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**BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 4, 2007**

**SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 4th**  
**23rd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 6)**  
**Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary**  
**Healers**

9:10a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy With Prayers for Those in the Medical Field and Related Disciplines; Coffee Hour; Church School

**MONDAY/NOVEMBER 5th**  
Washington & New York Diocesan Assembly  
In South River, New Jersey

**TUESDAY/NOVEMBER 6th**  
7:00p.m. Adult Study Class: Part V:  
"A Theological Parenthesis & Thanksgiving"

**Wednesday/November 7th**  
7:00p.m. Vespers

**THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 8th**  
**Archangel Michael & All the Bodiless**  
**Powers of Heaven**

9:10a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to  
**St. Nectarios of Aegina (Nov. 9th)**

**SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 10th**  
9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

**SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 11th**  
**24th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)**  
**St. Martin of Tours**

9:10a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour; Church School; Teen Discussion

**Fasting Days**  
Wednesday, Nov. 7th  
Friday, Nov. 9th



**Hymn of Praise to the Archangel Michael**  
**and All the Bodiless Powers of Heaven**

Heavenly Commanders, who watch over us with care, Cover us with your wings, and shield us with your power.

Armed with the power of God, crowned by His glory, you wield flaming swords, to cut the demons down.

Swift, swift as rays of light you soar on the clouds – the clouds of the air – where you do battle for God.

Without fatigue and without sleep you hover ceaselessly over men and created things, and over countless worlds.

Behold, yours are mighty armies, legions virtuous, and gentle battalions of angels: and according to the Creator, our brothers.

Commanders of the might of heaven, lead us where we ought to go – to the throne of the Most High Who created us from nothing.

### **Namesday Greetings**

Archangel Michael/Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>: Michael Redmond; Michael Turri; Michael Warin; Jerry (Michael) Cirka; Michael Chabra; St. Nectarios/Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>: Nectarios Parsells; Many Blessed years!

### **Advanced Planning – Nativity Lent**

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the 40 Day Nativity Fast begins. One of the “Four Lents” of the year, we prepare for the Nativity of the Lord, on December 25<sup>th</sup> with an ascetical work of fasting from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. Your parish wall calendar indicates modifications to the Lent.

### **Pirohi Making**

Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center. Your help is appreciated.

### **Offerings for the Week of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Olive Oil – in memory of Emilia; in memory of Michael; for the healing and salvation of Gabriela-Antoaneta; for a safe journey; in memory of Joan.

Wine – for healing and salvation of Mariana, Stefan, Simona-Giorgiana and Eric; for the health of Mother Gabriella (namesday).

Flowers – in memory of Ion (9 year anniversary).

### **Parish Council Meeting**

November 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

### **Cell Phones**

Please be sure they are off before entering the church. Thanks you.

### **The Placing of Candles**

Ought not to be done during the Epistle, Gospel, Sermon, Great Entrance and the Anaphora. These are solemn times and the placing of and lighting of candles is inappropriate at these times. Ushers are asked to instruct “transgressors” to light their candles outside of these times.

### **Parish Synodicon**

Nov. 04, 1992 Mary Carmon  
Nov. 05, 1972 Helen Lopataka  
Nov. 05, 1980 Joseph Lazorisak  
Nov. 06, 1963 Helen Bogush  
Nov. 07, 1971 Katheine Yarik  
Nov. 07, 1971 Vera Medford  
Nov. 08, 1928 Anna Baran  
Nov. 08, 2005 Anna Albanese  
Nov. 09, 1916 Matthew Mukhevich  
Nov. 09, 1977 Philip Bukraba  
Nov. 10, 1918 Maria Ishchuk  
Nov. 10, 1921 Julia Bushinsky  
Nov. 10, 1960 Alexandria Kulina  
Nov. 10, 1969 John Buday



### **Newly-Departed**

Former parishioner Stephanida (Stella) Seminuk, (+) October 29<sup>th</sup>. Stella's funeral was in Colorado and her burial in our parish cemetery. Memory Eternal!

### **Memorial Service**

For Peter Chabra, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 7:00p.m.

### **Parish Educational Classes**

- 1) Teen Discussion Group (high school students) a brief 20 minute informal discussion to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during the Coffee Hour.
- 2) A Five Week Adult Study “On the Meaning of the Divine Liturgy,” will be held on Tuesday evenings, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30p.m.
- 3) Class A (K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during Coffee Hour.
- 4) Class B (4 thru 8 grade) on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during Coffee Hour.
- 5) General Question & Answer Period on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during Coffee Hour.

### **Aluminum Cans for Holy Trinity Church**

Don't forget to bring your rinsed cans to the bucket in our church hall.

### **The Parish Bulletin Board**

Has posted various items, events, news, and other information. Check it out at Coffee Hour.

## ON THE MAKING OF THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

### A CORRECTION TO WHAT APPEARED IN THE BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 21st

This is what appeared and step 2 is incorrect.



With the sign of the cross  
I unite my mind heart and  
all my strength with the  
life of Christ

1 Forehead – ask God to  
bless thoughts and deeds

2 Heart – ask God to grant  
love in the heart

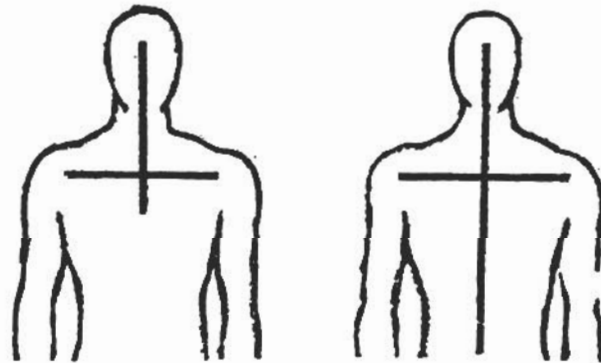
3 The right shoulder

4 And then the left – ask for  
blessing on the deeds of  
the hands

5 (Optional) bow and touch  
the ground – remember  
that human beings are  
made from the earth and  
are created by God

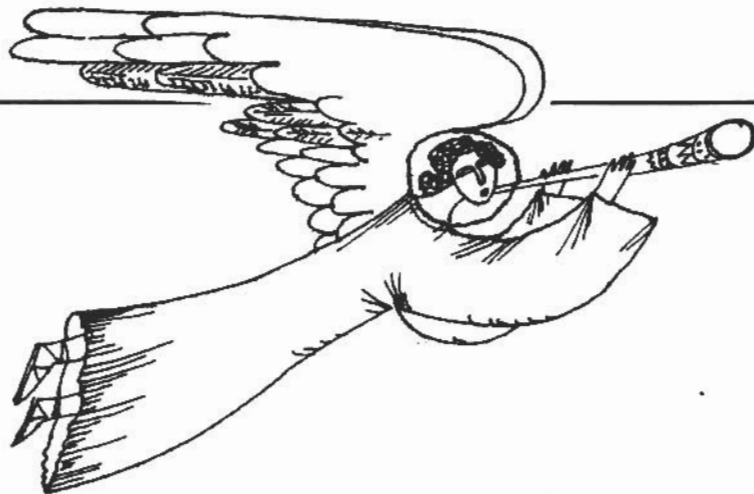
← Wrong

Correct manner of making the Sign of the Cross is to sign the stomach not the heart.



In the sacred book, the Psalter, from which Orthodox people were educated from ancient times, it is said in the "Brief Instruction": "about how it becometh the Orthodox Christian, according to the ancient tradition of the Holy Apostles and Fathers, to form on himself the sign of the cross... I shall state: first on our foreheads, which touches the highest part of the cross, second on the stomach, which touches the lowest point of the cross, third on our right shoulder and fourth on the left, by which the crossbeam is signed by the extended arms of the cross, on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, His hands extended to gather all the nations scattered to the ends of the earth into one."

May the Lord preserve us from even the slightest deviation from the authentic Orthodox faith of Christ!



## Ranks of Angels

In the Bible we find different titles given to Angels. But their classification occurs only during the era of the Church Fathers. St. Dionysios the Areopagite wrote about this, along with St. John of Damascus, and others. St. Basil the Great even mentions it in the eucharistic prayer of his Liturgy.

There are three ranks of Angels:

The higher order are those who stand before God's throne and ceaselessly proclaim his glory. They include:

1. Six winged **Seraphim**, who constantly adore God.

The prophet Isaiah writes: "Above God's throne stood the seraphim, each one had six wings, with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet and with two he did fly." (Is. 6:1-3)

2. Many eyed **Cherubim** - who contemplate God.

3. **Thrones** on whom God rests.

The second order are those that govern space and the stars. They include:

4. **Dominions**
5. **Virtues**
6. **Powers**

The third order are God's messengers. We know of them more through their visits in the old and new testaments. They include:

7. **Principalities**
8. **Archangels**
9. **Angels.**

Angels were created in God's image and likeness. They are higher than the material world and made to live forever. But they do not have bodies. They are invisible, except when they choose to take on a physical form.

There are many things we can not see. We cannot see "love," or "happiness,:" or "unhappiness," but we know very well that these things are real, just as God's invisible world.



**THE FEAST OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE UNMERCENARY HEALERS AND PHYSICIANS  
CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

On the First Sunday of the month of November, the Church celebrates the memory of the Unmercenary Healers and Physicians. These are the saints that are especially known for being in the medical field and for been gifted with the power of healing. The saints healed always in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They also used the medical procedures and medications of their day.

The hymnology of the day mentions these saints by name:

*Today we praise the blessed choir of the holy unmercenary physicians: the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the excellent healer of the infirm; Antipas, Charalampus and Blaise, the most honored hieromartyrs; Spyridon and Modestus, the all-splendid luminaries of the Church; the three pairs of divinely wise saints, Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same names and the same ways; Cyrus and the glorious John; the divine Panteleimon and Hermolaus; Diomedes and Sampson; together with Mocius, Photius and Anicetas, Artemius, Thalaleus and Tryphon.*

Eighteen of the Unmercenaries were professional physicians and three were bishops. One of the bishops was also a physician. Like all saints, these holy men dedicated themselves to God, becoming the first missionary physicians of the Christian Church. They preached the Christian faith and treated the sick without accepting any payments or rewards for their services. They also gave to the poor whatever earthly possessions they had. Living in terrible poverty for God's love, all were renamed "Unmercenaries" which means "penniless."



The saints' love for God was so great that they gave up friends, family, and all comforts of life to follow Him. None every married, but each chose to remain a virgin, keeping his body and soul pure for God. They followed the narrow and difficult path which leads to eternal life, and they gladly gave up all pleasures of life to inherit it.

Seeing their humility, sacrifices and dedication, God blessed them with the special gift of working miracles. The saints used God's gift to cure all kinds of diseases through the holy names of Jesus. They cured lepers, made the paralyzed to walk, drove off evil spirits, healed the blind, and even raised the dead. All these wonders were performed by the power of God, through the prayers of these saints.

Hundreds of years after their death, Orthodox Christians still turn to these saints for healing of their illnesses and for comfort for their souls. The saints continue to perform miracles by interceding to our Lord Jesus Christ for those who pray with faith.

Let us draw near to the holy saints seeking their aid for ourselves and for all those afflicted, weary, suffering and afflicted with diseases and illnesses of body, soul and mind, singing:

*Rejoice, O glorious assembly of unmercenary physicians, who watch over all the world after death even as you did while alive, O most blessed ones who burn with love and sympathy for all, universal saviors and fervent helpers for those who have recourse to your temple, salubrious wellsprings from whence we draw forth cures! With love do we honor you who pray to Christ, that He send down great mercy upon us.*



### Prayers to the Unmercenary Saints

Physicians of the ailing, treasures of healing, saviors of the faithful, most glorious Unmercenarics, heal those who cry out in need and in pain, beseeching our merciful God that he deliver us from the snares of the enemy.

You Who alone are a speedy succour, O Christ, manifest Your speedy visitation from on high upon Your sick servants; deliver them from their infirmities, and cruel pain; and raise them up again to sing praises unto you, and, without ceasing, to glorify You: through the prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos and Your Unmercenary Saints, O You Who alone love mankind have mercy on us and save us.

Through the prayers of the holy Unmercenary healers and the Most Holy Theotokos, may the Lord, our God, have mercy on us and forgive our sins, and heal our bodies and souls from all manner of sickness and diseases, that we may praise and glorify His Holy Name forever and ever. Amen.

Troparia that may be said for the sick, the suffering and before taking medical treatments, examinations, surgery and medicines:

**St. Panteleimon (tone 3) Reposed in 305**

O holy and great-martyr and healer Panteleimon, Intercede with our Merciful God, that He will grant unto our souls, remission of our transgressions.

**Ss. Cosmas and Damian (tone 8) Reposed in 3rd century**

O holy unmercenarics and wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian, visit our infirmities; freely you have received, freely give to us.

**St. Elizabeth (tone 4) Reposed in 1917**

You did reject worldly vanity and glories, having chosen the way of the ascetics. You were guided by Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, how to unite the teachings of Christ with good deeds. Together with Barbara, your fellow-struggler, you did also receive a martyr's crown. Wherefore Christ has crowned you with a two-fold crown, O humbly-wise Princess Elizabeth

**St. Luke the Archbishop and Surgeon (tone 1) Reposed in 961**

Herald of the way of salvation, confessor and bishop of the Crimean land; true guardian of the traditions of the Fathers, invincible pillar, instructor of Orthodoxy, Godly-wise doctor, holy hierarch Luke, unceasingly pray to Christ the Saviour, to grant unwavering faith to Orthodox Christians salvation and great mercy.