

From the Divine Office for the Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and all the Bodiless Powers (Nov. 8)

O Captains and Leaders of the armies of Heaven, unworthy as we are, we beseech you without cease to surround us with your intercessions and cover us beneath the shelter of the glory of your ethereal wings. We bend our knee and cry out with perseverance: "Deliver us from danger, O Princes of the Powers on High!" (Troparion)

You two leaders of the heavenly angels, foremost in awe, exalted on thrones of glory, Michael and Gabriel, princes of the hosts and Ministers of the Master, intercede along with all the bodiless powers for the remission of our sins, so that we may find mercy and grace on the day of judgment. (Orthros)



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS
NOVEMBER 7, 2021



JESUS HEALING JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (1st)

1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to His name.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.

3: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

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Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7) pg. 41

You destroyed Death by Your cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers, and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen, granting to the world great mercy.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1)pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kontakion (Tone 2) Pg. 16

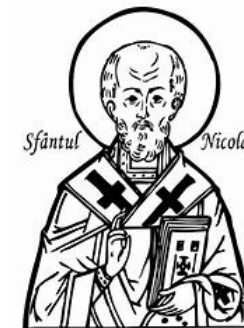
O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

The lowest was described as the air (in Greek, aer), the place of spiritual powers hostile to the human race. Above that were the heavens, or heavenly places, realm of godly spiritual powers, and above that the “heaven of heavens,” the unapproachable dwelling place of God. St Paul identifies the ways of this world as being under the influence of these hostile spirits “of the air.” In other words, the ways of the world, the spirit of the age – or as we might say “the way the world works” – are all subject to forces beyond us. Not only the airwaves, if you will, but also the politics, social and cultural movements of a world that does not acknowledge God, are all guided by a malevolent power.

Why “the Prince of This World?” “Further, why does he call the devil the prince of the world? Because nearly the whole human race has surrendered itself to him and all are willingly and by deliberate choice his slaves. Not one so much as gives any heed to Christ, though He promises unnumbered blessings; while all yield themselves to the devil, who promises nothing of the sort, but sends them on to hell. His kingdom then is in this world, and he has, with few exceptions, more subjects and more obedient subjects than God, in consequence of our indolence.” (St John Chrysostom, Homily 4 on Ephesians)

ORDER OF SAINT NICHOLAS

Bishop Nicholas is reactivating the Order of Saint Nicholas. The Order has done much to support the work of the Eparchy over the years. Please see the flyers in the back of the church for the bulletin boards for more details.



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today **Healing of Archie Opatka**
Health & Salvation of Lorraine Lian on the occasion of her birthday.
Requested by Ronald Abdow
+Peter Solitro. Requested by Marilyn & Zenon Tencza

Nov 28 **+Maria Filewicz (40 Day), Stefan Filewicz, Michael Filewicz, Amelia Filewicz.**
Requested by Maria Filewicz and Family.

This morning's Coffee Hour is hosted by Sam & Hiam Francis
Next Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by Laurance and Saimon Aulo

Last Week's Collection

Weekly	\$2,028
Candles	\$ 65
Coffee Hr.	\$ 20
Stols	\$ 105
TOTAL	\$2,218

God bless for your generosity!



ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST

Please join us on **December 5** after the Divine Liturgy for a St. Nicholas Breakfast. There will be French Toast and eggs along with other breakfast foods. We also hope to have a visit from St. Nicholas. This is a great opportunity to come back to the parish if you have been away for awhile! Please plan to attend.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time ends today **November 7**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour if you not already done so.

FUNDRAISER

There will be a fundraiser on Saturday November 20 from 2:30-6:30PM to benefit the Opatka family as Archie battles heptoblastoma. The fundraiser will be held at the Millbury VFW, 16 South Main St. Millbury. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner. If you would like to purchase tickets, please see Nick Rahall (508) 826-9346. Please go to archiesarmy.net to learn more. "Physician of our souls and bodies, heal, bless and have mercy on Your child Archie!"

AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

Deacon Thomas Moses was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Nicholas yesterday at Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Church in Manchester, NH. Congratulations to Father Tom, Khourieh Rebecca, and the entire family.

The Church in Ephesians (Eph 2:12-22)

WE CONTINUE READING the Epistle to the Ephesians today, moving on to chapter two. Here St Paul reflects on the new reality in God's plan for the salvation of the world, the Church. The People of God is now more than the people of Israel – Jews and Gentiles have been brought together by the grace of God. As Paul tells his Gentile readers, “Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ” (Eph 2:12, 13). In describing this new reality St Paul uses some terms which may seem strange to us today, but which would have made perfect sense to the original readers of this epistle. The first such term comes at the beginning of chapter two. “The Prince of the Power of the Air” St Paul uses this term to refer to Satan: “And you He made alive, who were dead in the trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience...” But why is he “the prince of the power of the air”? Modern fundamentalists often point to radio and television or the internet as the power of the airwaves, which corrupt people. These media are therefore satanic, according to this interpretation. While there is much in these media to be avoided, St Paul is certainly not referring to them – the only airborne media existing in his day would have been smoke signals! Others have pointed to meteorological phenomena as indications that there is a demonic presence in our midst. There is no basis in fact for such an assumption, other than that these phenomena take place “in the air.” Rather, in the understanding of the Jews at that time, there were three regions above the earth.

Prokimenon

Reader: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
People: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
Verse: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.
People: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
Reader: The Lord will give strength to His people;
People: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22

Alleluia Verses

It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!
Verse: To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

Gospel: Lk 8:41-56

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for the children begins this morning after the Divine Liturgy. It is not too late to register your children. Please take one of the registration forms in the back of the church if you have not yet done so. Once we know how many children we have, we can put classes together. Classes will be once a month to start and expand from there. This morning, we will meet in the church. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Fr. Bryan

