

# St. Michael Orthodox Church

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Saturday, September 23—Vigil & Confessions, 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 24—Reader Service, 10 am.

Saturday, September 30—NO Vigil.

Sunday, October 1—Divine Liturgy, 10 am.

Saturday, October 7—NO Vigil.

Sunday, October 8—Divine Liturgy, 10 am.

Wednesday–Thursday, October 11–12—Diocesan Assembly, Portland.

Saturday, October 14—Vigil & Confessions, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 15—Divine Liturgy, 10 am.

Saturday, October 21—Vigil & Confessions, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 22—Divine Liturgy, 10 am.

Saturday, October 28—Vigil & Confessions, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 29—Divine Liturgy, 10 am.

Saturday, November 4—Vigil & Confessions, 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 5—Divine Liturgy, 10 am. **St. Michael and the Bodiless Hosts.**  
*Standard Time.*

Saturday, November 11—Vigil & Confessions, 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 12—Divine Liturgy, 10 am. **Parish Council.**

## Parish Life

	<u>Reader</u>		<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Epistle</u>		
<b>9-24</b>	Soot	Soot	Tolkach/Bliss	Bliss
<b>10-01</b>	Perry	Tolkach	[Bagels]	Crawford
<b>10-08</b>	Athanasius	Athanasius	[Dawson]	Dawson
<b>10-15</b>	Crawford	Blank	McNicholas	Elchinoff
<b>10-22</b>	Bliss	Bliss	Scioscia	Eskandani
<b>10-29</b>	Crawford	Crawford	Andruss	Hayashi
<b>11-05</b>	Scioscia	Dawson	[Bagels]	Perry
<b>11-12</b>	Perry	Perry	Regan	Regan



**Coming Events: Sunday, November 5:** IOCC Annual Dinner, Castro Valley, CA:  
Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 4:30 PM - 10:00 PM.



### **Coming in Out of the Wind**

The real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind.

We can only do it for moments at first. But from those moments the new sort of life will be spreading through our system: because now we are letting Him work at the right part of us. It is the difference between paint, which is merely laid on the surface, and a dye or stain which soaks right through. He never talked vague, idealistic gas. When He said, 'Be perfect,' He meant it. He meant that we must go in for the full treatment. It is hard; but the sort of compromise we are all hankering after is harder-in fact, it is impossible. It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

-C.S. Lewis, from *Mere Christianity*



# St. Michael The Archangel Orthodox Church

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Dear friends and members of St. Michael's:

Christ is in our midst!

As you may have heard, Archbishop Benjamin and our diocese's chancellor — Fr. Ian Mackinnon — plus our dean, Fr. Basil Rhodes, visited our parish on July 3, to meet with the Parish Council.

One thing we talked about was what my plans for the future are.

God and my health willing, I am hoping to reach 40 years of active priesthood in November of 2018. By forming that hope, this gives our bishop time to arrange for a new rector for us in an unhurried way.

This also gives us time to plan for St. Michael's future.

But the bishop also came because we face some challenges, since St. Michael's has been shrinking over the past two years.

These challenges are partly financial, but also in personnel shortages in main areas of our parish's life.

So, support St. Michael's as much as you can; pray for God's help; and trust that these challenges become opportunities for us.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Michael Regan  
Rector

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