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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 8

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Archangel Michael & Bodiless Powers

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School

6:30p.m. Compline and Akathist to

St. Nectarios and Anointing with oil from tomb

(November 9th – St. Nectarios of Aegina)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 10 & 11

NY-NJ Diocesan Assembly in South River, NJ

SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 14

St. Philip the Apostle & St. Gregory Palamas

9:30a.m. Akathist to Our Lord; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 15

24th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Paisios of Moldavia

Beginning of the 40 Day Nativity Lent

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School and Teen Class

MONDAY/NOVEMBER 16

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class

Offerings Week of November 8

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, John, Rosalia, and Anastasia; for the health of Christopher; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Gabriella, Floarea, Gheorghe, Alexandru, Sasinca, Elena and Petre.

Wine: for health, protection and salvation of Gabriel, Tabitha-Gabriella (grandchildren).

The Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 08, 1928 Anna Barna
Nov. 08, 2005 Anna Albanese
Nov. 09, 1918 Philip Bukraba
Nov. 10, 1918 Maria Ishchuk
Nov. 10, 1921 Julia Bushinsky
Nov. 10, 1960 Alexandra Kulina
Nov. 10, 1969 John Buday
Nov. 12, 1916 Peter Kliaga
Nov. 12, 2004 Olga Skopak
Nov. 13, 1963 Peter Chabra
Nov. 15, 1929 Fr. Nikita Borisoff
(rector 1920-1922)

Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov. 08 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Erkman
(Fasting Foods: Nov. 15 thru Dec. 24th)
Nov. 15 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri
Nov. 22 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Usher Schedule

Nov. 08 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
Nov. 15 Dennis F. & Peter B.
Nov. 22 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Counters

Nov. 08 Lisa K. & Daniel T.
Nov. 15 Inga G. & Peter B.
Nov. 22 Ekaterini M. & Ciprian C.

2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months. The average increase for the last 8 months was a base of only \$1.61. This is far short of the need.

A Reminder About Prayers for Travelling

If you are travelling and wish a prayer for a safe journey, it is the custom to offer this prayer after the Divine Liturgy. When venerating the Cross, let Fr. James know you wish this prayer and wait at the Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow." Once the Post-Communion Prayers are finished, this short prayer with the sprinkling of holy water takes place.

Congratulations!

To John and Nino (Kanchaveli) Finnegan, on the birth of their son, Andrew on Nov. 2nd. The Lord bless!

Food Pantry Basket During Nativity Lent

For the duration of Nativity Lent (Nov. 15 – Dec. 20) baskets will be in the church vestibule to collect staple food items for the local Food Pantry.

The 3 Growth Seeds for November Month

First, on each of the 5 Sundays make it a point to learn the name of a parishioner you do not know. Second, make a resolution to learn something from the Sunday Bulletin and share it in discussion with your spouse and children. Third, be sure to venerate an icon in your home with a kiss at least once a day.

The Calendar

- Nov. 10/Tues. – NY-NJ Diocesan Assembly in So. River, NJ
- Nov. 15/Sun. – Beginning of 40 Day Nativity Lent
- Nov. 16/Mon. – Adult Study Class 7-8:30p.m.
- Nov. 19/Thurs. – Parish Council Meeting
- Nov. 21/Sat. – Feast of Entrance Into Temple
- Nov. 26/Thurs. – Thanksgiving Day and Akathist – "Glory to God For All Things."
- Dec. 06/Sun. – Feast of St. Nicholas with Festal Luncheon and Showing of Film, "100th Anniversary of Ss. Peter & Paul" (Film 1 hour and 20 minutes).
- Dec. 12/Sat. 10:30a.m. Church Cleaning
- Dec. 13/Sun. Christmas Cookie Walk

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE ANGELS

1. Angels? Who in their right mind believes in angels anymore?!?
 - a. those who know that things exist which cannot be seen by the human eye
 - b. those who believe the Word of God in the Old and New Testaments
 - c. those who have even some awareness of the spiritual world, including non-Christians
 - d. those who are possessed by demons
 - e. all of the above
2. True or False: According to the Holy Scriptures, there are 7 ranks of angels and 9 archangels.
3. The word "angel" means:
 - a. spirit
 - b. servant
 - c. messenger
 - d. holy one
 - e. none of the above
4. True or False: Angels can be present in two or more places at the same time because they don't have physical bodies.
5. The word "Satan" literally means:
 - a. father of lies
 - b. prince of the world
 - c. accuser or adversary
 - d. evil one
 - e. all of the above
6. True or False: Angels and demons, by their very nature as super-natural, highly intelligent spirits, not only know everything that has happened in the past, but can also read our thoughts and foretell the future.



7. If an angel came to you and gave you a different teachings from what was already given by Jesus Christ, should you listen to him?
8. True or False: When little children die, in heaven they become angels.
9. True or False: God created Satan as a fallen angel so that man's free will would be tested, having the option to follow God or follow the devil.
10. How many angels are there?
 - a. 144,000 angels, plus an unnumbered amount of demons
 - b. 99 angels, as indicated by the Lord's parable about the 99 sheep that didn't wander
 - c. somewhere between 1,000 and 10,000
 - d. innumerably more than the number of people ever created

1. e) all of the above.
2. False) There are 9 ranks of angels and many archangels, seven of which are known by name in Holy Scripture and Tradition
3. c) messenger
4. False. Angels are bound by time and space as are human beings.
5. c) Though all the descriptions apply, "Satan" literally means "accuser" or "adversary".
6. False. Angels do not know everything in the past, cannot read our thoughts, and do not know the future, unless God informs them of this.
7. No. See Galatians 1:8 and the errors of Islam and Mormonism for instance.
8. False. Though they may go to Heaven. Human beings do not become angels, nor angels become human beings.
9. False. Everything God created was made good, including Satan, who was formerly an angel of light and willingly chose to dwell in darkness.
10. d) Though there is no exact figure given in Holy Scripture or Tradition, the Church teaches that there are innumerably more angels than human beings ever created.

SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS OF THE OPTINA ELDERS

THE JESUS PRAYER

Pray fervently to the Lord God and warm your cold heart with His sweetest name, for God is our fire. Calling on His name destroys impure dreams and warms the heart to fulfill all of His commandments.
St. Anthony

How can one see Christ? The way to make this possible: the unceasing Prayer of Jesus, which alone is able to bring Christ to dwell in our souls. *St. Barsanuphius*

We have one sword—the Prayer of Jesus. It is said, “Strike the unseen enemies with this sword, for there is no more powerful weapon, either in heaven or on earth.” *St. Barsanuphius*

We who are infirm must unfailingly call out to Jesus, Who came to call not the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. And therefore, having neither deeds nor the spiritual powers for ascetic struggles, we must unavoidably call out: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us!
St. Anatoly

The path of the Jesus Prayer is the shortest path, the most convenient one. But do not complain, for everyone who travels this path experiences sorrows. Once you’ve decided to travel this path, go and do not complain if you meet difficulties and sorrows—you must endure. *St. Barsanuphius*

In order to always have the memory of God, there is the Jesus Prayer.
St. Barsanuphius

Let your first task, as soon as you awaken, be the sign of the cross, and your first words—the words of the Jesus Prayer. *St. Barsanuphius*

Prayer can cease only because of serious sins. Or if someone does not repent and is not watchful over himself. But if someone repents, he needs this prayer. You only need to keep yourself in depth of humility and worthlessness. But in order for prayer to be firmly established, the very best means are to endure sorrows and scorn. *St. Anatoly*

Do the Jesus Prayer more often—it will gladden the heart. Only strive to pluck out the rotten stuff from the heart, i.e., do not be attracted by unchaste thoughts. *St. Anatoly*

The Jesus Prayer is the most essential weapon in the work of our salvation. But he who takes hold of it must expect temptations and be prepared for an inner battle, a battle with thoughts. The demons do not like the Jesus Prayer and in every way they take vengeance on the person who strikes them with this sword. *St. Barsanuphius*

One should not pay attention to tempting thoughts, but should drive them far away from himself, and not being disturbed, continue the mental work. Though the fruit of this labor be imperceptible, though a person may not experience spiritual delights, tenderness, etc.—still prayer cannot remain inactive. It quietly completes its work. *St. Barsanuphius*

