

### **Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers:**

The **Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers** is commemorated by the Church **on November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

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

- The six-winged **SERAPHIM** (*Flaming, Fiery*) <sup>(Is 6:12)</sup> 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*) <sup>(Gen 3:24)</sup> 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** <sup>(Col 1:16)</sup> 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: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:**

- **DOMINIONS** <sup>(Col 1:16)</sup> 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
- **POWERS** <sup>(1 Pet 3:22)</sup> 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** <sup>(1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16)</sup> 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 Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:**

- **PRINIPALITIES** <sup>(Col 1:16)</sup> 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** <sup>(1 Thess 4:16)</sup> 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** <sup>(1 Pet 3:22)</sup> 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.

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Sunday Bulletin

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**Christ is in our midst!**

**He is and always will be!**

*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,  
supreme commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.*

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### **On this day the Church remembers:**

St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350) • Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of Khutyn' (Novgorod—1192) • Ven. Luke, Steward of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—13<sup>th</sup> c.) • Repose of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567) • Ven. Barlaam of Keret Lake (16<sup>th</sup> c.) • Martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosyne, and Athanasia, of Ancyra (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Ven. Luke of Sicily (800-820)

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**November 6, 2011**

**Tone 4** of the Octoechos.

21<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For eternal memory of:****Margaret M. Pietropolo, offered by her daughter Trudy****Readings:**

- **Galatians 2:16-20**
- **Luke 8:41-56**

**BRETHREN**, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**At that time**, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)****Church School - 9:30 AM****(no classes 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

- **Our parish's anniversary dinner** will be held **next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per adult. Parishioners and their guests may **make reservations for the dinner at the candle stand**. No advance purchase is necessary. Tickets are being sold for those outside of our parish. **Seating at the dinner will be limited to 60 people, so please make your reservations now**. The dinner menu will be ethnic specialties. Invite your friends and family!

**Upcoming Sisterhood Events:**

- **The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will be meeting today** after coffee hour.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Cookie Fundraiser is Underway!** Catalogs and order forms for gourmet cookie dough are available. All orders and money will be due next Sunday, November 13. This is a great opportunity for gift giving or making your own Christmas cookies and helping the church at the same time. Please consider giving your support.
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be November 27**, after coffee hour.
- **The Church School** is in need of a preschool teacher to work with our youngest students. The requirements are: the ability to arrive at Church by 9:30 for three out of four weeks a month (no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month), patience with young children, and basic knowledge of our faith. **No home preparation will be necessary**, as all lesson plans will be prepared for you in advance. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if interested.

**Reminder:**

- **Standard Time begins today**. Set your clock back 1 hour.