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NOVEMBER 8, 2026 – 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael

Scripture Readings	Services
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 Luke 12:13-15, 22:31 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 1 Thessalonians 3:9:13 Luke 12:42-48 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 12:48-59 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 Luke 13:1-9 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24:28 Luke 13:31-35 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:37-43 *All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows: https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/* **Reminder**: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.	**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4** Bible Study……6:30 p.m. **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7** Great Vespers...……4:00 p.m. **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost** **Synaxis of the Archangel Michael** Divine Liturgy……...9:00 a.m. **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11** Bible Study……6:30 p.m. ***Veteran's Day*** **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14** Great Vespers……4:00 p.m. **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 24th Sunday after Pentecost** Divine Liturgy…….....9:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting……...11:30 a.m. ***[Nativity Fast Begins]***

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the 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 Feast Day was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in 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 the 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" (Mt. 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.
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> > The many-eyed CHERUBIM (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand 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.
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> > 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 obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

Continue reading: ***https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/11/08/103244-synaxis-of-the-archangel-michael-and-the-other-bodiless-powers***

Ephesians 2:4-10 ***(Epistle)***

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Hebrews 2:2-10 ***(Epistle, Angels)***

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,
3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,
4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?
5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.
6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: “What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him?
7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.
8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.
9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.
10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Luke 8:41-56 ***(Gospel)***

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 flow of blood stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, 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, 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 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 in except 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 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.

Luke 10-16-21 ***(Gospel Angels)***

16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

November 8 – Carol Kirkman
November 15 – George Kasper

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW … This week's cleanup crew is P through Z. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Daria Ploski-Slavin. Thank you!

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CHRIST THE SAVIOR PARISH … in Southbury on Sunday, **November 8** at 4:00 p.m. for the Vespers of St. Nektarios. There will be a procession with his relics, prayers for the sick, and anointing with the oil from St Nektarios' tomb. A buffet to follow. On Monday, **November 9**, there will be Divine Liturgy at 9:15, and all are invited. (See attached.)

OCTOBER WAS ANOTHER BUSY MONTH AT FOCUS BPT … From sharing snacks and a hot dinner with students and families at Beardsley School to welcoming our neighbors for community meals, each opportunity helps us build relationships and make God's love visible. We were blessed to add more new volunteers to our ranks this month who helped us low our neighbors!

Volunteers from the Orthodox community prepared 300 snack bags for Beardsley students, and welcomed them with hugs and high-fives. A special thank-you to nOURish Bridgeport, our community pantry partner, for helping us with food for this ongoing ministry! The family night meal at Beardsley called for pasta! Our prep team cooked and assembled the meal and the second shift set up for service with a smile!

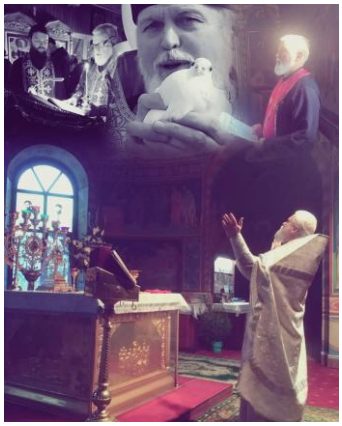
ST JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH FAIR … is scheduled for Saturday, **November 14th** 10AM-3PM. See the attached flyer for more information.

FOCUS BRIDGEPORT is holding a Thanksgiving food drive. Please bring non-perishable items to church for donation **by November 15**. Volunteer spots are available also for the Thanksgiving party at Beardsley School on **November 19**. Please email FOCUS director Linda Kolton to sign up: Lkolton@focusna.org

FOCUS BRIDGEPORT WELCOMES OCA DIOCESAN CHOIR OF NEW ENGLAND & LOCAL ORTHODOX CHOIRS … for a free Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert celebrating the Nativity of our Lord on Sunday, **December 13th** at 4:00 p.m. at St John the Baptist Orthodox Church on Mill Hill Avenue. A light reception will follow the concert, providing time to enjoy fellowship with friends, family, and fellow members of the Orthodox community.
Admission is free, but advance RSVP is requested. (See attached flyer) **RSVP Today!**

DIVINE LITURGY, NOVEMBER 1 / ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Congratulations to Richard Jankura for years of dedicated service to the Council and to Holy Ghost! May God Grant him Many years!



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PARISH METRICS (NOVEMBER 8 THRU NOVEMBER 14)

BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Jackson Pronechen, November 8th (11 yrs old); Daniel Roosien, November 11th (12 yrs old)

Belated birthday: Wayne Bloomfield, November 5th

God Grant them Many Years! ***Многая лета!***

(Parishioners are reminded: Please see me, Barb Dulin, if you would like your birthdays and anniversaries included in the bulletin. Thanks!)

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

NOVEMBER 8 – John Marketan, 1950 (36); Elias (Alex) Laytar, 1958 (68); Nicholas Pisaretz, Sr., 1973 (87); Stephanie Curran, 1998 (76); Dorothy Drevanik, 2000 (74)
NOVEMBER 9 – Juliana Lukach, 1925 (58); Anna Jankura, 1946 (68); Charles W. Dougiello, 1956; Catherine Fadus, 1979; Jean Tabak, 2001 (83)
NOVEMBER 10 – Ivan Milchan, 1924 (38); Justina Buiak, 1940 (48); Joseph Kochiss, Sr., 1950 (77); Joseph Sivec, 1963 (69); John Jankura, Sr., 1967 (59); Ann M. Dougiello, 1999; Frank G. Pistey, Jr., 2004 (75); James Cooper, 2008 (86)
NOVEMBER 11 – Sergei Blago, 1918 (24); Nicholas Makarevich, 1946 (62); Feodor Renko, 1966 (86); Mary Garbinski Super, 1973 (64); Serge Sinder, 1974 (78); Albert Fosko, 1975 (84); Anna F. Jankura, 1986 (87)
NOVEMBER 12 – Dimitry Balama, 1918 (8 months); Mary Super Krochta, 1977 (72)
NOVEMBER 13 – Edward Makar, 1917; Paul Borowick, 1947 (56); Martha Gernat, 1965 (60); Doris Plaskon, 1993 (72); Stephen J. Postic, 2007 (84)
NOVEMBER 14 – Stephen Piatsky, 1929; Paraskeva Gavrish, 1946; Leon Drevanik, 1959; Alexandra Sckovish, 1962; Stephen Gerak, 1984 (75); Walter A. Yanosy, 2002 (85)

Memory Eternal! ***Вечная память!***