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21st Sunday After Pentecost

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Scheduled Readers - 2025
Sunday, November 2 – Bud Graham
Sunday, November 9 – Reader Daniel Slife
Sunday, November 16 – Sandy Graham
Sunday, November 23 – Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus of Persia
Saturday, November 1
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 21-14
Sunday, November 2
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Holyday:

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

November 7
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5

Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus
Saturday, October 8
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, October 9
9:00 am Greeting of Archbishop Alexander
9:30 am Tonsure of Daniel Slife
Pontifical Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Daniel Slife
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Gospels: Luke 8:41-56

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the
law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in
Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ
and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the
law no flesh shall be justified.

17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we
ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a
minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again
those things which I destroyed, I make myself a
transgressor. 19 For I through the law died to the law
that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with
Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for
me.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

26 Then they sailed to the country of the [a]Gadarenes, which
is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He stepped out on the land,
there met Him a certain man from the city who had
demons [b]for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did
he live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus,
he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice
said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most
High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" 29 For He had
commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For
had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound

with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”
And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.
34 When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was [c]healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the [d]Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM
2025-2026, October 5 – April 26

After Father Don has completed giving Holy Communion and has taken the Chalice to the side table, the children will go down to the hall for their classes. **Please refrain from congregating and talking in the hall during this time.**

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER'S PASTORAL VISIT NEXT SUNDAY

Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us on **Saturday, November 8, for Vespers, and on Sunday, November 9** for the celebration of the Pontifical Divine Liturgy. Our Chancellor, Igumen Arcady Migunov will be accompanying Archbishop Alexander.

We will greet the Archbishop with the traditional Bread and Salt **at 9:00 am**, followed by the Entrance Prayers and the Vesting of the Archbishop

With the encouragement and blessing of Archbishop Alexander, Daniel Slife has entered our Diocesan Deaconal Program. At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy the Archbishop will Tonsure Daniel as a Reader.

After Vespers on Saturday we will go to *Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant. (*We will all be covering our own expenses.) Reservations can be made by signing the list located in the Church Vestibule TODAY, OR by phoning Father Don (330-724-7009) no later than Tuesday, November 4.

PARISH MEETING

A General Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 16,** following the Divine Liturgy to elect the 2026 Saint Elia Parish Council. **Please submit your Nominees to a member of the Nominating Committee: Anastasia Bohush, Reader Joshua Wherley, Daniel Williamson**

FOR THE ALASKAN SEMINARY OCA

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

During Advent – from **November 15 - December 14-** we will make our charitable offerings in support of the Seminarians and Catechists enrolled at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska.

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST

The Nativity Fast, Advent, begins on Saturday, Nov 15. On **Friday November 14 at 6:00 pm The Advent Paraclesis will be served as we begin to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**

OUR STEWARDSHIP – October 26, 2025

Candles:	**$ 72.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**870.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**424.12**
TOTAL:	**$1,366.12**

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). ***OCA Web Page***

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco Kristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBERING OUR SICK & SHUTINS

Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
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