



# FROM THE AMBIVON

## ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4.

Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome (3rd c.). Ven. Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Bl. Mary, of Mesopotamia (ca. 360). Ven. Abrámii, Archimandrite of Rostov (1073-77). Martyr Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla of Aegæ in Cilicia (285). Righteous Anna of Constantinople (826). Monastic Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1820).

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries for October

**Birthdays:** Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (10/1); Mary Krevko (10/5); Thomas Zupko (10/10); Stella Krenitsky (10/14); Dan Pregmon (10/15); Rosa Coyoy (10/22)

**Nameday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Baptism:**

**Travelers:**

**Prospora Schedule:** We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out. *The Church has a prospora kit if you would like to borrow it.*

05Nov - Shepherd's

12Nov

19Nov

**Counting:** Thank you Maura Elko for assisting in counting today's offerings. Please sign up and help our Treasurer count. We need two people counting.

05Nov -

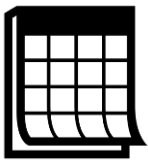
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**Visitors:** *PLEASE JOIN US FOR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

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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

SAT, Nov 4th: @ 4:50 PM 9th Hour - Great Vespers. Confession following  
 SUN, Nov 5th: Hours @ 9:10 AM Hours - Divine Liturgy, 22nd SUNDAY AFTER  
 PENTECOST Tone 5.

TUES, Nov 7th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers w/Litya

WED, Nov 8th: Hours @ 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL  
 AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS

SAT, Nov 11th: @ 4:50 PM 9th Hour - Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, Nov 12th: Hours @ 9:10 AM Hours - Divine Liturgy 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 Tone 6.



## Announcements

### Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

**Silent Prayers and Confession:** Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

**Monthly Panikhida:** Nov 25th @ 4pm. Please submit names of family members you would like to be remembered.

**Catechumen/Inquirers/Continuing ED Class:** Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

**Bible Study:** Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. I am working my way through Romans if you want to join me.

**Where did the Bible Come From? Formation of the New Testament in Christian History.** Oct 24th, @6PM Vladyka Mark will be giving a class on this at Holy Annunciation 1228 2nd Ave Berwick, Pennsylvania 18603.

**Church Work Day:** Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

**Parish Council Meeting: 05NOV23 All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month)** Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have.

**Registration** - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

**THANK YOU** to Emilia Hart for hosting **Women's Fall Brunch.** A good time was had by all!

**Pasta Dinner** - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tammy Wytovich to help Volunteer. Tickets are ready to be purchased so get with Tammy and purchase 2 tickets! Please see Tammy or Sandy for tickets or to help sell tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 4th. Those volunteering to make baskets, please have them made and to the church by Oct 29th (if perishable, can be dropped off later). If you are donating some kind of dessert, please drop them off 11Nov before noon.

**Special All Parish Meeting TODAY immediately after liturgy to discuss and vote on church insurance**

## ***Parish Prayer List***

**Newly Departed:** Lydia Popov (10/01)

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**Please remember in your prayers LIVING**

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests Michael Evans, John Nightingale, & Theodore Orzolek*

**All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends:** *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

**Servants of God** *Emily Krenitsky, Gregory Krenitsky, Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha (and her unborn child), & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziiichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Maura Elko*

**Catechumen** - *Jason Vo, Santo Joseph Cerminaro, Mikayla Brown*

### **How Much is my tithe**

| Weekly        | 2%   | 4%   | 5%   | 10%   |
|---------------|------|------|------|-------|
| <b>\$200</b>  | \$4  | \$8  | \$10 | \$20  |
| <b>\$500</b>  | \$10 | \$20 | \$25 | \$50  |
| <b>\$750</b>  | \$15 | \$30 | \$37 | \$75  |
| <b>\$1000</b> | \$20 | \$40 | \$50 | \$100 |
| <b>\$1500</b> | \$30 | \$60 | \$75 | \$150 |

**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.

**October Income:** \$5,055.79

**Expenditures:** \$16,997.38

**Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open:** \$3,225.62

**Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open:** \$12,902.49

*Our tithing is down! Please relook at how much you are tithing and increase it by 1%.*



**Galatians 2:20d Christ Gave Himself for Me; Making the Universal God My Own. St**

**John Chrysostom:** What are you doing, Paul, making common things your own, and claiming for yourself what was done on behalf of the whole world? For he says not “who loved us” but “who loved me.” ... But Paul speaks in this highly personal voice, aware of the culpability of human nature and the ineffable compassion of Christ, aware of what he redeems us from and what grace he confers upon us. Burning with desire toward him, he utters this. In just this way did the prophets often make the universal God their own, crying, “My God, my God, I invoke you.” He shows that each of us ought to render as much thanks to Christ as though Christ had come for him alone. For God would not have withheld this gift even from one person. He has the same love for every individual as for the whole world. **Homily on Galatians 2.20.**

**Luke 8:26–27 The Demoniac Naked and Living in Tombs; Demon Possession Shows the Cruelty of Demons. St Cyril of Alexandria:**

In great misery and nakedness, he wandered among the graves of the dead. He was in utter wretchedness, leading a disgraceful life. He was a proof of the cruelty of the demons and a plain demonstration of their impurity.... Whoever they possess and subject to their power, at once they make him an example of great misery, deprived of every blessing, destitute of all sobriety, and entirely deprived even of reason.

Some say, “Why do they possess people?” I answer those who wish to have this explained that the reason of these things is very deep. Somewhere one of his saints addressed God by saying, “Your judgments are a vast abyss.” As long as we bear this in mind, we will perhaps not miss the mark. The God of all purposely permits some to fall into their power. He does not do this so that they may suffer but that we may learn by their example how the demons treat us and may avoid the desire of being subject to them. The suffering of one edifies many. **Commentary on Luke, Homily 44.**