



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Welcome Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today. It is good to have you all with us!

St. Michael's Party – Sunday, November 6th

Today, November 6th (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of Archangel Michael – November 8th) we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children. After the Divine Liturgy, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Questions, please see Mat. Emily.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

21st Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

St. Michael & Bodiless Powers

9:00a.m. Akathist
 7:00p.m. Great Vespers

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

St. Nectarios of Aegina

10:00a.m. Cancelled – No Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

5:00p.m. Bible Study
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

St. John Chrysostom

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour
 Parish Council Meeting



Coffee Hour / Barbeque – Sunday, November 6th

Today, we will fire up the grill for the last time in 2011 – offering hotdogs, hamburgers, and other barbeque items. "Thank You" to Alice Peters for coordinating and to everyone else who brought food and/or cooked for helping!

Variance Hearing at Snow Hill, MD – Thurs, Nov. 10th @ 6:30pm
 Worcester County Government Center, 1st floor, room 1102.

The Parish Council – Sunday, November 13th
 will meet on Sunday, November 13th. Everyone is invited to attend.

OCF @ Salisbury University – Nov. 14th

This Monday night at 7pm, a talk/discussion will be offered by Fr. John at Salisbury University. The topic of this OCF initiative is "The Development of the New Testament Canon". All are welcome to attend!



LAST CALL: 2012 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 a piece and the pocket planners \$4.00. Today is the last day for the order sheet. Please be sure to sign-up today!

The Nativity Fast

begins Nov. 15th, and ends with the reception of Holy Communion of Christmas, Dec. 25th. As with all fasting seasons, our repentance should be coupled with the Sacrament of Holy Confession.

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 13th

Bruce Eckerd

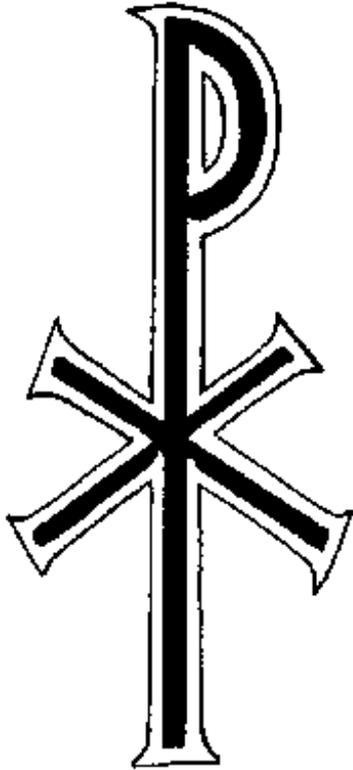
Sunday, Nov. 20th

Jodi McElwee



Prayer List: Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Mat. Lisa, Kelly Elizabeth & child, Bill Parrish, Fa-zealle, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Jerrie Rife, Wallace & Michelle, Ryan & Kayla, Maleah Morse, Victoria Kokkinos, Ed Tucker, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Simeon, Scott & Maryann, Roman Szwec, Garrett Cuppels, Jane Koshutko, Nicholas & Linda, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Troy Duker, Mary Miranda, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Lilly Barnett, Amy F., Nedelina, Henrietta Stack, John.

OPERATING THRU 10/31/11			OCTOBER OPERATING			BUILDING FUND		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Difference	Income	Goal	Difference
42,927	54,253	-11,326	3,951	6,662	-2,711	19,670	20,000	-330



ORTHODOXY 101 – QUIZ #1

- 1) Who was the first Christian martyr?
- 2) What Emperor falsely blamed Christians for the great fire which broke out in Rome in 64 AD?
- 3) What did the Gnostics claim to have that they said even the Apostles of Christ did not have?
- 4) When was the first time the books of the New Testament were listed as we have them today?
- 5) Who issued the Edit of Milan? And what did this do for Christianity?
- 6) According to the Acts of the Apostles, who presided at the Council of Jerusalem in 50 AD: the Apostle Peter, Paul, or James?
- 7) (True or False) In the early Church confession was public.
- 8) In what year was Jerusalem destroyed by Emperor Titus?
- 9) According to the Didache, "The Teaching of the Apostles" (100-120 AD), what do Christians do on Wednesdays and Fridays?
- 10) Who was the only of the Twelve Apostles not to be martyred?

See answers below. No cheating! ☺



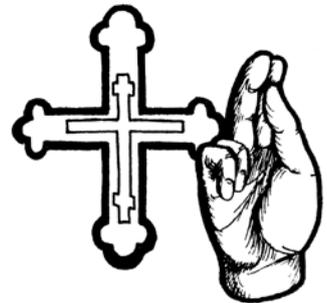
NOVEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

Birthdays:

- 11/7 Alice Jenkins
- 11/8 Andrei Labai
- 11/27 Isabelle Bekeshka
- 11/29 Jacob McFarland

Namesdays:

- 11/8 *Holy Angels*
Michael Cook
Michael McFarland
Richard (Michael) Evanusa
Michael Barbarita
Gabriel Morsey
Gabriela Jones
- 11/24 *St. Catherine the Great*
Katherine Cook
Kathy Parrish
Catherine Lupiwok
Kathryn Rose Barbarita
- 11/30 *St. Andrew the Apostle*
Andrew Hageman
Andrei Labai



Answers to the Orthodoxy 101 Quiz

1. Saint Stephen.
2. Nero
3. Secret knowledge. Each Gnostic leader claimed to know the true teachings of Christ.
4. 367 AD, the list first appeared in a Paschal Epistle of Saint Athanasius.
5. Saint Constantine the Great. The Edict made Christianity a legalized religion, though not the official religion of the Empire.
6. Saint James the Brother of the Lord, the first bishop of Jerusalem.
7. True
8. 70 AD
9. They fasted in honor of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion.
10. Saint John the Theologian

THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN

Commemorated on November 8th – From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The heretics wove all sorts of fables concerning the angels. Some of them looked upon angels as gods; others, although they did not consider them gods, called them the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. On the day of the Dread Judgment, the multitude of the hosts of the holy angels of heaven will gather around the throne of Christ, and the deeds, words, and thoughts of every man will be revealed before all. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.

ST. NECTARIOS OF AEGINA

Commemorated on November 9th

St. Nectarios, earthly name was Anastasios, as he was called, was from a very poor family in nineteenth century Selybria, in Thrace. He attempted to board a ship to Constantinople to find work, but he had no money for a ticket. The engines of the ship roared, yet it would not move until young Anastasios was permitted aboard. En route, the sea once raged, but Anastasios dipped his cross, which contained a piece of the True Cross, into the water three times, praying "Silence! Be still." The waters became still, but he lost his cross. As the ship continued, a loud continuous knocking was heard from beneath the ship.



When they arrived at their destination, the sailors found the cross stuck to the bottom of the ship, as if the holy Cross of our Lord led the ship... When he was 29 years of age, he became a monk on the island of Chios. The patriarch sent him to study theology in Athens, and he was ordained Priest Nektarios (when you become a monk your name is changed), and later the Bishop of Pentapolis.

However, owing to jealousy and alleged improprieties, he was removed from office, only to be rejected again in Athens and island of Euboiea. He suffered as a pauper, but he persevered, and his integrity and his wisdom shone through. The people of Euboiea embraced him. He became the Dean of the School of Theology in Athens in 1910 and helped begin a convent and became a spiritual father with healing powers for many throughout Greece. Ten years later, he was taken from Aegina to a hospital ward in Athens for the poor and incurable. He gave up his spirit there, and they prepared him for burial. His sweater was placed on the nearby bed of a paralytic, who suddenly regained his strength and walked. The room, which has since become a chapel, was filled with a beautiful fragrance for many days after his repose in the Lord our God. Healings are seen throughout the world to this day by the saint's holy prayers. He is considered the patron saint of those with cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, for those who are seeking a job, and epilepsy. St. Nectarios lived from 1846 until 1920. On Nov. 9th, he reposed in the Lord.

CAN YOU SLEEP WHILE THE WIND BLOWS?

Years ago, a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals.

Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man.

Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's

sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows."



Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried

outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down.

Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

Moral of the Story

When you're prepared, spiritually, mentally, and physically, you have nothing to fear. Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life? The hired hand in the story was able to sleep because he had secured the farm against the storm. We secure ourselves against the storms of life by grounding ourselves in the Word of God.

By an unknown author

SAINT PHILARET THE MERCIFUL

From a village of Paphlagonia (modern Turkey), Philaret was at first a man of some substance, but, as a result of his constant almsgiving, he became utterly destitute. He was not afraid of poverty, and went on with his charitable works with trust in the Lord who has said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy", paying no attention to the disapproval of his wife and children. Once, when he was ploughing in his meadow, a man came to him with the news of the death of his ox in harness, and of his inability to plough with only one ox, so Philaret unharnessed his own and gave it to him. He gave away his remaining horse to a man who was called away to battle, and the calf from his remaining cow – and, when he saw how the cow pined after her calf, gave the man the cow as well. And so the aged Philaret was left hungry in an empty house. But he prayed to God, entrusting himself to Him. God does not abandon the righteous man, allowing him to be shamed in his hope. At that time, the Empress Irene was on the throne with her young son Constantine and, in accordance with the custom of the time, the Empress sent men through the whole Empire to find the best and most distinguished maiden to wed her son. By divine Providence, these men happened upon Philaret's home and beheld his very beautiful and modest grand-daughter Maria and they took her to Constantinople. The Emperor was well-pleased with her and took her to wife, and brought Philaret and all his family to the capital, showering honor and wealth upon them. Philaret did not become proud in this change of fortune but, with gratitude to God, performed still greater deeds of charity than before, remaining thus for the rest of his days. At the age of ninety, he called all his children to him and, having blessed them and instructed them to cleave to God and His Law, foretold to each of them how their lives would develop, just as our forefather Jacob did aforesaid. When he had done this, he went to a monastery and there gave his soul into God's hands. At his death, his face shone like the sun and a sweet fragrance arose from his body, and miracles were worked over his relics. This righteous man of God went to his rest in 797. His wife and all his children and grandchildren lived and died in the Lord.



From the Prologue by Saint Nikolai of Zicha