



Sunday, November 12, 2017

Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

Tone 6

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople

Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, November 12

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida for His Grace, Bishop Antoun, Deacon Andronik, Dorothy Bartek & All Fallen Military

2:00 pm: Grand Banquet in Mogodore

Monday, November 13

6:00 pm: Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

6:00 pm: Bible Study

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm: Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, November 19

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Remembrance / Social / Rapping w/ Fr. Andrew (Youth)

NEW WOMAN'S MINISTRY BEING CREATED

All woman of the church (Orthodox or non-Orthodox), you are invited to attend an organizational meeting Sunday, December 3 to discuss what the mission, purpose and possible accomplishments could be. All will have the opportunity to have input at the January meeting.

December meeting: election of officers.

Meetings: on a quarterly basis or as needed.

OUR SHUT-INS

Edgewood Manor Nursing Center

1330 Fulton Street

Port Clinton, OH 43452

Anne Kovalik- Room 309

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORD

Nov. 5:

Attendance 30 people (22 Members; 2 children; 6 guests; Vespers: 11; Communicants: 23)

Total Offerings: \$1,397 (\$1,160 offerings; \$203 for Seminarian fund; \$34 for bookstore)

Nov. 8: St. Michael Feast Day

Attendance: 10 for Vespers; 9 for Liturgy (Communicants 8)

November

Readers

5-Ron
12-Wayne
19-Tim
26-Natalie

Cleaning

6-Laura Kovach
13-Sandy Martin
20-Roddie Mazurik
27-Ron/Bobbie Royab



40 Day Remembrance

Nov 12: His Grace Bishop Antoun, Massacre in Las Vegas, Deacon Andonik

Nov. 19: Those that lost their lives in CA Wildfires

Nov. 26: 4 Military solders killed in Niger; Mary Kobb, Gori Pietropolo, Virginia Bojan, Teri Fink

Dec 3: Youngstown Police Officer killed in the line of duty

Dec. 10: Terror attack victims in NYC

Dec. 17: 26 people killed in First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, TX shooting



**Church Christmas Decorating
DECEMBER 2 @ 1:30 p.m.**

We're decorating early this year so the church is festive for St. Nicholas Day! (And to help lessen the hectic days ahead.)

Saturday December 2 @ 1:30 pm.

Please come and help.



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Treasurer's report for third quarter of 2017 released

During the first week of November 2017, Melanie Ringa, Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America, released the financial report for the third quarter of the year. Report highlights include the following.

- The balance sheet as of September 30, 2017 indicates total assets of \$3,370,050.00, total liabilities of \$223,268.00, and net assets of \$3,146,781.00, which represents a year-to-date increase/surplus of \$319,913.00.
- Of the total cash amount of \$335,703.00 indicated through September 30, \$78,901.00 is unrestricted.
- Accounts receivable of \$159,827.00 represents August and September 2017 diocesan support due, most of which had been received by the end of October.
- Restricted investments and trusts show a balance of \$2,600,996.00.
- Net assets at the beginning of 2017 were \$2,826,712.00. With the net surplus for the nine month period, net assets total \$3,146,782.00 as of September 30.

VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- November 5

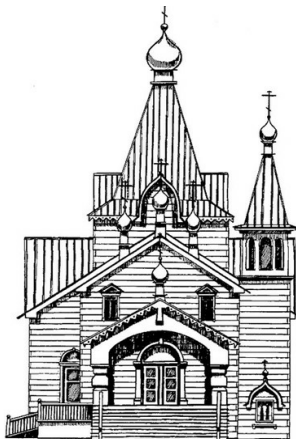
Marguerite Bird: (1) Special Intention

Basil Glovinsky: (3) For Health and recovery of Diane; Altar vigils in loving memory of sister Marian (Nov 3) 16 years & sister-in-law Anne (Nov 8) 13 years

Sandy Martin: (1) Special Intention

Natalie Twarek: (5) For health and recovery of Darlene; For health of David, Margi and Joe; Health and recovery of Nancy; Health of Sue, Morgan, Richie, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, Janice, Pete; For Special Intention

Diane Tryon: (2) In loving birthday memory of Aunt Mamie; in anniversary memory of Aunt Ann. Memory Eternal!



Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers Commemorated on November 8

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then "the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him" (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The six-winged SERAPHIM (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:12) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The many-eyed CHERUBIM (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people's minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The THRONES (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God's justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

Prayer List (Updated November 11)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko

Matushkii: Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Paula Manzuk; Sonya Tutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mother Victoria

Parishioners / & their Family: Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); Dave Martin; John Mazurik (*brother of Paul Mazurik*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Darlene Mazurik; Tony Monastra; Tony Palac (*Brother-in-law of Jean Hileman*); Nancy Pipenur (*sister-in-law of Jean Hileman*); William Rentz (*Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*); Nancy Sitzler (*Mother of Amber Twarek*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Dominic (*friend of the Cassell's*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Mike Jacobson (*Fr.'s friend*); Michael Kouznetsov (*friend of Mary Hiser*); Victoria Kousnetsov (*friend of Mary Hiser*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr. Andrew's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Karen Simonsen (*friend of David Mazurik*); Janice Timko; Brian Turner (*Fr.'s friend*); Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Nicole & her unborn Baby (*Friends of Fr. Andrew*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Justin Issler, James Jerome

Captivzs: Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME'S DAY
11-16: Valerie Schutt 11-17: Cole Heffernan 11-17: Roddie Mazurik 11-19: Kristen Cassell 11-19: Fr. Andrew Groom	11-14-05 Fr. Matthew Moriak 11-15-80 His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit & the Romanian Archdiocese	11-6: His Grace Bishop Paul of Chicago & retired Bishop Varlamm of Vancouver 11-10: Retired Bishop Mark of Boston 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazor of Ottawa

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

REPOSED LIST FOR NOVEMBER

- 2- Donald Sennich (1994)
- 3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)
- 8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)
- 8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)
- 11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)
- 18- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor
- 19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)
- 19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)
- 21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)
- 28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)
- 29-Alexander Mazur (2003)

The Parish Diptychs

A note from Father Andrew

The last two months I have been composing a list of the deceased (by month) from the church's Diptychs. There are some written in Russian. If anyone can translate them for me, please let me know.

Also, I have put together a Soul Saturday Diptychs book by family name. It will be sitting on the back table in the vestibule. Please review it, note any corrections and initial it when done. That will let me know it has been reviewed.

Please let me know of any corrections or additions, as well as names of living friends & relatives.

I use this book during Proskemdia to pray for every single name before Liturgy.

2017 OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU

2017 Giving Sundays: November 12, 19 and 26.

Needed: Soap, hygiene products, toiletry items, paper products, cleaning items, non-perishable foods, money.

The Holiday Bureau volunteers wish to thank everyone who helped brighten Christmas mornings for the past 55 years and for years to come. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ways you've helped in the past: canned goods collected by Scout groups; Toys or gifts for children; You had mitten trees; You were check writers; Food bringers; Volunteers; Sorters; pickup and delivery people.

Christmas comes but once a year, And we ask of you to spread the cheer. For without your kindness and good will a family's wish we could not fill. Our pledge to help all those in need is the Holiday Bureau creed!

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- Nov. 12: Fred & Terri
- Nov. 19: Joe Rose
- Nov. 26: Basil & Tim
- Dec. 03: Open
- Dec. 10: Open
- Dec. 17: Open
- Dec. 24: Open
- Dec. 31: All day Social @ Rectory sponsored by Fr Andrew
(Please RSVP by 12-1)

During the Nativity Fast:

From Nov. 19- Dec 24th there will be no meat products served.

HOLY ASSUMPTION WEBSITE - NEW LOOK

Trudy Ellmore has agreed to be our parish webmaster. Formerly, she was the Diocesan webmaster and has maintained several other Orthodox parish websites.

Please check out the new look of our website at www.holyassumptionmarblehead.org. It is a little more user friendly.

Trudy would like pictures of recent parish events for our on-line photo gallery. You can email her at trellmore@gmail.com. Please copy Father Andrew on the email. The photos will be put on the website and in the weekly bulletin.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to her for any questions. Phone: 610-393-9897 / Email: trellmore@gmail.com



Danbury Food Pantry: November → Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

Join the other churches in our community & donate canned fruit.. These food items are then distributed on the third Saturday of each month.



Archangel Michael Con't

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God's commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

ANGELS (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They never abandon us and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means "who is like unto God"), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, "Let us attend! Let us stand aright

before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!"

According to Church Tradition, and in the church services to the Archangel Michael, he participated in many other Old Testament events.

During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Through him the power of the Lord was made manifest, annihilating the Egyptians and Pharaoh who were in pursuit of the Israelites. The Archangel Michael defended Israel in all its misfortunes.

He appeared to Joshua Son of Navi and revealed the will of the Lord at the taking of Jericho (Josh 5:13-16). The power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185 thousand soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (2 Macc. 3: 24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Dan 3:22-25).

Through the will of God, the Chief Commander Michael transported the Prophet Habbakuk (December 2) from Judea to Babylon, to give food to Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 14:33-37).

The Archangel Michael disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9).

The holy Archangel Michael showed his power when he miraculously saved a young man, cast into the sea by robbers with a stone about his neck on the shores of Mt Athos. This story is found in the Athonite Paterikon, and in the Life of Saint Neophytus of Docheiariou (November 9).

From ancient times the Archangel Michael was famed for his miracles in Rus. In the Volokolamsk Paterikon is a narrative of Saint Paphnutius of Borov with an account of Tatar tax-gatherers concerning the miraculous saving of Novgorod the Great: "Therefore Great Novgorod was never taken by the Hagarenes... when... for our sins the godless Hagarene emperor Batu devoured and set the Russian land aflame and came to Novgorod, and God and the Most Holy Theotokos shielded it with an appearance of Michael the Archangel, who forbade him to enter into it. He [Batu] was come to the Lithuanian city and came toward Kiev and saw the stone church, over the doors of which the great Archangel Michael had written and spoken to the prince his allotted fate, 'By this we have forbidden you entry into Great Novgorod'."

Intercession for Russian cities by the Most Holy Queen of Heaven always involved Her appearances with the Heavenly Hosts, under the leadership of the **Con't Page 6**

Archangel Michael con't

Archangel Michael. Grateful Rus acclaimed the Most Pure Mother of God and the Archangel Michael in church hymns. Many monasteries, cathedrals, court and merchant churches are dedicated to the Chief Commander Michael.

In old Kiev at the time of the accepting of Christianity, a cathedral of the Archangel was built, and a monastery also was named for him. Archangel cathedrals are found at Smolensk, Nizhni Novgorod, Staritsa, at Great Ustiug (beginning of the thirteenth century), and a cathedral at Sviyazhsk. In Rus there was not a city, where there was not a church or chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael.

One of the chief temples of the city of Moscow, the burial church in the Kremlin, is dedicated to him. Numerous and beautiful icons of the Chief Commander of the Heavenly Hosts are also in his Cathedral. One of these, the Icon "Blessed Soldier," was painted in the Dormition Cathedral of the Moscow Kremlin. The saintly soldiers, Russian princes, are depicted under the leadership of the Archangel Michael.

We invoke Saint Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies.

Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels:

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servant of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15)

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreating the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36)

On icons the Archangels are depicted in according to the character of their service:

Michael tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand a spear with a white banner (or sometimes a fiery sword), on which is outlined a

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scarlet cross.

Gabriel with a branch from Paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.

Raphael holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying a fish for healing (Tobit 5-8).

Uriel in his raised right hand holds a naked sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand "a fiery flame."

Selaphiel in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded on the chest.

Jehudiel holds a golden crown in his right hand, in his left, a whip of three red (or black) thongs.

Barachiel is shown with a white rose on his breast.

Jeremiel holds balance-scales in his hand.

Each person has a guardian angel, and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10).

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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