

November Notes: on the third of the month is the anniversary of Subdeacon Paul's ordination ... the 5th is Michael & Robin Myers' wedding anniversary ... Tuesday the 7th is Joanne Zhang's birthday ... on the 8th, Michael Vallens celebrates his name's day (Archangel Michael) ... Tuesday the 14th is Miray Elkedwani's Birthday ... the 16th is Matthew Bell's name day (Apostle Matthew) ... the 19th is Monk Philaret (Farley)'s name day (St Philaret of Moscow) ... there is **Great Vespers** at 6:30 PM on Monday the 20th and **Divine Liturgy** at 7:00 AM on Tuesday the 21st for the **Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple** ... **Father Alexander** has his name day (St Alexander Nevsky) on Thursday the 23rd ... start **Thanksgiving Day** right by giving thanks to the Lord at the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy ... and on the last day of the month **Andrew Zhang** has his name day (Apostle Andrew)!

O Master Almighty, O Holy King, Who chastenest and destroyest not, Who strengthenest the falling, and settest aright the fallen, Who correctest the bodily afflictions of mankind: We pray Thee, O our God, visit Thine infirm handmaiden Marie with Thy mercy, pardon her every sin, voluntary and involuntary. Yea, O Lord, send down Thy healing power from heaven, touch her body, quench the fever, subdue passion and every subtle infirmity. Be the healer of Thy handmaiden Marie, raise her from her couch of sickness, and from her bed of suffering healed and whole; grant her to be well pleasing unto Thy Church and doing Thy will. For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



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"For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." – Psalm 90:11-12

On November 8 the Church commemorates 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. The feast day was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times), was chosen, since there are nine ranks of angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen 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" (Matthew 25:31).

The angelic ranks are divided into three hierarchies or choirs. 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, and they in turn inform the others.

FIRST CHOIR – unending adoration of God

SERAPHIMS (Isaiah 6:12; Revelation 4:8) *flaming, fiery, divine love*: six-winged, they stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity, and blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

CHERUBIMS (Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 10:1) *knowledge and wisdom*: many-eyed, they 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.

THRONES (Colossians 1:16) *justice*: they 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.

SECOND CHOIR – governance of creation

DOMINIONS (Colossians 1:16) *rule over evil*: 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.

AUTHORITIES (sometimes called “Virtues”) (Colossians 1:16; I Peter 3:22) *oppose demonic influences*: 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.

POWERS (Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 3:10; I Peter 3:22) *intellect*: they 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.

THIRD CHOIR – care of the Earth and those upon it

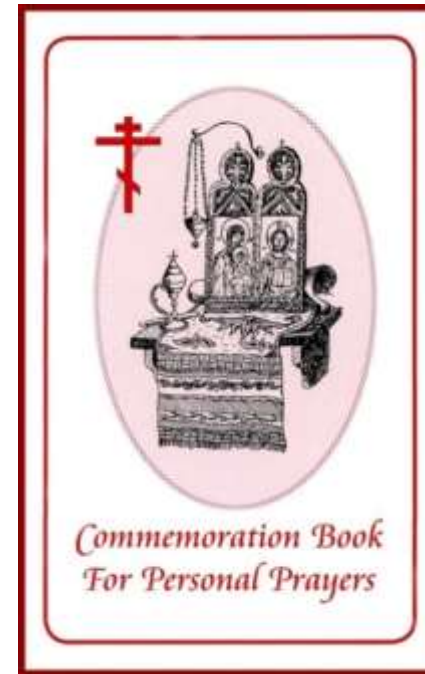
PRINCIPALITIES (Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 3:10) *obedient service*: they have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God’s commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, 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 (I Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9) *great messengers*: they 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 (sometimes called “Heralds”) (I Peter 3:22; many other references) *ministers to individuals*: they 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.

Each person has a guardian angel, as does every nation (Daniel 10:13), and every church. Palladius, *Dialogue Concerning the Life of Chrysostom*, ch. X (“To each man an angel is assigned, in each church Christ has set angel guardians.”).

Commemoration Books



The pious custom of submitting the names of loved ones – both living and reposed – to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy, is well known. By submitting a prospora with a list of names, you are praying with the priest for those people that you have listed.

In the narthex we provide individual slips for visitors to use when they wish to submit names. For our regular members, each individual or family should have their own permanent commemoration book (available in the bookstore for only **\$5**), regularly updated to reflect changes with respect to both the living and the reposed. That way, there’s no trying to remember names as the service is about to begin, or forgetting someone. Of course, it is important that we not just submit names to be prayed for by the priest, but that we first pray for these people ourselves. If we ask others to pray for someone, we should also be praying for them.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

(unaudited)

	Sept. Actual	Sept. Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	3,239.83	4,197.50	36,010.13	36,777.50
Total Expense	3,576.58	3,711.64	34,218.86	35,724.76
Cash Flow	(336.75)	485.86	1,791.27	1,052.74
Building Fund (Net of Rent Reserves)			16,833.51	