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19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers

Sunday, November 3 - Bud Graham
Sunday, November 10 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, November 17 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, November 24 –Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, December 1 - Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, December 8 - Marybeth Gray
Sunday, December 15 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18

Sunday, November 3

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle:2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel

Thursday, November 7

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, November 10

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Panakhida for the repose of the souls of Gerald Gray, Joseph Boyle and Carl Nickoloff as requested by the Gray Family

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

11 **31** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is
blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. **32** In Damascus
the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city
of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest
me; **33** but I was let down in a basket through a window in
the wall, and escaped from his hands.

The Vision of Paradise

12 It is [a]doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will
come to visions and revelations of the Lord: **2** I know a
man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the
body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not
know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third
heaven. **3** And I know such a man—whether in the body or
out of the body I do not know, God knows— **4** how he was
caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words,
which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **5** Of such a one I
will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my
infirmities. **6** For though I might desire to boast, I will not
be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest
anyone think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears
from me.

The Thorn in the Flesh

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the
abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was
given to me, a messenger of Satan to [b]buffet me, lest I be

exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: Luk6 8:41-56

8 **41** And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, **42** for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. **43** Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, **44** came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her blood flow stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter [a]and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, [b]and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " **46** But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." **47** Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

48 And He said to her, "Daughter, [c]be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house,* saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the [d]Teacher."**50** But when Jesus heard *it,* He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." **51** When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go [e]in except [f]Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. **52** Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." **53** And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

54 But He [g]put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." **55** Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. **56** And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened

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"The woman's faith is reflected in the popular piety,.. in which, during the healing or unction service, not only due the faithful touch the fringe of the priest's stole or stand under it (or under the phelonion,) during the prayers, but also those who cannot be in direct contact create a chain of contact in faith through touching those who are in contact, Thus the touch of faith can be a shared communal act."

Touch and the Healing of the World,

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel, Barachiel and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of 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 ion 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 he 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" (Matthew 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The six-winged **SERAPHIM** (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:2) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The many-eyed **CHERUBIM** (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stands before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people's minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The **THRONES** (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God's justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obedience's. They also encourage them to be patient and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God's commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith

in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

ANGELS (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise the fallen. They never abandon us, and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.

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. Overall 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. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, "Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!" Each person has a guardian angel (Matt 18:10), 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).

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee was elected at the Parish Meeting on Sunday, October 27, to prepare the slate of Officers and Members for the 2025 Parish Council. Please present your Nominees to a member of the **Nominating Committee: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Jefferson Hodge, Mary Marcin.**
Nominations must be made before the General Parish Meeting.

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

The General Parish Meeting for the election of the members of the 2025 Parish Council will be held on **Sunday, November 17, 2025** following the Divine Liturgy.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

From November 15 to January 6, our parish charitable group, the Workers of St. Elizabeth, the New Martyr, will be collecting **socks, gloves, scarfs, caps and warm clothing for the Peter Maurin Center**. Located just 5 minutes north of St. Elia at 1096 Old South Main Street, the Center serves unsheltered and marginalized individuals and families by offering meals, warm clothing and other necessities, and friendship **Look for the bin located near the Parish Family Christmas Tree in the hall and drop off your donated items as you come each week.**

FOR THE ALASKAN DIOCESE – OCA

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart.. God loves a cheerful giver." (2Cor 9:6)

During the month of November – **November 1- December 1**- we will make our charitable offerings in support of the Seminarians and Catechists at St. Herman's Seminary Kodiak, Alaska.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday**, November 15,** forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of Christmas, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast.

The period of six weeks is often called ***Advent*** which means ***The Coming*** and refers to the Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Nativity. Advent is a period of fasting, prayer and Scripture reading, a time of silence, more faithful attendance to the Sacred Services and participation in the Holy Mystery of Confession to enable us to capture more fully Christ's abiding Presence among us.

"Redeeming from the hands of evil, O Lord, Who lovest mankind, Thou comes wrapped in swaddling bands. I venerate Thy divine condescension.

A beautiful and meaningful **Paraklesis, ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE**, in preparation for the Great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be served on the first day of Advent, the Christmas Fast**, Friday, November 15 at 6:00 pm.**

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, together with the Feast of His Baptism in the Jordan, are **Feasts of Light** celebrating the coming and manifestation of **Christ the Light of the world.**

Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of winter, the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas itself, the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness and so do we during the Season of Advent,

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it; one for each Sunday in Advent.

Beginning on Sunday, November 17, we will light the first candle on the wreath as we sing the pre-festive Troparion:

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephrathah, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit: For if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

OUR CATECHUMENS

By the Providence of God, our Parish Family of St. Elia has been entrusted with those who have been sent to us to love them and nourish them in the faith.

Let us pray for our Catechumens:

Daniel Williamson, Randy Warner and his daughter Marceline, as they prepare to be received into the Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Church School Classes are held on Sunday morning following the Divine Liturg**y.**

Preschool: Mrs. Natalie Slife, Mrs. Eve Tavenier;
School Age Mrs. Martha Morelli, Mrs. Frances Hakim
High School: Subdeacon David Trace
Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude

OUR STEWARDSHIP October 27, 2024

Candles:	**$ 69.00**
AC Donation:	**100.00**
Tray Offerings:	**505.00**
TOTAL:	**$674.00**
PayPal Donations:	**$ 34.80**
Tithely Donations:	**556.55**
TOTAL:	**$591.35**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$1,265.43**

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude

Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

Kristopher Barnhart: son of Diego and Chanelle -

REMEMBER **OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Archbishop Alexander

Archbishop Benjamin

Archbishop Nathaniel

Archpriest Emil Huntyan

Archpriest Andrew Moulton

Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak

Matushka Myra Kovalak

Matushka Christine Zebren

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

Matushka Valeria Zahersky

Pani Dolores Zuder

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Reader John Paluch

Florence Lambo

Mary Magensky

Sarah Nigilo

Melissa Trace

Halina Woroncow

Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)

Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew) Hilda Ralich (Dan