

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



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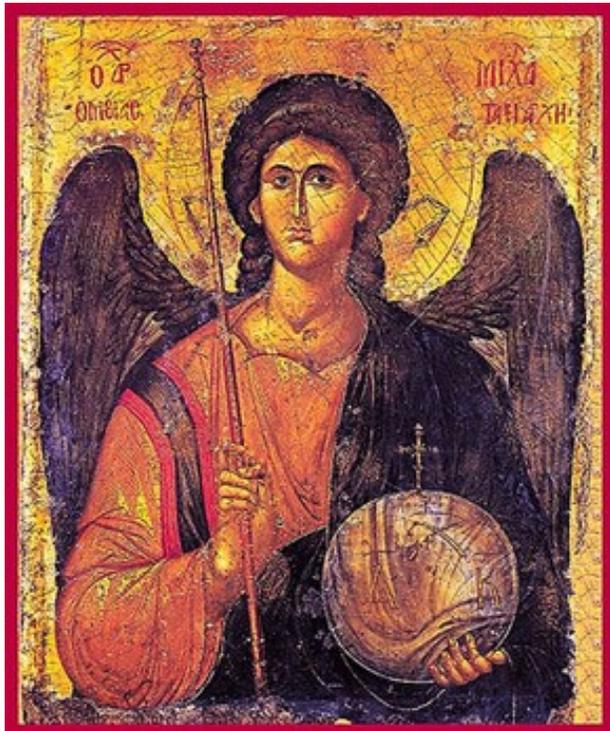
Sunday November 5th 2017

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

WELCOME
We Are Glad You Are Here!



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of our prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Tropar and Kondak Tone 5—Blue Book pg.93 Red Book pg. 108

Kondak, Tone 6- O unashamed intercessor of Christians, * ever loyal advocate before the Creator, * do not disregard the prayerful voice of sinners * but in your goodness* hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you: ** Intercede always, O Mother of God, in behalf of those who honor you!

- **Baptism of Lazarus John Dutko Saturday November 18th at 1pm. All are invited!**
- **Inside/Outside Church Cleanup and Organization—Next Saturday morning starting between 9 and 10 am. There is always lots to do and you are needed, so please come if you are able!**
- **Thank you for all the love, hard work and prayers offered up to the Lord these past few weeks.**
- **As part of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, each member of our parish is asked to donate \$68.00 this year to help support the diocese's missions (Seminary, Camp Nazareth, etc.) and administration. If you have not donated yet this year, please do so.**

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services

Tuesday 11/7 6:30pm— Great Vespers w/ Litiya - Synaxis of The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and all the Heavenly Hosts

Wednesday 11/8 9am— Divine Liturgy— Synaxis of The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and all the Heavenly Hosts

Saturday 11/11 4:30pm— Great Vespers

Sunday 11/12 10am— Divine Liturgy



Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Kara, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia+ (Blessed Repose), James+ (Blessed Repose), Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna+ (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileshko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny+ (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan +(Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper+ (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert+ (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria+ (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie +(Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda+ (Blessed Repose), Janis,, David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David, Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul, George Smisko+ (Blessed Repose), Kathy, Mike, Helen S+ (Blessed Repose), Bob+ (Blessed Repose), Debbie, Alma+ (Blessed repose), Ken, The Hayes and Boucher families, Bo+ (Blessed Repose), Sadie+ (Blessed Repose), Peyton & the Gully Family, John, Alexandra, Benjamin, John, The Hazuda Family, Fr. William George+ (Blessed Repose), Pani Amy George and the George Family, Violet+ (Blessed Repose), Madeline, Eddie, Fr. Kozar+ (Blessed Repose), Mary, Benjamin+ (Blessed Repose), Cathy, Jay Brackin, Drew, John Haddad+ (Blessed Repose), Marilyn & family, Mark - Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



We do not take this journey alone. Genesis 1:1 tells us that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” What this means is that before God created the earth, and all of the living things on it, including humanity, He created *the heavens*. The heavens are not just some void, or some place above the clouds where the stars are. The heavens are the place where God abides, the place where all the bodiless powers, where all the angels come from. Sometimes western thought tells us that when we die we become angels, like in *It's a Wonderful Life*. This idea may sound “nice” but it is not the teaching of the Church. The Orthodox Church teaches us that God created all the angels *before* He created the earth.

Think about that, God created all the angels before he created earth. Now think about what we pray for in every Divine Liturgy. “For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies”. So each of us have our own guardian

angel, and God created all the angels before the creation of the world.

Do you see what this means? It shows us just how much God loves all. It means that before God created the world, before He created the Human race, before he created each of us, that He created an Angel for you. God created *your* guardian angel before he created the world itself—so from the beginning of time until your birth, your angel waited just for you. A bodiless, intelligent being waited from the beginning of time to be your guide, guardian, and protector of your soul and body. This is truly beautiful and amazing. It's deeply personal, and it shows to us God's steadfast love and care for His creation.

We do not know the manifest and hidden benefits given to us by God, but we do know that we have a guardian angel. An angel who protects us and prays for us. Being given this great gift we must cherish it. St. Basil the Great tells us “The angel will not retreat from us, unless we drive him away by our evil deeds. As the smoke drives bees away, and stench the doves, even so our stinking sin drives away from us the angel who protects our life.”

When we sin we drive away the angel whose created purpose is to protect us and pray for us! Remember to always pray for your guardian angel, as he prays for you, so that we do not take this journey alone, but with the angel God has created for us. When we sin, we must repent and confess so that our guardian angel always remains close to us!

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

O Angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me of everything I have done to offend you every day, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never offend God by my sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Birthgiver of God, and of all the Saints. Amen.