

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*November 8, 2020*

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5*

**Synaxis of Archangel Michael & the others Bodiless Powers.**

- 9:10 am - Hours
- 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
Gal. 6:11-18 Heb. 2:2-10  
Luke 8:41-56 Luke 10:16-21

*Schedule of Services*

**Tuesday, November 10**

- 7:00 pm - Akathist to Saint John, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

**Friday, November 13**

- 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos:

**Sunday, November 15**

- 9:10 – Hours
- 9:30 – Divine Liturgy



## WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG

**Synaxis of Archangel Michael & the others Bodiless Powers.**

On November 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Synaxis of the Supreme Commanders Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and of the other bodiless and heavenly orders, the Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels and Angels. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul who was taken up into the third heaven (II Cor. 12:2), described the nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*. The Apostle Paul says all angels are ministering spirits to them who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). The Archangel Michael leads the angelic hosts. When Satan fell away from God and drew a third of the angels with him to destruction, Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thyglory!"

The Archangel Gabriel proclaimed the news of the conceptions of John the Baptist and our Lord

Jesus Christ to their mothers, Elizabeth and the Ever-virgin Mary (Luke 1).

The Archangel Raphael healed Tobit of his blindness (Tobit 11) and freed his daughter-in-law, Sarah, from a demon (Tobit6).

Every nation and Christian has a guardian angel. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**Troparion.** O Commanders of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you: by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you:// "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!"

**Kontakion.** Commanders of God's armies and ministers of the divine glory, princes of the bodiless angels and guides of mankind; ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, // O Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

## *Intercessory Prayers*

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Genevieve Bobenko, Barbara Bogart, Michael Bzik, Mary Ann Dolak, Dorothy Fabian, Barbara Kary, Margaret Kovalycsik, Kathleen Lazarczyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozki, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Patricia Galley.

## *Birthday Greeting*

Happy Birthday go out this week to **Matthew Kary** – Nov.14. May God continue to enrich Him life with the fullness of joy and happiness for many years – Mnogaya Lyeta!

## *Our Parish Life*

♦ **Baptism.** It was our pleasure having beautiful baby boy, Zachary-Daniel, son of Jeffrey & Nicole Ward, and grandson of Nadine (Nebesni) & Joseph Graziano, baptized in our Church yesterday Saturday, November 7,2020. May God's blessings be upon him for good health, happiness, and the best in Life. We hope you will bring little Zachary-Daniel to our Church sometime so we can enjoy seeing him again.

♦ Fr. Maryan & Matushka Svitlana will be leaving tonight Sunday 8 for Ukraine to visit Fathers mother. We'll be returning home late Wednesday Nov,18. Please note that there will be **no Vespers** on Saturday, Nov, 14. Our deanery Emeritus priest, Father George Hasenecz will be celebrating the Liturgy next Sunday, Nov, 15. If any pastoral emergencies arise during Father's absence, contact our Starosta Bob Czech

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