

# SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2015



**25th SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

***Saint Nectarios of Pentapolis,  
the Wonderworker of Aegina***

Epistle: Ephesians: 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

*Tone: 8*

*Liturgical Color: GOLD*

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, November 22

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Panaachida in memory of +Mary Ann

Magura offered by husband Nicholas;

Panachida in memory of \*Stephen Chernak

offered by Father Dan & Pani Joan; Panachida

in memory of Andrew Chudanic, Sr offered

by Wife Anna

Coffee Social

Thursday, November 26

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Saturday, November 28

**NATIVITY (PHILIPS) FAST BEGINS**

4:00pm Great Vespers/Confession

Sunday, November 29

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Panachida in memory of +Charles Coons and

+Paul Sorapararu offered by the Coons family

Coffee Social

*You made the winds Your  
messengers and flaming fire  
your ministers!*

*Alleluia!*

## Prayer For Peace – Evening Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You said to Your disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.” We come before You in humility and ask that Your peace which surpasses all understanding will descend upon all people around the world, especially those currently in conflict and at war. Increase understanding and forgiveness between nations. Awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbor. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. Grant wisdom to civil authorities. Free those held captive, protect those in danger, and comfort those who are suffering and displaced. Implant in all of us reverence for You, and confirm us in love for one another. Make us worthy to celebrate the Feast of Your Holy Nativity and to join with the angels in chanting: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.” For You are the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your most-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.





## 100th ANNIVERSARY JOURNALS

*There will be a limited number of 100th Anniversary Journals available at the cost of \$10 each. If you would like a copy please reserve your copy today by seeing Helen Revelas in the Hall after Liturgy!*



## THANK YOU...

*Thank you so much for all your soap donations. Some lucky winner is going to be luxuriating in an assortment of soaps! Our next basket will be 'WHISTLE FOR TEA'. Please contribute a box of exotic teabags. We will be collecting for this basket until the end of December. If anyone would like to donate a whistling tea kettle, please see Diane Rodrigues. Thanks for helping to make some fantastic baskets.*

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; V. Rev. John Udics; Deacon Robert Kuchta; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Alphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soroparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Orestes Mihaly; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Rochelle Corby; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Mertus Family; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Denise Topichak; William Paslawsky; Rebecca Cooper, George Officer; Anamarie Kingsbury; Linda Benza; Carol Pierson; Baby Madeline; Helen Chernak

All members of our Armed Forces serving our country

# ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

The Holy Archangel Michael is one of the most celebrated of the Angels and bodiless powers; he is called the Archistrategos, or chief commander, of all bodiless powers. According to Holy Scripture and Tradition, he has interceded for humanity multiple times and continues to serve as the Defender of the Faith. Saint Michael is most often invoked for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He is celebrated primarily on November, 8/21, the Synaxis of Michael and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven.

The name Michael means “like unto God” or “Who is like unto God?”

Michael first appears in the Old Testament in the book of Joshua’s account of the fall of Jericho. Though Michael is not mentioned by name in the text, it is said that Joshua “looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand.” When the still unaware Joshua asks which side of the fight the Archangel is on, Michael responds, “neither...but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come” (Joshua 5:13-14).

In the book of Daniel, Michael appears first to help the Archangel Gabriel defeat the Persians (10:13). In a later vision it is revealed to Daniel that “at that time (the end of time) Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then...” (Ch. 12). Michael thus plays an important role as the protector of Israel and later of his chosen people, the Church.

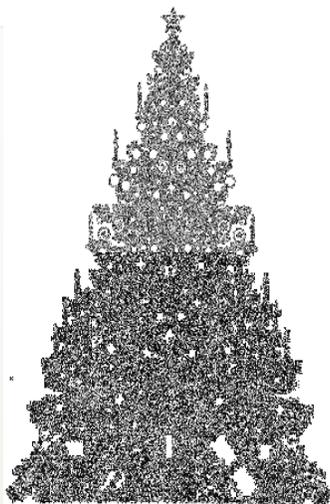
The Church Fathers also ascribe to Michael the following events: During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night; the power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185 thousand soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (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 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).

In New Testament times, 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 St. Neophytus of Docheiariou.

Perhaps his most famous miracle, though, is the salvation of the church at Colossae. Here a number of pagans tried to destroy this church by diverting the flow of two rivers directly into its path. However, the Archangel appeared amongst the waters, and, carrying a cross, channeled the rivers underground so that the ground the church stood on would not be destroyed. The spring which came forth after this event is said to have special healing powers.

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**Jonathan Share**.....son and grandson of Mary Leonard and Joyce Merletti is stationed in Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa. Let's show that we are thinking of him this holiday season. There will be a box in the hall for you to place a holiday card & note for Jonathan. The **deadline is December 6** so we can make sure Jonathan receives our thoughts and well wishes before Christmas.



## 5 CHRISTMAS FAMILY

This year's Christmas family is a family with three young children. Both parents work. After speaking to the grandmother of the family it was decided that a gift certificate to Walmart will be the most helpful. There will be an envelope in the church hall for you to put your donations by **December 13th**.

Please help make this family's holidays a bit brighter and financially easier.

Thank you!

## ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Michael also has been associated with healing in other cases, as well as his primary role as leader of the Church Militant. He has been said to appear to Emperor Constantine the Great (d. 337) at Constantinople, to have intervened in assorted battles, and appeared, sword in hand, over the mausoleum of Hadrian, in apparent answer to the Prayers of Pope Gregory I the Great (r. 590-604) that a plague in Rome should cease.

Russians in particular have a special veneration to Michael, along with the Theotokos. According to OCA, "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 Rus there was not a city where there was not a church or chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael."



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## **NATIVITY FAST 2015**

Protocol N. 19/2015 Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

My beloved Faithful Clergy and Laity of our God-Protected Diocese:

It is hard to believe that this month marks the third anniversary of my Consecration and Enthronement as your Bishop. I have enjoyed travelling throughout the Diocese and visiting your parishes and getting to know you. I have been encouraged that while the majority of our Diocesan parishes are small in size, the clergy and faithful who labor in the Vineyard of the Lord are doing much to further the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

As you have heard me preach, I am deeply concerned about the state of affairs in the world. There is strife and conflict in every corner of the globe, including our own country, our local communities and even our families. I am also deeply saddened and troubled by the moral decline in society that is causing chaos and confusion for our youth and young adults. This lack of peace brings unrest to our hearts, and instability in the world. It is, as I have shared with you, the direct result of an increase of selfishness and hatred and the decrease of humility and love. It has become a vicious cycle that can only be broken by a radical *metanoia* or change of mind and heart on the part of all of the inhabitants of the earth.

As we enter into the Season of the Nativity Fast, I ask you, the good faithful and clergy of the Diocese, to join me on a journey of peace and repentance which will begin in our hearts and end at the manger in Bethlehem. During this time, let us increase our efforts in church attendance, in prayer, in fasting, in scriptural reading, in almsgiving, in repentance and confession, and in receiving the Holy Eucharist.

This year, to further focus our journey of peace and love this Nativity season, I am offering a challenge to all of the clergy and faithful and especially the youth and young adults of the Diocese. Let us not just talk about making the world a more peaceful place, but let us actually do something about it. And **the challenge** is:

To offer a special prayer for peace during evening prayers. During the Litany of Fervent Supplication at each Divine Liturgy a special petition is also to be included. The text of these prayers will be provided to the clergy for distribution. Each household should have sufficient copies so that each young person that can read has one by their bed to use nightly and those who are too young to read may say this prayer together with their parents before they go to bed. Of course all adults should join the challenge as well so that all together our prayers will reach our Lord's ears.

To assist with this challenge, a special web page has been created on the Diocesan Website, *Praying For Peace*, which contains downloadable texts of the special prayers. Other postings will be made on various social media outlets to encourage maximal exposure and participation.

With all of us united in prayer and laboring for peace this Nativity Fasting Season, I am convinced that we will help, even if only in a small way, to make our lives and that of the world more peaceful.

Praying that this Nativity Fasting Season is a spiritually uplifting experience for all of us, I remain,

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

## FROM FATHER'S DESK...

- **If** you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**  
7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten service or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- **If** you would like to schedule a Panachida for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285



**The Church does not permit cremation.**

*Let our God, who does not praise the fearful powers and hosts of heaven. Your Archangels? For the sake of Your beloved servants they always keep those worthy of themselves in unchanging good. Rightly they are praised, for they are might and powerful as they worship You, Master of all Creation. Without ceasing they hymn You with a threefold voice to proclaim clearly the consubstantial Trinity. For men they are guides to the unapproachable radiance of the one Godhead as they lead in life the souls of those who reverently praise the fearful and glorious Mystery of the Trinity beyond our understanding. Through their prayers make all who celebrate their feast blessed, for You are God blessed and most glorious, and to You is due glory, together with Your only Son and Your life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amvon for Feast of Ss Michael & Gabriel*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

*November 25 John McKane*

*O God, grant your servants good health, happiness, and salvation for many blessed years!*



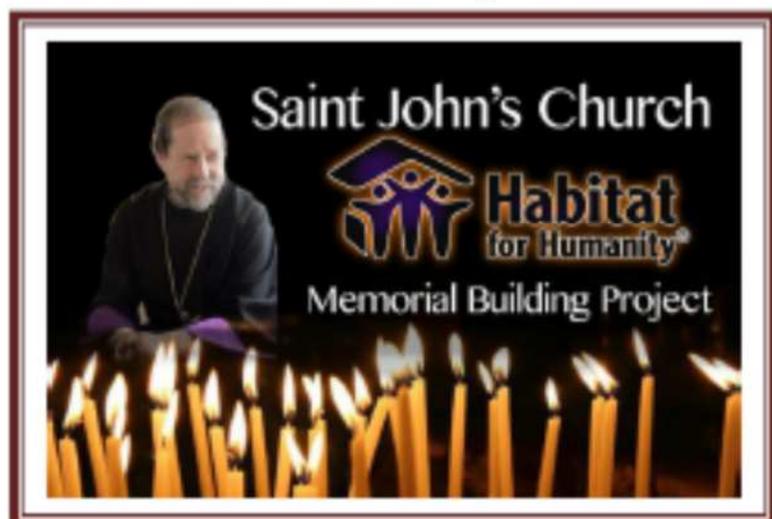
## CHRISTMAS CARD SALE— Starting November 1!

Dozens of styles to choose from of Orthodox Iconography and beautiful Russian folk art greeting cards for the holidays. Plus cards for weddings, baptisms, sickness and other occasions for sale at only **\$1.50 each**; more than 50% off their retail price and no shipping costs. See Helen Revelas in the church hall after Divine Liturgy to purchase, while supplies last.

*Brought to you by the  
Ladies Altar Society*

# MISSION PROJECT 2015

Sponsored By the National Senior ACRY  
The Fellowship of Sts. Cyril & Methodios



*"If we are to grow, we have to know, that we must give what we've received." - Fr. Michael Rosco (Harvest 2000)*

## Diocesan Advent Outreach Project In Support Of The Fr. Michael Rosco Memorial Habitat For Humanity Building Project

**Need:** Financial support and volunteers to serve on building team.

**Challenge :** To raise \$75,000 and solicit 32 construction team volunteers

**How YOU Can Help:** Work with your parish ACRY chapter and other organizations to raise funds and provide construction team members for Summer 2016 construction project in Mandeville, LA

**Please Send Donations By** January 31, 2016

To: Barbara Fitzgerald  
57 Grandview Drive  
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

**To Volunteer To Serve on Building Team**

Contact Fr. Michael Chendorain  
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Visit: <http://www.sjhfhmbp.org>

(Make Checks Payable to National ACRY Indicating Advent Mission Project in the Memo)

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