

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel:

The **Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel** is celebrated on **July 13 (this Wednesday)**, and a second time on the day after the Annunciation.

It was instituted in the ninth century, perhaps to celebrate the dedication of a church at Constantinople. Originally, the Feast was observed on October 16.

Gabriel, the holy Archistrategos (Leader of the Heavenly Hosts), is a faithful servant of the Almighty God. He announced the future Incarnation of the Son of God to those of the Old Testament; he inspired the Prophet Moses to write the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), he announced the coming tribulations of the Chosen People to the Prophet Daniel (Dan. 8:16, 9:21-24); he appeared to St Anna (July 25) with the news that she would give birth to the Virgin Mary.

The holy Archangel Gabriel remained with the Holy Virgin Mary when She was a child in the Temple of Jerusalem, and watched over Her throughout Her earthly life. He appeared to the Priest Zachariah, foretelling the birth of the Forerunner of the Lord, St John the Baptist.

The Lord sent him to St Joseph the Betrothed in a dream, to reveal to him the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God from the All-Pure Virgin Mary, and warned him of the wicked intentions of Herod, ordering him to flee into Egypt with the divine Infant and His Mother.

When the Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion, the Archangel Gabriel, whose very name signifies "Man of God" (Luke. 22:43), was sent from Heaven to strengthen Him.

The Myrrh-Bearing Women heard from the Archangel the joyous news of Christ's Resurrection (Mt.28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8).

Mindful of the manifold appearances of the holy Archangel Gabriel and of his zealous fulfilling of God's will, and confessing his intercession for Christians before the Lord, the Orthodox Church calls upon its children to pray to the great Archangel with faith and love.

All the angels are commemorated on November 8.

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Glory to Jesus
Christ

Glory Forever

*You look upon God's glory in heaven,
and bring grace from on high to earth,
wise Gabriel, leader of angels,
minister of God's glory, and divine defender of the world!
Save and preserve those who cry to you:
"Be our defense, so that no one can be against us!"*

Kontakion - Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

On this day the Church remembers:

- **Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia (1073)**
- Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia, including Leontius, Maurice, Daniel, Anthony, Alexander, Sisinius, Meneus, and Belerad (Verelad)—(ca. 319) • The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Lord at Moscow (1625) • Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.) • Martyr Apollonius of Sardis (3rd c.) • Martyrs Bianor and Silvanus of Pisidia (4th c.) • 10,000 Fathers of the deserts and caves of Scete martyred by the impious Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria (ca. 398) • Martyr Nicodemus of Elbassan (Albanian—1722) • Monk Martyr Nectarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1820) • The **KONEVSKAYA Icon** of the Most-holy Theotokos.

July 10, 2011

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:**

Linda and Richard Dantine on their 45th Anniversary, offered by their children and grandchildren.

Lori Stefy on her birthday, offered by her children.

Amy (Romanofsky) Schneider, offered by her family.

Holly and Sub deacon **Edward** Dawson, on their Anniversary, offered by their family.

Readings:

- Galatians 5:22-6:2 (St. Anthony)
- Matthew 4:25-5:12 (St. Anthony)
 - **Romans 6:18-23**
 - **Matthew 8:5-13**

BRETHREN, having been set free from sin, we have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Summer Sunday service:**Hours - 9:10 AM****Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM****(General Confession on the first Sunday of each month)****Coffee hour after Liturgy**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- There will be a **Pannikhida after the Divine Liturgy today for Newly departed Adele Taran**, one of our Church's founders, a Trustee, and longtime benefactor of our parish.
- The Sunday **Divine Liturgy service will begin a half hour earlier** now that Sunday school is on its summer break. The hours will be celebrated at 9:10 AM, and the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 AM. We will return to the normal service schedule the Sunday after Labor Day.

Special Announcements:

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be July 31**, after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be August 7**, after coffee hour.