for him. One year he asked to be carried there by his family so that he might venerate the icon himself. During the Vigil, a great noise was heard coming from the direction of the sea. People fled the church, thinking that pirates were attacking. The paralytic remained in the church by himself, entreating the Mother of God for protection. Suddenly, he heard a voice from the icon telling him to get up and flee. He stood up, and then walked out of the church. Soon he was able to run and catch up with his relatives, who rejoiced upon seeing this miracle. As it turned out, there was no pirate attack, and the noise was regarded as a sign of God's providence so that the paralytic could remain alone in church with the icon. Since that time the Koumprianos family has celebrated the icon's Feast Day with a special reverence, since Theodore had been healed on that day. Some of the other miracles associated with the Most Holy Theotokos and her icon "Of the Myrtle Tree" include protection of the island from the plague, ending the barrenness of a Jewish woman from Alexandria, saving people from death, and many other great wonders. Pilgrims come to venerate the icon on the Feast of the Dormition (August 15), and also on the day of its discovery (September 24).

Taken from:

<http://ocafs.oca.org/FeastSaintsViewer.asp?SID=4&ID=1&FSID=102724>

**Silouan of Athos.** Saint Silouan said "Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit."

**Stephen the Martyr**

**The Most Holy Theotokos of Palianis**

**Coprios the Righteous**

**Juvenaly & Peter the Aleut, New Martyrs of Alaska**

## St. Michael's Day Dinner

**Sunday November 12, 2023**

**109<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary – Italian-Fest**

\$25 donation for adults

\$10 for youth over 12

No charge for Church School Students

Sign-up online: [St. Michael's Day Dinner \(Nov 12\)](#)

### All Cash Raffle

\$1.00 donation per ticket

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$250

See Archon Wesley A. Stinich for tickets

(773-844-3032)

### In Memory

We express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of God's recently departed servant, **Ella Mae Marie Hoegner**. We thank them for the donations to our parish in her memory. *May God grant Ella Mae Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!*

### Thanks & Appreciation

We express our thanks and appreciation to Jane Schwarz for her \$500 donation to our parish in memory of her husband, **Walter Schwarz**, in remembrance of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. *May God grant Walter Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!*



### Vigil Candle at the Iconostas



For the Good Health of  
**Mom & Dad / Grandma & PaPa**  
on the occasion of  
their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (9/23/1978)  
offered by Chris, Jenny, Brandon, Rhonda,  
Archer, Edmond, Coco & Mazie

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