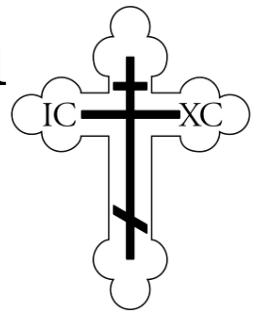
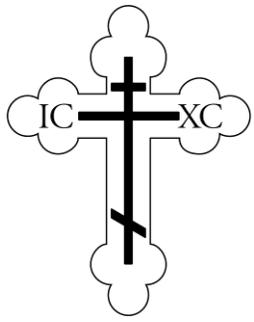


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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
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November 8, 2020

Holy Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Hosts

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).

Over all the ranks of angels, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”), the faithful servant 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 to 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 Nun, 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 185,000 soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4 Kingdoms 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 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).

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 5 – Resurrectional Troparion

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.
Deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//
that He may save our souls.

Tone 4 – Troparion for the Bodiless Powers

O Commanders of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you:
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your
immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the
Powers on high!”

Tone 5 – Resurrectional Kontakion

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 2 – Kontakion for the Bodiless Powers

Commanders of God’s armies
and ministers of the divine glory,
princes of the bodiless angels
and guides of mankind;
ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,//
O Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship.
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,//
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 5 – Resurrection Prokeimenon (Psalm 11)

You, O Lord, shall protect us
and preserve us from this generation forever.

Tone 4 – Prokeimenon for the Bodiless Powers (Psalm 103)

He makes His Angels spirits, / and His ministers a flame of fire!

Epistle: Galatians 6.11-18 (Sunday)

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Hebrews 2.2-10 (Bodiless Powers)

Brethren: If the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

For insofar as He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Gospel: Luke 8.41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of Jesus' garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Luke 10.16-21 (Bodiless Powers)

Jesus said to His disciples: "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Met. Theodosius
Gary Tinch
Gene Lukas

Ev.Mem. Joseph Chicos ('85)
Anastasia Sofronoff ('77)
Antonina Nastoff ('43)
Joakim Kathovetz ('25)

Health & Salv.
Archbp. David
Archpr. Peter
Archpr. John

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Mat. Anne
Pr. Christopher
Mat. Jennifer

Andrew
Gideon
Kevin
Jon

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Jovan	Renee	Nathan
Julia	Carissa	Kara
Warren	Cynthia	Ryan
Tom	John	Barabara
Tina	Vern	Thomas
Brittany	Olga	Carol
Jennifer	Mark	Christine
Gail	Jerry	Jon
Stacy	Michael	Zoey
Jeramie	Janice	Dominic
Olivia	Dushawna	Declan
Parker	Daniel	Hudson
Christine	Anthony	TaQuana
Linda	Janet	Gene
Larry	Daryl	Ayden
Rollie	Diane	Hyland
Joseph	Carla	Jason
Nadia	Susan	Ted
Daniel	Timothy	Daniel
Brendan	William	Tiffany
David	Paul	James
Sharon	Joseph	Pamela
Michael	Claudia	Erin
Janie	Tom	Alexander
Tanya	Beth	Jerome
Christopher	Elizabeth	Ronald

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We continue to take precautions during the present health crisis. Everyone except celebrants and choir must be masked and maintain distance between groups. Our older members and those with complicating health conditions are encouraged to take advantage of weekday Liturgies. The next will be this **Friday, November 13 for St. John Chrysostom.**

For **Bible Study** this week, read Revelation 14-15.

The **Thanksgiving Bake Sale** is on this year! Order forms are available in the Narthex. Pick-up is two weeks from today.

Mark your calendars:

Nov 10: O-Club meeting (on Zoom) @ 7pm

Nov 11: Bible Study (on Zoom) @ 7pm

Nov 13: Divine Liturgy for St. John Chrysostom @ 10am

Nov 14: Feed the Flock at First Presbyterian in Merrillville @ 10am

Nov 20: Great Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple @ 6pm

Nov 21: Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple @ 10am

Nov 22: Bake Sale Pick-up after Liturgy

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy @ 9am

**Glory to God for
all things!**