

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers (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 Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities. The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

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.

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).

(Excerpted from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/11/08/103244-synaxis-of-the-archangel-michael-and-the-other-bodiless-powers>)

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November 8, 2020
7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & THE
OTHER BODILESS POWERS: GABRIEL, RAPHAEL,
URIEL, SALAPHEL, JEGUDIEL, & BARACHIEL

Tone 5 - Eothinon 11

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25

Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:41-56

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ARCHANGELS - Tone 4 - Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you * that by your supplications ye encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of your immaterial glory; * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to you with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

TODAY:

ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Outdoor Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism

Stewardship Presentation

Marriage of our Christina Vleisides to Jay Dennis

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!

Theme: “The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit”

Pick up your STEWARDSHIP PACKETS!

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Nov 15):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi Moore	The Gohls & Olena K.

Mark Your Calendar:

Nativity Fast

November 15-December 24

Daily Services during the Nativity Fast:

- ✦ *Liturgies – Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (Mask Required), Sunday @ 10 a.m.*
- ✦ *Advent Services – Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 6:30 p.m.*
- ✦ *Great Vespers, Resurrectional Orthros, and Feasts as usual.*
- ✦ *6th Hour suspended till after Theophany*

Entrance of the Theotokos

Friday, November 20

Vespers 6:30 pm; Orthros 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 21

Liturgy, 10 am

St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 5

Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 pm

Youth Event to follow

Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Thursday, December 24

Royal Hours, 8 am

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am

Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm

Divine Liturgy, 11 pm

Friday, December 25

Vespers for the Synaxis

of the Theotokos, 12 pm

Saturday, December 26

Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am

Pray For:

Living

Doris & John
APr. Gregory &
Family
Aristidis
James
Lasha B
Otari B
Daniel H
John
Peter
Stavroula
Anesia
Svetlana & Family

Dn. Thomas,
Elizabeth, Elaine
& all Missionaries

New & Expectant
Mothers & their
children

For the people of
our land and their
repentance,
healing & unity

All who are
suffering, serving
and rebuilding from
the pandemic

Departed

+Margaret
+Mat. Linda (D)
+Robert Joseph
+Timothy (B)
+Vadim

Catechumens

Matthew,
Michael,
Shaun, Tina,
Asena, Sarah,
Jonathan,
Barry

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$176.25. Collections, \$534.90. Youth, \$10.
Pastoral Discretion, \$64.25. Ukraine Donations, \$100. Stewardship,
\$3,820. Total received: \$4,705.40.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues! Don't forget to pick up a pledge card in the narthex and return it by St. Philip Day (Nov 14)!

This Week:

- Monday, Nov 9:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Tuesday, Nov 10:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
6th Hour, 12 noon
- Wednesday, Nov 11:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov 12:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
COF Vespers, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Nov 13:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.
Orthros, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov 14:** **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. PHILIP**
Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
Youth Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
- NATIVITY FAST BEGINS!**
- Sunday, Nov 15:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism
(Outdoor) Coffee Hour



REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE

Handling the Holy Bread



After taking Holy Communion and at the end of the liturgy, it is traditional to eat a piece of holy bread or antidoron - the bread that was left over after Holy Communion was prepared. While antidoron is not Holy Communion, it is blessed bread and as such, should be eaten carefully so that crumbs don't fall all over the place. After taking Communion or kissing the cross at the end of the Divine Liturgy, take one piece of antidoron (you don't need four or five pieces) and when you return to your seat or get to a place where you can stop for a moment, eat the bread trying not to drop crumbs. If you want to give a piece to someone else, go ahead and take an extra piece - don't break yours in half (it produces too many crumbs). And monitor your children as they take the antidoron and teach them to eat it respectfully.