



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

Today Readings

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Luke 8:43-48 (ACCS Lk): 8:43-48 Healing the Woman with the Flow of Blood The Daughter Represents the Synagogue, the Woman the Church. Ambrose: The assembly of the nations is like the woman who spent all her money on physicians. The assembly of nations also lost all the gifts of nature and squandered the inheritance of life. It was holy, shy, pious, ready in faith, and hesitant in modesty, because it is a sign of modesty to recognize the weakness of faith and not to despair of pardon. The shy woman touched the hem, the faithful approached, the pious believed, the wise knew she was healed. The holy people of the nations that believed in God were so ashamed of their sin that they abandoned it. Brought faith, they believed. They showed devotion, so that they entreated. They put on wisdom, so that they perceived their own health. They took confidence, so that they confessed the alien truth that they snatched.

Why is Christ touched from behind? Is it because it is written, "You shall follow the Lord your God"? Why is it that the twelve-year-old daughter of the ruler was dying and the woman with a flow of blood was afflicted for twelve years, except that it is understood that as long as the synagogue flourished, the church suffered? The weakness of the one is the virtue of the other, because by their offense salvation has come to the Gentiles. The consummation of the one is the beginning of the other, the beginning not of nature but of salvation. Exposition of the Gospel of Luke 6.56-57.



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21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —

Tone 4. St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350)

Birthdays & Anniversaries for October

Birthdays: Emily Krenitsky (11/5); Diane Buranich (11/17)

Nameday: Michael Keklak (11/8); Michael Jadick (11/8); Fr Michael Shepherd (11/8); Philip Pecuch Jr (11/14);

Anniversary:

Baptism:

Travelers: For all who are traveling this week

Proshora Schedule: Until we have a rotation of people to offer proshora, no proshora will be put out. **Please sign up to bake proshora.**

Visitors: Please Stay for coffee hour that will be downstairs in the Church

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this/next week? Please add it to our list on the shelf in the Vestibule/Narthex.

Service Attendance: Last weekend Divine Liturgy: 29

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

THIS WEEK of 7Nov-13Nov

MON, Nov 7th: @ 5:00 PM Patronal Feast Great Vespers w/Litya
 TUES, Nov 8th: @ 9:00 AM Patronal Feast Liturgy Feast of St Michael
 THURS, Nov 10th: @ 6:00 PM Vespers University of Scranton OCF
 SAT, Nov 12th: @ 3:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting
 SAT, Nov 12th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers / Confession After
 SUN, Nov 13th: Hours @ 9:20 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM

WEEK of 14Nov-20Nov

THURS, Nov 17th: @ 6:00 PM Vespers University of Scranton OCF
 SAT, Nov 19th: @ 3:30 PM Book Study
 SAT, Nov 19th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers / Confession After
 SUN, Nov 20th: Hours @ 9:20 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM

UP COMING

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS 15NOV

Nov 20th & 21st: Great Vespers w/Litya & Liturgy Entrance of the Theotokos

Nov 24th: Thanksgiving Day Liturgy



Announcements

& Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help!

Holy Synod Meeting: 9-14Nov St Tikhons

DEOPA Diocesan Council Meeting: Nov 15th Diocesan Chancery

ST NICHOLAS DAY FESTIVAL - MORE TO FOLLOW

Parish Steering Meeting: Dec 10th, @ 3:30 p.m. prior to Great Vespers

DONATIONS WILL BE COUNTED EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING LITURGY.

Hosts, under the leadership of the Archangel Michael.

Grateful Rus acclaimed the Most Pure Mother of God and the Archangel Michael in church hymns. Many monasteries, cathedrals, court and merchant churches are dedicated to the Chief Commander Michael. In Rus there was not a city where there was not a church or chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael."

The angelic hosts have to defend the creation against the spiritual powers which seek to cast it into ruin. The Apocalypse shows us the celestial war was, which Michael and his angels fight against the dragon and his angels (Rev 12:7-9), a war which continues on earth in the spiritual combats in which men are assisted by angels. Hence the warrior like character that angelic apparitions often take. Thus, the "captain of the Lord" appeared to Joshua with a sword in his hand (Joshua 5:13-15). the Archangel Michael "chief captain of the host" (Archistrategos) presides over the struggle against the forces of the demons: "there where thy grace appears, the power of the demons is pursued; for the fallen Lucifer cannot bear to see thy light. We pray thee then to extinguish his burning features, directed against us... and to free us from his temptations.

In icons, his quality of Captain of the Hosts, the warrior angel wears a cloak which, on our icon, is red in color. The sword that he holds in his right hand is at the same time his weapon and the insignia of commander. In his left hand he carries before his breast an image of Jesus Christ. The head of the archangel is adorned with ribbons. Habitually, the ends of he ribbons flow from either side of the head: they should symbolize the spiritual hearing of the angel, attentive to the divine commands. On our icon these ribbons are partly effaced. The inscription at the top reads: "Archangel Michael."

From *Meaning of Icons* by Lossky, Palmer, and Kadloubousky

Donations in Memory of

From: Mia Polanchik
In Memory Of: Rose Krenitsky

From: Mark Rakauskas
In Memory Of: Walter Ermolovich

From: Evelyn Joan Dopko
In Memory Of: Rose Krenitsky

- **Reminder: Names will be rotated off on occasion - request again to have a loved one put back on again.**
- **Reminder to sign the statement of intent**

Ask Fr. Michael: Do you have questions about the Orthodox faith? Fr. Michael may have the answer, AND if he doesn't he will get it for you. In the narthex there is a basket and blank question slips for you to anonymously submit your questions. Fr. Michael will answer these questions during coffee hour and/or in the bulletin.

If your Annual Gross Income is:	Your Proportionate Weekly Gift Would Be:				
	3%	4%	5%	10%	12%
\$20,000	\$11.54	\$15.38	\$19.23	\$38.46	\$46.15
\$25,000	\$14.42	\$19.23	\$24.04	\$48.08	\$57.69
\$30,000	\$17.31	\$23.08	\$28.85	\$57.69	\$69.23
\$35,000	\$20.19	\$26.92	\$33.65	\$67.31	\$80.77
\$40,000	\$23.08	\$30.77	\$38.46	\$76.92	\$92.31
\$45,000	\$25.96	\$34.62	\$43.27	\$86.54	\$103.85
\$50,000	\$26.92	\$38.46	\$48.08	\$96.15	\$115.35
\$55,000	\$31.73	\$42.31	\$52.88	\$105.77	\$126.92
\$60,000	\$34.62	\$46.15	\$57.69	\$115.38	\$138.46

The Month November (as the 5th)
WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.
Last Week's Expenditures: \$5,795.00
OCT Expenditures/Deposits: \$21,676.91/\$9879.29
Collections NOV 2nd: \$1,358.00
Current Bank Balance \$15,748.56
Total Assets \$384,787.16

Archangel Michael

The Holy Archangel Michael is one of the most celebrated of the Angels and bodiless powers; he is called the Archistrategos, or chief commander, of all the bodiless powers. According to Holy Scripture and Tradition, he has interceded for humanity multiple times and continues to serve as the Defender of the Faith The name Michael means "like unto God" or "Who is like unto God?"

Michael first appears in the Old Testament in the book of Joshua's account of the fall of Jericho. Though Michael is not mentioned by name in the text, it is said that Joshua "looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand." When the still unaware Joshua asks which side of the fight the Archangel is on, Michael responds, "neither...but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come" (Joshua 5:13-14).

In the book of Daniel, Michael appears first to help the Archangel Gabriel defeat the Persians (10:13). In a later vision it is revealed to Daniel that "at that time [the end times] Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then..." (Ch. 12)1. Michael thus plays an important role as the protector of Israel and later of his chosen people, the Church.

The Church Fathers also ascribe to Michael the following events: During the Exodus of the Israelite from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night; the power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185 thousand soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (2 Macc. 3: 24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Dan 3:22-25).

Through the will of God, the Chief Commander Michael transported the Prophet Habbakuk (December 2) from Judea to Babylon, to give food to Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 14:33-37).

The Archangel Michael disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9).

In New Testament times, the holy Archangel Michael showed his power when he miraculously saved a young man, cast into the sea by robbers with a stone about his neck on the shores of Mt Athos. This story is found in the Athonite Paterikon, and in the Life of St Neophytus of Docheiariou (November 9).

Perhaps his most famous miracle, though, is the salvation of the church at Colossae. Here a number of pagans tried to destroy this church by diverting the flow of two rivers directly into its path. However, the Archangel appeared amongst the waters, and, carrying a cross, channeled the rivers underground so that the ground the church stood on would not be destroyed. The spring which came forth after this event is said to have special healing powers.

Michael also has been associated with healing in other cases, as well as his primary role as leader of the Church Militant. He has been said to appear to Emperor Constantine the Great (d. 337) at Constantinople, to have intervened in assorted battles, and appeared, sword in hand, over the mausoleum of Hadrian, in apparent answer to the prayers of Pope St. Gregory I the Great (r. 590-604) that a plague in Rome should cease.

Russians in particular have a special veneration to Michael, along with the Theotokos. According to OCA, "Intercession for Russian cities by the Most Holy Queen of Heaven always involved Her appearances with the Heavenly

Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers LIVING
Captive Hierarchs PAUL and JOHN

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: Mike, Bernie, Margaret, Marie, Helen, Rosemary, Sandra, Sandy, Paula, Al, Eli, Evelyn, Nadia, John, Paulette, Andrew, Daniel, Charissa

Ill-afflicted Archpriests John Nightingale & Fr Theodore Orzolek

Matushka Paula Soucek

Servants of God Dcn Nathan, Mat. Katherine, Miraiah, Evangeline, Gideon, Zacharias, Ignatius, Basil (Clausson), Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina (Shepherd), Barbara, Bev, Sandra, Ann, Sandy & Danny, Walter, Michael & Euphemia (Mia), Elizabeth Amaya; Justin Robert, Vitaly & Maria, Gregory, Emilia, Marie, Tammy

Seekers: Jason, Emilia, Judah, Nadia, & Silas

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Rose Krenitsky (10/19)

Departed: Leo Howanetz (11/6); Helen Chesniak (11/14); John Wansacz (11/15); Mary Krenitsky (11/16); Harold Krenitsky (11/22);