

November 8 – The Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers

Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels:

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15)

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (2 Esdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (2 Esdras 5:15). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (2 Esdras 4:36)

On icons the Archangels are depicted in according to the character of their service:

Michael tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand a spear with a white banner on which is outlined a scarlet cross, or sometimes a fiery sword.

Gabriel with a branch from Paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.

Raphael holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying a fish for healing (Tobit 5-8).

Uriel in his raised right hand holds a naked sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand “a fiery flame.”

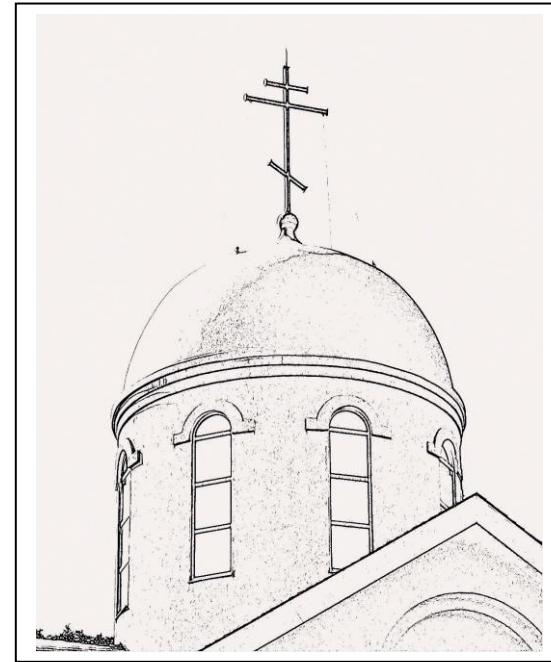
Selaphiel in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded on the chest.

Jehudiel holds a golden crown in his right hand, in his left, a whip of three red (or black) thongs.

Barachiel is shown with a white rose on his breast.

Jeremiel holds balance-scales in his hand.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2. Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aeithalas the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.). Consecration of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda (4th c.). Martyrs Eudoxios, Agapios, Atticus, Marinus, Oceanus, Eustratios, Karterios, Nikopolitianos, Styrax, and Tobias, at Sebaste (ca. 320). Ven. Aepsimas, Hermit, of Cyrrhus in Syria (4th c.). St. Snandulia of Persia (4th c.).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Saturday – **6:00pm Great Vespers**

Thursday – **6:00pm Great Vespers** (*Archangels*)

Friday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy** (*Archangels*)

Sunday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



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Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

Special Prayers

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Fr. Paul Kucynda, Brian Price, Mary Herelick, Zoran Pejovic, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Alan Diaz, Ellen Norman, Maryann Sivilic, Lia Eickhorn, and Lori Ratushnuk.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.

The reception of the Holy Eucharist is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

Annunciations

TODAY – We welcome all our guests visiting us today. Please join us for the **COFFEE HOUR** in the Parish Hall after we venerate the Cross. **Team #1** is in charge of today's Coffee Hour.

TODAY – **Church School** will be held during Coffee Hour.

TODAY – The **Orthodoxy 101 class** will be held in the Church at 11:30am. All are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

TODAY – **Parish calendars** for November are available at the parish website.

THIS FRIDAY is the **Feast of the Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers of Heaven**. Check the service schedule and plan to participate in the celebration of this feast.

Saturday, November 9 - A **fall retreat** led by Dr. Peter Bouteneff and titled "Theology: What it is and Why it Matters" will be held at Holy Cross Church in Medford from 9:30am – 3:30pm. All are invited to attend. See the event flyer for more details.

Saturday, November 16 – An **Advent Retreat and Luncheon** led by Fr. Barnabas Powell and titled "Be Watchful - Be Sober: St. Paul's Wisdom for Spiritual Maturity" will be held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean from 9:30am – 3:30pm. All are invited to attend. See the event flyer for more details.

November 23,24 – **Archbishop Michael** will be with us for a pastoral visitation. Please set your schedule to be with us as we celebrate the Divine services with our Diocesan Hierarch and enjoy fellowship with him after the Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Memory Eternal! Condolences to the family and acquaintances of the **newly-departed Leo Radionoff** whose burial service was held here yesterday. May his soul dwell with the blessed!

A Group baking date for the Cookie Walk (Saturday, December 14) has been set for Tuesday, November 12. The session will be held in the **parish hall kitchen at 5:30pm**.

Please continue to use the **clothing bin** located in the church parking lot. A list of items that can be donated is located on the white board in the Parish Hall. Each donation helps the parish financially. Many thanks for your participation.

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Wednesday – Genevieve Bair

Friday – Mat. Mihaela Pejovic

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