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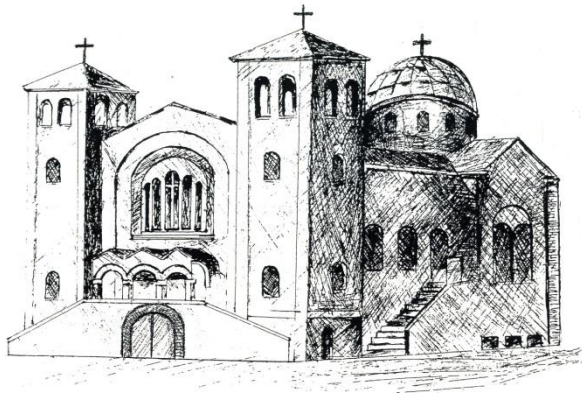
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Sunday, November 3, 2019

5th Sunday of Luke



Οικουμενικόν Πατριαρχεῖον
Ιερά Μητρόπολις Νέας Ιερσέης
Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία
ΘΕΙΑΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ
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ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ & ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΩΝ

Κυριακή, 3 Νοεμβρίου, 2019

Ε' Λουκά

9:00 π.μ. – 12:00 μ.μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Ημέρα της Φιλοπτώχου

Ο καφές σερβίρεται από τη Φιλόπτωχο

Τρίτη, 5 Νοεμβρίου, 2019

6:00 μ.μ. Παράκληση

Τετάρτη, 6 Νοεμβρίου, 2019

4:30 μ.μ. - 6:15 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Παρασκευή, 8 Νοεμβρίου, 2019

Σύναξις Ταξιαρχών Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

4:30 μ.μ. - 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο

7:00 μ.μ. Εσπερινός (Κλίφτον)

Σάββατο, 9 Νοεμβρίου, 2019

Νεκτάριος ο Θαυματουργός

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή, 10 Νοεμβρίου, 2019

Η' Λουκά

9:00 π.μ. – 12:00 μ.μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή αφιερωμένη σε άτομα με Αναπηρίες

Ο καφές σερβίρεται από το ΠΤΟ

1:15 μ.μ. Επαναπρογραμματισμένη 2η Γενική Συνέλευση

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, November 3, 2019

5th Sunday of Luke

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Philoptochos Day

The Coffee is served by the Philoptochos

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. Paraklesis

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Greek School

Friday, November 8, 2019

Synaxis of the Archangels

9:00 a.m. Orthros, D. Liturgy

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Greek School

7:00 p.m. Vespers (Clifton)

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Nektarios the Wonderworker

9:00 a.m. Orthros, D. Liturgy

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8th Sunday of Luke

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Inclusion Awareness Sunday

Coffee is served by the PTO

1:15 p.m. Rescheduled General Assembly Meeting

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 1:11-19 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἠκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφήν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἰστορήσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἐτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

The reading is from St. Paul's

Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 16:19-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ανάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραϊνόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἠλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιγίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ἄδη ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὄρᾳ τὸν Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακὰ· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾶσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δὲ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρὸς μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφήτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῆ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῆ πεισθήσονται.

The Gospel According to Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Σύναξις των Αρχαγγέλων Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ και των
λοιπών Ασωμάτων και Ουράνιων Αγγελικών Ταγμάτων
Στις 8 Νοεμβρίου, είναι ημέρα ανάμνησης της Σύναξης των
Αρχαγγέλων Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ και των λοιπών Ασωμάτων
και Ουράνιων Αγγελικών Ταγμάτων. Η λέξη Σύναξη
ερμηνεύεται, σε σχέση με τη συγκεκριμένη εορτή, ως προσοχή,
ομόνοια και ένωση, καθώς επίσης και σε ανάμνηση της
αποστασίας του σατανά. Ο Θεός και Δημιουργός του
σύμπαντος κόσμου, εκτός από τον ορατό και υλικό κόσμο,
δημιούργησε και τον αΐλο και αόρατο Αγγελικό κόσμο, ως
Ποιητής «ορατών τε πάντων και αοράτων». Οι Άγγελοι είναι
ασώματοι και αΐλοι. Υμνούν τον Θεό ακατάπαυστα.
Περικυκλώνουν τον Θρόνο του Θεού στον Ουρανό, αλλά
στέκονται με δέος, φόβο και σεβασμό, όπου δεν μπορούν να
ατενίσουν τον Θεό κατά πρόσωπο. Γι'αυτό και καλύπτουν με
τις πτέρυγές τους το πρόσωπό τους. Συγκεκριμένα, ο Θεός
δημιούργησε δέκα Τάγματα Αγγέλων, τα εννέα από τα οποία
έχουν τις εξής ονομασίες : Σεραφίμ, Χερουβίμ, Αρχάγγελοι και
Άγγελοι. Ο επικεφαλής του δεκάτου τάγματος, ήταν ο
Εωσφόρος.

Τι συνέβη και ο Θεός τον έριξε από την ουράνια δόξα; Γιατί τον
έδιωξε από κοντά του; Λοιπόν, ο Διάβολος λόγο της
υπερβολικής του υπερηφάνειας, καυχήθηκε ότι θα βάλει τον
θρόνο του πάνω στις νεφέλες του ουρανού και ότι θα γίνει
όμοιος με τον Θεό και αμέσως μόλις τα σκέφτηκε αυτά ο
Διάβολος έπεσε απ' την ουράνια δόξα και το αρχαγγελικό του
αξίωμα. Και το τάγμα του Εωσφόρου έπεσε μαζί του, κι από
φωτεινοί Άγγελοι έγιναν σκοτεινοί και δαίμονες !!!

Ο Αρχιστράτηγος Μιχαήλ είδε αυτήν την πτώση των Αγγέλων
και κατενόησε την αιτία της. Τότε με υποταγή και ταπείνωση
επέδειξε την πίστη του προς τον Θεό και φύλαξε και την δική
του δόξα και λαμπρότητα που του είχε χαρίσει ο Θεός, αλλά και
την δόξα όλων των Αγγέλων. Για την υποταγή του αυτή ο Θεός
όρισε ο Μιχαήλ να είναι ο πρώτος των Αγγελικών τάξεων. Ο
Αρχάγγελος Μιχαήλ μάζεψε και ένωσε σε ένα, όλους τους

Αγγέλους και τους φώναζε το "Πρόσχωμεν", δηλαδή να
προσέξουν και να κατανοήσουν τι έπαθαν αυτοί οι εκπεσόντες
Άγγελοι, οι δαίμονες, για την υπερηφάνειά τους. Να στοχαστούν
οι Άγγελοι και να κατανοήσουν τι είναι ο Θεός και τι είναι ο
Άγγελος. Ο Θεός είναι ο Δεσπότης και ο Δημιουργός του παντός
και οι Άγγελοι είναι δούλοι και κτίσματα του Θεού. Κι έτσι οι
Άγγελοι ανύμνησαν και δόξασαν τον Θεό και είπαν τον Αγγελικό
ύμνο "Άγιος, Άγιος, Άγιος Κύριος Σαβαώθ, πλήρης ο ουρανός
και η γη της δόξης αυτού". (πληροφορίες από το ιστολόγιο
"Παναγία η Ελεούσα Μαλακόντα")

Όπως γνωρίζουμε ο Αρχάγγελος Μιχαήλ, που το όνομά του
σημαίνει "Η δύναμη του Θεού" είναι προστάτης της πολεμικής
αεροπορίας. Ο αρχ. Μιχαήλ θεωρείται από το λαό ότι είναι ο
ψυχοπομπός άγγελος, δηλ. μεταφέρει τις ψυχές στον ουρανό.
Μάλιστα σε ορισμένες περιοχές, όπως τη Θράκη, υπάρχουν
κάποιες προλήψεις και ο κόσμος δεν αφήνει τη μέρα αυτή τα
παπούτσια του έξω από το σπίτι, για να μην τα δει ο Αρχάγγελος
και «ενθυμηθεί αυτούς και αναλάβει εκ της ζωής». Φορούσε
σιδερένια παπούτσια και έτρεχε παντού να προστατεύσει τους
χριστιανούς.

Γι' αυτό και οι προσκυνητές καταφθάνουν με τεράστιες λαμπάδες για
τάματα και ασημένια παπούτσια. Τα τελευταία του τα αλλάζουν κάθε
χρόνο γιατί τα λιώνει καθώς «πηγαίνει» να βοηθήσει όλον αυτόν τον
κόσμο που τον χρειάζεται.

Στη Σύμη, το ακριτικό νησί των Δωδεκανήσων, ο Ταξιάρχης είναι ο
προστάτης των ναυτικών και του προσφέρονται τάματα που τα
ρίχνουν στη θάλασσα. Τα μοναστήρια που είναι αφιερωμένα στον
Ταξιάρχη Μιχαήλ(Μανταμάδου- Μυτιλήνη, Μονή του Ταξιάρχη
Μιχαήλ του Πανορμίτη στη Σύμη, της Θάσου και αλλού) είναι πόλος
έλξης για τους προσκυνητές τις ημέρες αυτές.

Ο Αρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ, που το όνομά του σημαίνει "Άνθρωπος του
Θεού" είναι ο άγγελος που έφερε το μήνυμα του Ευαγγελισμού στη
Θεοτόκο (αυτός την έτρεφε 12 χρόνια μέσα στον Ναό).

Και οι δύο έχουν εμφανιστεί πολλές φορές στην Παλαιά και στην
Κενή Διαθήκη, για να μεταφέρουν το μήνυμα του Θεού στους
ανθρώπους. Είναι οι αρχηγοί όλων των Αγγέλων. Και οι εικόνες τους
είναι θαυματοργές.

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 Feastday 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 6:12) 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) 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.

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.

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 up 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.

Over all 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!”

According to Church Tradition, and in the church services to the Archangel Michael, he participated in many other Old Testament events. During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Through him the power of the Lord was made manifest, annihilating the Egyptians and Pharaoh who were in pursuit of the Israelites. The Archangel Michael defended Israel in all its misfortunes. He appeared to Joshua Son of Navi and revealed the will of the Lord at the taking of Jericho (Josh 5:13-16). The power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185,000 soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliiodorus (2 Macc. 3: 24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Dan 3:22-25). Through the will of God, the Chief Commander Michael transported the Prophet Habbakuk (December 2) from Judea to Babylon, to give food to Daniel in the lions’ den (Dan. 14:33-37). The Archangel Michael disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9). The holy Archangel Michael showed his power when he miraculously saved a young man, cast into the sea by robbers with a stone about his neck on the shores

of Mt Athos. This story is found in the Athonite Paterikon, and in the Life of Saint Neophytus of Docheiariou (November 9). From ancient times the Archangel Michael was famed for his miracles in Rus. In the Volokolamsk Paterikon is a narrative of Saint Paphnutius of Borov with an account of Tatar tax-gatherers concerning the miraculous saving of Novgorod the Great: “Therefore Great Novgorod was never taken by the Hagarenes... when... for our sins the godless Hagarene emperor Batu devoured and set the Russian land aflame and came to Novgorod, and God and the Most Holy Theotokos shielded it with an appearance of Michael the Archangel, who forbade him to enter into it. He [Batu] was come to the Lithuanian city and came toward Kiev and saw the stone church, over the doors of which the great Archangel Michael had written and spoken to the prince his allotted fate, ‘By this we have forbidden you entry into Great Novgorod’.

” Intercession for Russian cities by the Most Holy Queen of Heaven always involved Her appearances with the Heavenly Hosts, under the leadership of the Archangel Michael. Grateful Rus acclaimed the Most Pure Mother of God and the Archangel Michael in church hymns. Many monasteries, cathedrals, court and merchant churches are dedicated to the Chief Commander Michael. In old Kiev at the time of the accepting of Christianity, a cathedral of the Archangel was built, and a monastery also was named for him.

Archangel cathedrals are found at Smolensk, Nizhni Novgorod, Staritsa, at Great Ustiug (beginning of the thirteenth century), and a cathedral at Sviyazhsk. In Rus there was not a city where there was not a church or chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael.

One of the chief temples of the city of Moscow, the burial church in the Kremlin, is dedicated to him. Numerous and beautiful icons of the Chief Commander of the Heavenly Hosts are also in his Cathedral. One of these, the Icon “Blessed Soldiery,” was painted in the Dormition Cathedral of the Moscow Kremlin. The saintly soldiers, Russian princes, are depicted under the leadership of the Archangel Michael. We invoke Saint Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies.

The life of St Nektarios the Wonderworker

The divine Nektarios of Aegina, is one of the most widely known of Greek Orthodox Saints. He was born on October 1st, 1846 in Silyvria, in Asia Minor (now occupied by Turkey). At Holy Baptism he was given the name Anastasios. His parents were simple pious Christians. They brought him up in a manner pleasing to God, and did what their very limited means allowed for his formal education. Having completed elementary school in his hometown, he left for the great city of Constantinople at the age of 14. There, he found employment as a shop assistant and was able to earn a meager living. As well as regularly attending the Divine Liturgy, he also read the Holy Scriptures and Writings of the Holy Fathers of the Church on a daily basis. From his wide reading, the young Anastasios made a collection of wise sayings, which he fervently spread to the customers of his store by writing them on the paper used to wrap their goods. He was selected to teach the lower grades of the orphanage of the All-Holy Sepulchre in Constantinople. This allowed him to continue his studies, for he longed to become a Theologian. In 1866, at the age of 20, Anastasios went to the island of Chios, where he was appointed a teacher. After 7 years, he entered into the local monastery, under the care of the venerable elder Pachomios. After 3 years as a novice Athanasios was tonsured a Monk and given the name Lazarus. A year later, he was ordained a Deacon and received the name Nektarios. Elder Pachomios, and a wealthy local benefactor convinced the young monk to complete his high school studies in Athens. From there Deacon Nektarios went to Alexandria, where he was cared for by the Patriarch of Alexandria, Sophronios. The Patriarch insisted that Nektarios complete his Theological studies, and so in 1885 he graduated

from the School of Theology in Athens. The Patriarch of Alexandria ordained Deacon Nektarios to the Priesthood in 1886. His great service to the Church, prolific writings and teachings, energy and zeal led Fr Nektarios to be ordained as the Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt. As a Metropolitan he was greatly admired and loved by his flock for his virtue and purity of life. But this great admiration by the people aroused the envy of certain high officials, who plotted and succeeded in having the Blessed Metropolitan removed from office in 1890 - without a trial or any explanation whatsoever. He returned to Greece to become a monk and Preacher, to the great edification of the people. There the Blessed Metropolitan continued to write his now famous books. In 1894, the divine Nektarios became Director of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School, where he was to remain for 15 years. As an educator, the chief concern of the venerable Hierarch was to incite and guide youth to become good Christians. His fifteen years at Rizarios were also productive for the writing of many more books and teachings. In 1904, our Saint founded a monastery for women in Aegina, the Holy Trinity Convent. Under his guidance the Convent flourished. In 1908, the Blessed Nektarios, at the age of 62, retired from the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School and withdrew to Holy Trinity Convent in Aegina. There, for the rest of his life as a true monk and ascetic. He served as a confessor and spiritual guide to the nuns and even priests from as far as Athens and Piraeus. His Holy and pious life shone forth like a guiding light to all near him. Many would come to him for healing. Saint Nektarios was a great "Wonder-worker" even while alive. On September 20, 1920 one of the nuns took him to the local hospital, in spite of his protest. He was convulsing in pain from a long-standing ailment. He was admitted, and placed

into a ward reserved for the poor and unwanted. There he stayed for two months among the sick and dying. At 10:30 in the evening of November 8th, although in the midst of terrible pains, in peace and at prayer he gave up his spirit unto God at the age of 74. As soon as the Saint gave up his Spirit, a nurse came to prepare him for transfer to Aegina for burial. As the nurse removed the Saint's sweater, she inadvertently placed it on the next bed, on which a paralytic lay. And O, strange wonder!, the paralytic immediately began to regain his strength and arose from his bed healthy, and glorifying God. Some time after his repose, strangely a beautiful fragrance was emitted by his Holy body, filling the room. Many came to venerate his Holy relics prior to his burial. With amazement, people noted a fragrant fluid that drenched his hair and beard. Even after 5 months, when the nuns of the convent opened the Saint's grave to build a marble tomb, they found the Saint intact in every respect and emitted a wonderful and heavenly fragrance. Similarly three years later, the Holy Relics were still whole and radiating the same heavenly fragrance.

Many people had regarded Nektarios as a Saint whilst he was still alive, because of his purity of life, his virtues, the nature of his publications, his gift of foreknowledge and the miracles he performed. The recognition of him as a Saint spread rapidly after his repose. God confirmed the Sanctity of Nektarios at his repose and by the miracles attributed to the Saint after his repose. The Orthodox Church proclaimed him as a Saint on April 20, 1961. His Blessed memory is celebrated by the Church on November 9th.

Ένας από τους μεγαλύτερους Αγίους της Ορθοδόξου εκκλησίας είναι αναμφισβήτητα ο Άγιος Νεκτάριος Επίσκοπος Πενταπόλεως ο εν Αιγίνη. Γεννήθηκε στη Σηλυβρία της ανατολικής Θράκης το 1846 και κοιμήθηκε το βράδυ της 8ης Νοεμβρίου του 1920 σε ηλικία 74 ετών. Ήταν το πέμπτο από τα επτά παιδιά της οικογένειάς του και το κατά κόσμον όνομά του ήταν Αναστάσιος Κεφαλάς. Η οικογένεια του ήταν πτωχή σε υλικό πλούτο αλλά πλούσια σε αρετές χριστιανικές και γι' αυτό η αγωγή του νεαρού Αναστάσιου ήταν πολύτιμο εφόδιο μέσα στη ζωή του. Από μικρός έδειχνε την ιερατική του κλίση για προσευχή. Είχε συγχρόνως μεγάλη έφεση στα γράμματα και σαν μέλισσα συνέλεγε τόσο από τους φορείς της εγκυκλοπαιδικής γνώσεως, όσο και από τα συγγράμματα των πατέρων της εκκλησίας το νέκταρ της σοφίας και της ψυχοπνευματικής αναβαθμίσεως. Αποτέλεσε λοιπόν λαμπρή προσωπικότητα και γι' αυτό παρά τις οικονομικές δυσχέρειες που σε όλη του τη ζωή τον ακολουθούσαν, πάντοτε διακρινόταν στους πνευματικούς κύκλους. Σε ηλικία 14 ετών πηγαίνει στην Κωνσταντινούπολη, όπου εργάζεται σκληρά και συγχρόνως παρακολουθεί με διάκριση το σχολείο. Στα 20 περίπου χρόνια του διορίστηκε παιδονόμος στο εκεί σχολείο του Μετόχιου Πανάγιου Τάφου. Όταν έγινε 22 ετών, υπηρέτησε διδάσκαλος στο Λίθι της Χίου. Όλοι τον αγαπούσαν για την πραότητα και το ζήλο του να αναδείξει τους μαθητές του χρήσιμους πολίτες. Ζούσε ήδη με άσκηση, προσευχή και νηστεία και μετά από 7 χρόνια έγινε δόκιμος μοναχός στη «Νέα Μονή» της Χίου. Ως μοναχός ονομάστηκε Λάζαρος, ενώ αργότερα (15/1/1877) που χειροτονήθηκε ιεροδιάκονος, μετονομάστηκε σε Νεκτάριο. Ήδη από τότε πολλοί τον θεωρούσαν Άγιο για την πνευματικότητά του. Στις 20 Απριλίου του 1961 έγινε η επίσημη Αγιοποίηση του, αφού ούτως ή άλλως ο λαός τον τιμούσε ήδη ως μεγάλο Άγιο. Συνεχώς θαυματουργεί, θεραπεύει και διακονεί ποικιλοτρόπως τη στρατευόμενη Εκκλησία. Ιδιαίτερα συμπαρίσταται στους καρκινοπαθείς και στους οχλούμενους υπό πνευμάτων ακαθάρτων. Χτίζονται αναρίθμητοι ναοί και βαπτίζονται συνεχώς παιδιά στο όνομά του. Η μνήμη του τέλος τιμάται την

3η Σεπτεμβρίου (ανάμνηση ανακομιδής των Αγίων Λειψάνων του) και ιδιαίτερος την 9η Νοεμβρίου (ανάμνηση της κοιμήσεώς του). Τα ιερά του λείψανα βρίσκονται στην ιερά Μονή της Αγίας Τριάδας στην Αίγινα, η οποία είναι παγκόσμιο πλέον προσκύνημα.

Διδαχές – Άγιος Νεκτάριος Πενταπόλεως ὁ θαυματουργός:

Ὁ χριστιανὸς ὀφείλει νὰ δοξάζει τὸ Θεὸ καὶ μὲ τὸ σῶμα του καὶ μὲ τὸ πνεῦμα του. Ἄλλωστε, καὶ τὰ δυὸ ἀνήκουν στὸ Θεὸ καί, ἐπομένως, δὲν ἔχει ἐξουσία νὰ τὰ ἀτιμάζει ἢ νὰ τὰ διαφθείρει, ἀλλὰ ὡς ἅγια καὶ ιερά πρέπει νὰ τὰ χρησιμοποιεῖ μὲ πολλὴ εὐχαριστία. Ὅποιος θυμᾶται ὅτι τὸ σῶμα του καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα του ἀνήκουν στὸ Θεό, ἔχει μία εὐλάβεια κι ἓνα μυστικὸ φόβο γι' αὐτά, καὶ τοῦτο συντελεῖ στὸ νὰ τὰ διατηρεῖ ἄγνὰ καὶ καθαρὰ ἀπὸ κάθε ρύπο, σὲ ἀδιάλειπτη ἐπικοινωνία μ' Ἐκεῖνον, ἀπὸ τὸν ὁποῖο ἀγιάζονται καὶ ἐνισχύονται. Ὁ ἄνθρωπος δοξάζει τὸ Θεὸ μὲ τὸ σῶμα του καὶ μὲ τὸ πνεῦμα του, πρῶτα, ὅταν θυμᾶται ὅτι ἀγιάστηκε ἀπὸ τὸ Θεὸ καὶ ἐνώθηκε μαζί του, καὶ ὕστερα, ὅταν ἐνώνει τὴ θέλησή του μὲ τὴ θέληση τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὥστε νὰ ἐκτελεῖ πάντοτε τὸ ἀγαθὸ καὶ εὐάρεστο καὶ τέλειο θέλημά Του. Ἐνας τέτοιος ἄνθρωπος δὲν ζεῖ γιὰ τὸν ἑαυτό του, ἀλλὰ γιὰ τὸ Θεό. Ἐργάζεται γιὰ τὴ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ στὴ γῆ. Δοξάζει σὲ ὅλα τὸ Θεό, μὲ λόγια καὶ μὲ ἔργα. Οἱ πράξεις του, ποὺ γίνονται γιὰ τὸ καλὸ τῶν συνανθρώπων του, δίνουν ἀφορμὴ δοξολογίας τοῦ θεοῦ ὀνόματος. Ἡ ζωὴ του, καταυγαζόμενη ἀπὸ τὸ θεῖο φῶς, λάμπει σὰν φῶς δυνατὸ. Ἐτσι ἡ πολιτεία του γίνεται ὁδηγὸς πρὸς τὸ Θεὸ γιὰ ὅσους ἀκόμα δὲν Τὸν γνώρισαν.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΒΡΕΣΣΗΣ

October 22, 2019

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
Esteemed Members of the Metropolitan Council,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood,
Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools,
Directors and Participants of all Youth Organizations, and all devout
Orthodox Christians of the Greek Orthodox Communities of our Holy Metropolis of New
Jersey

My Beloved,

It is my fervent prayer that this letter finds all of you well and spiritually uplifted.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019 the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will be honoring the Feastday of our Patron Saint, St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. It is therefore with much joy and enthusiasm that I announce the celebration festivities mark this important Feastday in the life of our Holy Metropolis. The Divine Services, which will take place in the St. John Chrysostom Chapel in our Metropolis Headquarters (215 E. Grove Street, Westfield, NJ 07090) are as follows:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

6:30 p.m. Hierarchical Great Vespers

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

All of you are wholeheartedly invited and encouraged to attend these Divine Services so that we may worship together as one spiritual family in honor our Patron Saint, St. John Chrysostom. Both the Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy will be followed by a reception at our Metropolis Headquarters.

Wishing upon all of you the blessings of the Lord through the intercessions of St. John Chrysostom, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

†EVANGELOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



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ASCENSION GREEK DANCE REGISTRATION
2019-2020

Welcome Ascension Greek School Families!

Greek Dance Lessons are offered to students in grades 1st through 7th. We will meet on *Saturdays in the Community Center* starting on September 21, 2019.

Group 1 – 11:00am - 12:00pm
Group 2 – 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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Tuition for Greek School Students:

\$150 for the first student
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Please note that PTO Membership Dues (\$25 per family) must be paid in order for students to participate in the Greek Dance Group.
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P.T.O

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INCLUSION AWARENESS SUNDAY
Κυριακή Αφιερωμένη σε Άτομα με Αναπηρίες
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019
AT 10AM

On Sunday, November 10th, the Ascension Greek Orthodox Church will celebrate its **10th ANNUAL INCLUSION AWARENESS SUNDAY**

Every Sunday, and especially on this chosen day, we welcome those with disabilities and seek to enable their full participation in the life of our church.

Η Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία της Θείας Αναλήψεως Αφιερώνει την Κυριακή αυτή σε Άνθρώπους με Αναπηρίες

Κάθε Κυριακή, και ειδικά αυτή την ημέρα, καλωσορίζουμε τα άτομα με αναπηρίες και επιθυμούμε την πλήρη ένταξή τους στη ζωή της Εκκλησίας μας και στα προγράμματα της Κοινότητός μας

In order to celebrate Inclusion Awareness Sunday, we are incorporating special observances on this day signifying our constant goal to enrich our community as a whole!

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(More Info to follow)

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A variety of Assorted Baked Goods to Support
Ascension PTO & Greek School

(More Info to follow)

\$20/ Tray



December 6th (After Greek School)

December 8th (During Coffee Hour)



Friday, December 20th (Greek School Christmas Program)

Santa & Greek School

(Santa visits Ascension Greek School.....)

Distributes Christmas Gifts to ALL Greek School Students)

Many More Fundraisers to Come (More Info to follow)

Always Welcome

- Suggestions
- Donations
- PTO Members

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Rescheduled General Assembly Meeting - *November 10, 2019*

Inclusion Sunday - *November 10, 2019*

Church Anniversary Dance - *November 23, 2019*

Catechism School (Lesson on Thanksgiving ,Special Project)

November 24, 2019

PTO Ascension Bake Sale - *December 6 & 8, 2019*

Philoptochos Christmas Party - *December 10, 2019*

Catechism School Annual Christmas Retreat - *December 15, 2019*

Greek School Christmas Program - *December 20, 2019*

Catechism School Annual Nativity Program in Church

December 22, 2019

SAVE THE DATE 2020

Philoptochos Vasilopita - *January 11, 2020*

Godparents Sunday - *January 26, 2020*

Philoptochos Apokriatiko Glendi - *February 29, 2020*

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SUNDAY, November 3, 2019
5th Sunday of Luke

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 3 Νοεμβρίου, 2019
Ε' Λουκά

MEMORIAL SERVICES -ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ

Μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου
Members of the Philoptochos

40 μέρες: Αντώνιος Τσικνής
40 days: Anthony Tsiknis

1 χρόνος: Ουρανία Θεοχάρη
1 year: Ourania Theoharis

*Ο καφές προσφέρεται από τις οικογένειες
Τσικνή & Δρίβα που τελούν τα μνημόσυνα
εις μνήμη των κεκοιμημένων.*

*The coffee is offered by the Tsiknis & Drivas Families
that have the Memorial Services.*