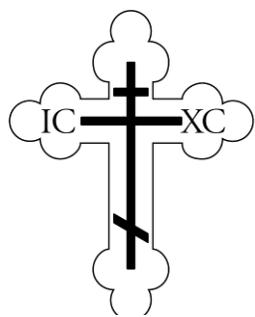
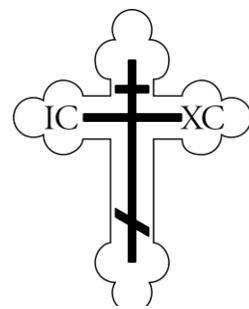


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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
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Liturgy for coffee hour.

September 1, 2019

Church New Year

St. Simeon the Stylite & his mother Martha (5th c.)

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Troparion

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 2 – Troparion of the New Year

O Creator of the Universe,
You appointed times by Your own power;
bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord!
Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities://
and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Tone 1 – Troparion for St. Simeon

You were a pillar of patient endurance,
having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One:
Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations.
You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, O
Simeon, our Father.//
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Kontakion

Hell became afraid, almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation with Adam beheld this and rejoiced
with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 2 – Kontakion for St. Simeon

Seeking the things of the Highest,
and having made a fiery chariot, you were joined to the heights.
Therefore, you have become a companion to the Angels, O
Venerable Simeon,//
and with them you are praying incessantly to Christ God for
us all.

Tone 4 – Kontakion for the New Year

O Creator and Master of time and the ages,
Triune and Merciful God of all:
grant blessings for the course of this year,
and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You
and cry out in fear://
“O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 3 – Prokeimenon for the New Year (Psalm 146)

Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His
understanding is beyond measure!

Tone 7 – Prokeimenon for St. Simeon (Psalm 115)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2.1-7 (New Year)

Brethren: I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for

kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Corinthians 9.2-12 (Sunday)

Brethren: If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Colossians 3.12-16 (St. Simeon)

Brethren: as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things

put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4.16-22 (New Year)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

Then He closed the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Matthew 18.23-35 (Sunday)

The Lord said to the Jews who came to Him: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

“The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

“But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands

on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

"So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

"So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

"And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Matthew 11.27-30 (St. Simeon)

Again, the Lord said: "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. James Dragon	Sergei Chernousov ('12)
Archpr. John Matusiak	George Torch ('55)
Protopr. George Havrila	Mary Sovich (2002)
Michael Marchuk	Blagoye Jolovich (2005)
Mary Ann Wysoki	Anatol Meuch
Ev.Mem. Ranko Savich ('14)	Sophie Kutsko

Health &	Pr. Christopher	Jon
Salvation:	Mat. Jennifer	Tanya
Mat. Anna	Andrew	Jovan
Archpr. Peter	Gideon	Julia
Pr. John	Kevin	Warren

Carol	Melissa	Barbara
Tom	Jonathan	Kristin
Elizabeth	Matthew	Linda
Tina	Shaun	Phyllis
Adam	Gail	Kay
Brittany	Maria	Fred
Jennifer	Snezana	Larry
Lennox	Barbara	Rollie
Laila	Thomas	Martin
Paula	Carol	Alexandra
Alvin	Jessica	Mark
Kenneth	Eduardo	Alexa
Anna	Christine	Paula
Justin	Tom	Alexandra
Nika	Nicholas	James
Leo	Natalie	

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the veneration of the cross, we will serve the **40-day memorial for Michael Marchuk**.

Feeding the Flock is holding a **fashion show luncheon fundraiser** at Avalon Manor on Saturday, September 21, 11am-2:30pm. Proceeds cover the cost of disposable plates, plastic, napkins, etc. so that volunteer churches (like ours) don't have to! Tickets are \$40/person and available in the Church office.

For **Bible Study** this Wednesday please read Genesis 46-50.

Dry and canned food collection this month is for the South Haven food pantry.

Mark your calendars:

Sept 8: First day of **Sunday School**

Sept 14: Divine Liturgy for the **Exaltation of the Cross @ 10am**

Oct 1: Divine Liturgy for our **Feast Day (Pokrov) @ 10am**

Oct 6: **108th Parish Anniversary** celebration!

Last week's offerings to the Lord: \$3,338

**Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan
Tikhon on the Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year,
the Day of Prayer for Creation
Sept 1, 2019**

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful
of the Orthodox Church in America,

O timeless Word and Son without beginning, united with the Holy Spirit, Co-maker of all and Co-creator of all things visible and invisible: bless the beginning of this year; bring peace to Thine Orthodox people, through the prayers of the Theotokos and all the saints. (Doxastichon for the New Year)

On this day, the Ecclesiastical New Year, the church calls us to contemplate and meditate upon our Creator and His Creation. This first day of the New Year not only marks a renewal of the liturgical cycle, but, as the *beginning* of the year, it draws our attention to the beginning of all and to God who has no beginning. As such, we are given the opportunity to offer prayers for the preservation of the earth, for the welfare of us who inhabit it, who are part of it, and who crown it, and for God to grant us the wisdom and grace to be good and faithful stewards of this earth, the Lord's creation, given to us freely and always imparting more gifts for our nourishment, benefit, and life.

It is easy to take creation for granted, to see the world around us as comprising inanimate objects and dumb beasts, servants to our purpose and delight, or obstacles in our way. Indeed, in the beginning God placed human beings at the head of creation, creating us in His image and likeness to have "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." (Gen. 1:26) Yet, as with our Lord and his Kingship over us, we are not to *dominate* nature, but humbly commune with it in a relationship of love, of care, and of stewardship.

While Genesis shows that the world was created for the service of humanity, the Psalmist so eloquently puts into

divinely-inspired words the ultimate, higher purpose of God's creation:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest... Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy winds fulfilling his command. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, beasts of the earth and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds. Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth, young men and maidens, old men and children! (Ps. 148)

“Let *them* praise the name of the Lord!” the Psalmist exclaims. We are of creation, and ultimately ought to be of one mind and purpose with all created things, praising the Lord. While creation praises the Lord by its very existence, we offer our praise to the Lord through our stewardship of creation and created things themselves, a reality revealed so fully in the Eucharist.

Thus, as we celebrate the beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year, I exhort you to bear in mind *the* beginning of the world, and the world itself. Let us give thanks for creation, with the words of the beautiful Akathist “Glory to God for all Things” on our lips. Let us contemplate the great mystery of creation, which offers itself for our nourishment and earthly life. Likewise, let us further meditate upon the culmination of creation: Jesus Christ, our Lord, offering his very body and blood, his substance and life, upon the Cross for *our* life. Let us join the earth, wood and water, sky and stone, praising and worshipping the Lord, the Giver and Creator of Life. May our Lord and Creator inspire us, that we may heal our state of enmity with nature wrought by sin (Gen. 3:15-19), that we may strive for the preservation and renewal of the world, and that we might sing His praises with the earth and all that is in it as good stewards of His creation.

With paternal love and blessings,
+TIKHON

Glory to God for all things!