

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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13th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 4

Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae.
Martyr Eudoxius, Zeno & Macarius

- 9:10am - Hours
- 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
followed by Panikhida

1 Cor. 16:13 -24

Matt. 21:33-42

Schedule of Services

Monday, September 7

- 5:00pm - Great Vesper with Litiya

Tuesday, September 8

Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

- 9:30 - Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 11

- 9:00am - Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos:

Saturday, September 12

- 5:00pm - Great Vesper.

Sunday, September 13

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



WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

May be this was one of the best explanations to the concept of GOD.



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 Kovalycaik, Kathleen Lazarczyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Patricia Galley.

Our Parish Life

♦ Today following Divine liturgy we will serve **Panakhida** in memory of **Gorge Nargitich** requested from the Family. And in memory of **Luis Koziel** stepfather of **Patrisia Galley**.

♦ The flowers adorning the icon of St. John the Baptist on the center tetrapod were given by **Helen Margitich** in memory of her husband **Gorge Margitich**. We sincerely thank her with prayers for God's blessing always.

♦ With that in consideration, upon the deliberations and decision of His Eminence Archbishop Michael and the Diocesan Council, the Office of the Diocesan Treasurer has resumed the practice of billing the parishes for the amount of financial support agreed upon at the beginning of 2020 (prior to the limitations on church attendance brought about by the pandemic and the reductions in parish financial obligations announced by the Diocesan Treasurer in April).

If a parish faces difficulty meeting this obligation, then the parish priest and the parish treasurer are to send a written request to the Office of the Archbishop, explaining their particular circumstances and requesting a specified amount of reduced financial support to the Diocese, for a specified amount of time. Archbishop Michael and the Diocesan Council are happy to consider such requests, in the interest of sustaining both each parish individually and the Diocese as a whole.

On behalf of His Eminence, your cooperation in the manner of this request is appreciated.

♦ **Annual Diocesan Assembly.** His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, in conjunction with the Diocesan Council, has scheduled the Annual Diocesan Assembly as a one-day event on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church. In South River NJ. The Diocesan Council has reviewed various options for convening the Diocesan Assembly amidst the present pandemic conditions and has agreed on a one-day, in-person Assembly. Social distancing and sanitizing conditions will be maintained according to Diocesan directives. All persons present will be required to wear masks. The Assembly will begin with the Moleben Service. The schedule is as follows: Registration - 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Moleben - 11:00 a.m. Box Lunch - Noon Assembly Begins - 1:00 p.m.