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**Sunday November 10, 2019** 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. *Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius (1st c.). Martyr Orestes of Cappadocia (204). Hieromartyr Milles, Bishop in Persia, and two disciples (341). Ven. Theocteristus, Abbot of Symbola on Mt. Olympus, Bithynia (8th c.). Martyr Constantine, Prince of Georgia (852).*

## **This Week's Schedule**

Thursday 11/14 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Friday 11/15 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 11/16 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 11/17 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*followed by Church School*

## **Reader Schedule**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u></b>	<b><u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u></b>	<b><u>EPISTLE</u></b>
Nov 10	SULPIZI	J PECK	CAREY
Nov 17	DORAZIO	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Nov 21	ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Nov 24	SKOMORUCHA	SULPIZI	LEWIS
Dec 01	J PECK	PECK	PECK

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the women Disciples of the Lord  
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the Apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy!”

### **Tone 3 Troparion**      *(Apostles of the Seventy)*

Holy Apostles, Erástus, Olýmpas, Heródion, Sosipáter, Qúartus and  
Tértius,  
entreat the merciful God,  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

### **Tone 4 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their  
chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master,//  
He has risen on the third day!

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Apostles of the Seventy)*

Illumined by divine light, O holy Apostles,  
you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry.  
When you caught all the pagans you brought them to the Master  
and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them  
all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very  
great! (Ps 103/104:1)*

## **Epistle Galatians 2:16-20**

*Brethren, 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.*

*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! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.*

*For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.*

*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.*

### **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)*

*v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)*

## **Gospel Luke 10:25-37**

*And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"*

*And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."*

*But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.*

*Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

*Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.*

*But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.*

*So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

*On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'*

*So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"*

*And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcements**

***St Michaels Day Celebration*** A joyous feast to all on the occasion of the feast day of the Archangel Michael and all the Bodiless powers!  
Don't forget today after Divine Liturgy we will have our St. Michael's day dinner. All are welcome!

***The Nativity Fast*** This is just a reminder that the Nativity Fast begins this week (Nov.15th). The fast continues until the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew's Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: 'Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wisemen, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb' (Vesperal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day). Please try and make an effort!

**Archbishop MARK to Visit** His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be with us on Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to award Father Deacon James Carpenter the Double Orarion (*orare* means to pray). Deacon James celebrates the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. We are thankful to God for Deacon James service to Christ's Holy Altar and we look forward to Archbishop Mark's visit. We will also have a special potluck luncheon following liturgy that day with a St. Barbara's Day celebration. Join us!

**Family Promise** Dec. 2, 3 and 5 we will cook/serve dinner to local homeless families at St. Philips Lutheran Church 5320 Limestone Rd, Wilmington DE 19808. Please sign up on FP board in the narthex to share our bounty, compassion and love to our less fortunate neighbors. See Ellen Gundersen for details.

**Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple** Several feasts are dedicated to the Mother of God commemorating and celebrating her life. Next Tuesday evening we will celebrate Her entrance in to the Temple. In this feast we encounter the holiness of Mary as a small child separated from the world, brought to live in the Temple a life set apart, consecrated, and in a state of intimacy with God. "A deep mystery covers the earthly life of the Most-Holy Theotokos from her childhood to her repose. Her life in the Jerusalem Temple was concealed. 'If you were to ask me,' said the Blessed Jerome, 'how the Most-Holy Virgin passed the time of her youth, I would answer that this is known only to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel detailed to protect her.'"(TTWH) We will celebrate this feast with Vespers Wed. Nov 20th at 7:00p.m. and Divine Liturgy Thurs. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Study Group** This past Thursday eight of us started chapter eight of the gospel of St. Matthew. We read and discussed the healing of the man with leprosy and talked about the touch of Christ in His humanity. We will continue with chapter eight this coming Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

**Church Library** Be sure to check out a book or DVD during the Nativity fast! Remember that continued education in our faith is necessary for effective and enduring discipleship and stewardship.

**Women's Retreat** A Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Department Curriculum and Education of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA, will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at St. Tikhon's Monastery. The topic for this year's retreat is: "We Are Pilgrims On This

Earth.” The speaker will be Fr Theodore Petrides. The cost for the retreat is \$10 which includes lunch. It is open to all women. Registration must be received by November 9, 2019. For more information, please contact Matushka Emilia Shepherd (910)988-3462 / [officermillie79@gmail.com](mailto:officermillie79@gmail.com).

**Coffee Hour/Service Duty/ Volunteers** We are beginning to compile our 2020 stewardship lists for coffee hour, candle duty, and church cleaning. As Julianne Peck mentioned in her email, we are looking for new volunteers to sign up for coffee hour and also candle duty and church cleaning. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for any new volunteers. If you wish to work as a team, please identify it on the sheet. Also, let us know if there are any other changes to last year’s list as this will be used as our starting point. Thank you in advance for your service.

**Amazon Smile for St. Michael’s** At this time of year, as Nativity approaches, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael’s could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael’s a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael’s, so it is easy to use. We have already been receiving benefits from this program. Just type the address into your web browser. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

**Veterans collection** Thanks to all who donated to our Veterans collection. A total of \$725 was donated. We’ll deliver gift cards to the local VA Hospital. Your generosity helps them who serve our country!

### ***Be Sure Not to Do the Wrong Work***

*On one day the Church commemorates angels, not only the Archangel Michael, who is named, but "all the other bodiless powers" as well. Among these other celestial beings is the Archangel Jehudiel, who like the others has a special role in God's plan. Jehudiel is known as the angel of work. In particular, he watches over those who work for God's glory, encouraging them, strengthening them and giving them wisdom. In Colossians 2:13 to 3:3 Saint Paul writes about angels, but he is not describing the kind of benevolent care that Jehudiel and the others have*

*for us. He is concerned that some people misunderstand what angels are, and give them a kind of respect that should be offered only to God. Paul's worry is that false teachers are exerting great influence over the Colossian Christians. These teachers seem outwardly to be following the Gospel's warnings against self-indulgence, by "promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body" (2:23). But such teaching is empty and even harmful, Paul says, because it doesn't come from Christ. It is the result of someone being "puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind" (2:18) and pretending to have some kind of supernatural knowledge. It only has the "appearance of wisdom." "What's wrong with you, Colossians?" Paul seems to be asking. He reminds them that when they learned to worship Jesus Christ as the true God, they were freed from the old, oppressive belief that "elemental spirits" ruled their lives and must be placated. Why, he asks, are they now willing to listen to these teachers who ask them to return to the worship of angels? Why do they agree to submit to unnecessary regulations such as "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (2:21)? All the regulations imposed by these teachers are a lot of work. Their followers must know what things to avoid, what things to do regularly, and what are the best ways to keep from being "disqualified" by their teachers. Paul encourages the Colossians to forget all that, because it is the wrong work. He suggests that they do some other things: Hold fast to Christ who is the Head, and seek and set their minds on the things that are above rather than those that are on earth (2: 19, 3:1-2). Yes, these things are also work, but they are the right kind, because they lead to salvation. They are the kind of work that the Archangel Jehudiel can support and assist.*

*It's true that we cannot understand everything about life or the world, because our "life is hid with Christ in God" (2: 3). But Christ is our life, and when He appears and is manifested in glory, "then you also will appear with Him in glory" (3:4).*

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

**Prayers for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak David Rex, Marie Weremedic

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>10-Nov</b>	St. Michael's Day Dinner Riley/Hojnicky	Bunitsky/Morjana	Carey	Maloney
<b>17-Nov</b>	Najemy/Kendall	Riley/Riley	Baldychev/Shatley/	Gundersen
<b>24-Nov</b>	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Sulpizi/Finck	Suplizi	Farrell
<b>1-Dec</b>	J. Peck/Weins	Hojnicky/Souder	Riley	Skomorucha
<b>8-Dec</b>	Hojnicky/Flynn/Roberts	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky/Finck	Maloney
<b>15-Dec</b>	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Bunitsky/Morjana	Farrell	Gundersen

***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

St. Michael's Luncheon Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

Nativity Fast Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

Archbishop MARK visit Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

Family Promise Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> , & 5<sup>th</sup>