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### BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 3 & 10, 2019

#### SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 3

Synaxis of Holy Healers

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

Food Basket Day; Coffee Hour

#### THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 7

7:00p.m. Akathist to Archangel Michael

(Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> feast day)

#### SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 9

5:30p.m. Vespers

#### SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 10

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

Church School; Coffee Hour

#### WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 13

6:30p.m. Memorial for Jan

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

#### THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 14

6:30p.m. Memorial for Vaschen & Emilia

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

#### FRIDAY/NOVEMBER 15

Beginning of 40 Day Nativity Lent

St. Paisios of Moldavia (+1794)

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 16

9:30a.m. Akathist St. Matthew; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

## Food Pantry

## Thanksgiving

Collection Due 11/18

Turkeys Distributed 11/23

Cranberry Sauce

Boxed Stuffing Mix

Turkey Gravy

Canned Yams

Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans

Cake Mix

Brownie Mix

Icing

## Christmas

Toys for Tots Collection

Serving 220 children  
monthly

### Offerings for the Week of November 03

Relic Candle: in honor of St. John of San Francisco; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia, Rosalia, Melania and Ivanna; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Ann Marie, John and Jerome.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Constantin; for the health of Ashley (birthday).

Wine: for remission of sins, healing and thanksgiving for Gabriel (birthday), Mariana, Stefan, Simona, Kurt and Tabitha; for the health of Nectarios (names day).

Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our Great Protectress.

### Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 04, 1992 Mary Carmon  
Nov. 04, 2017 Borica Ćavic  
Nov. 05, 1972 Helen Lopatka  
Nov. 05, 1980 Joseph Lazorisak  
Nov. 06, 1963 Helen Bogush  
Nov. 07, 1971 Katherine Yarik  
Nov. 07, 1971 Vera Medfor  
Nov. 08, 1928 Anna Barna  
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  
Nov. 12, 1916 Peter Kliaga  
Nov. 12, 2004 Olga Skopak  
Nov. 13, 1963 Peter Chabra  
Nov. 15, 1929 Fr. Nikita Borisoff  
(rector 1920-1922)  
Nov. 16, 1950 Francis Romanofsky  
Nov. 16, 1965 Anastasia Kuzmiak  
Nov. 16, 1977 Michael Putyrsk  
Nov. 16, 2009 Mary Romanak

### November Parish Council Meeting

The meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Parish Council Meetings are open and parishioners are welcome to attend.

### Offerings for the Week of November 10

Relic Candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia, Rosalia, Melania and Ivanna; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Ann Marie, John and Jerome.

Olive oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families.

Wine: for the health of Sarah (birthday); for the remission of sins, salvation and thanksgiving to God for David (birthday), Ira-Crista, Hermann, Maria, Elsie, Simona and Mariana.

Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our Great Protectress.

### Coffee Hour Hosting

Nov. 10 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue  
Nov. 17 *No meat, no dairy (fish permitted)*  
Nov. 17 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Stone

### Counters Schedule

Nov. 10 Ciprian C. & Jill P.  
Nov. 17 Irina S. & Lisa K.

### Ushers Schedule

Nov. 10 Jerome S. & Adrian M.  
Nov. 17 Dennis F.

### Readers Schedule

Nov. 10 Austin K. / Nov. 17 Ciprian C.

### Annual Girl's Retreat – Middle and high School – Nov. 22-Nov. 24 in Hewitt, NJ

Registration is now open. The necessary forms and flyer is posted on the Hall Bulletin Board. November 8<sup>th</sup> is last day for registration. For more information: [www.nynj.o.ca](http://www.nynj.o.ca).

### Nativity 40 Day Lent: Nov. 15 thru Dec. 24

A fast is observed from meat, dairy, wine and oil. Your parish wall calendar indicates modifications, as example the following:

Nov. 16/Sat. fish, wine & oil  
Nov. 17/Sun. fish, wine & oil

## THE UNMERCENARY HEALERS

On the 1st 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 being 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:



*the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the excellent healer of the infirm; of Antipas, Charalampus and Blaise, the most honored hieromartyrs; Spyridon and Modestus, the all-splendid luminaries of the Church; the three pair of divinely wise saints Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same name and the same ways; Cyrus and the glorious John; the divine Panteleimon and Hermolaus; the Nun-Martyr and deliverer from depression, Maria of Gatchina; the Royal Nun-martyr Elizabeth of Moscow; Luke the Archbishop and Surgeon of Crimea*

Like all of the saints these Unmercenary Physicians 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 "Unmercenary" which means "not influenced by financial gain".

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 name of Jesus Christ. 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.

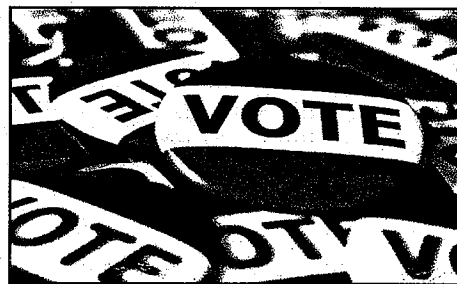
Hundreds of years after their death, Orthodox Christians still turn to these saints for healing of their illnesses and for comfort for their souls. The saints continue to perform miracles by interceding to our Lord Jesus Christ for those who pray with faith.

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## ON ORTHODOX LAITY AND POLITICS

*From the Social Concept of the Russian Orthodox Church*

Nothing can prevent Orthodox laity from participating in the work of legislative, executive and judicial bodies and political organizations. This involvement has taken place under various political systems, such as autocracy, constitutional monarchy and various forms of the republic system. The participation of Orthodox laity in secular and political processes was difficult only in the contexts of non-Christian rule and the regime of state atheism.

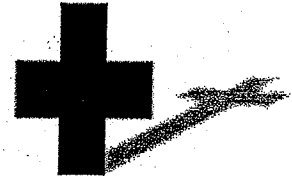


In participating in political processes, Orthodox laity are called to base their work on the norms of the Gospel's morality: the unity of justice and mercy (Ps. 85:10); the concern for the spiritual and material welfare of people; the love of the homeland; and the desire to transform the surrounding world according to the Word of Christ.

The Christian who works in the sphere of civic and political building is called to seek the gift of special self-sacrifice and special self-denial. He needs to be utterly attentive to his own spiritual condition, so that his civic or political work may not turn from service into an end in itself that nourishes pride, greed, and other vices. It should be remembered that "principalities or powers, all things were created by Him, and for Him... and by Him all things stand" (Col. 1:16-17). St. Gregory the Theologian, addressing the rulers of his time, wrote: "It is with Christ that you command, with Christ that you govern, for Him that you have received your power." St. John Chrysostom says, "A true king is he who conquers anger and jealousy and lust and subjects everything to the laws of God and does not allow the passion for pleasure to prevail in his soul. I would like to see such a man in command of the people, the throne, the cities the provinces, and the troops, because he who has subjected the physical passions to reason would easily govern people also according to the divine laws... But he who appears to command people but in fact accommodates himself to wrath and ambition and pleasure... will not know how to dispose of power."

## LESSONS FROM MEDICAL SCIENCE: SIMPLE AND COMPOUND FRACTURES

A simple fracture is a break in the bone. A compound fracture is a sharp break in the bone and a puncture of the skin. This puncture allows exposure to organisms and a high risk of infection. Simple fractures heal faster than compound fractures.



In the spiritual life, we also experience simple and compound fractures. We experience hurt, trauma, pain and spiritual breaks. The causes can be many and varied. Sin is the break and the grace of God provides us with healing.

Compound fractures in the spiritual life are at a greater risk. Here infection and exposure take place. That is, the demons capitalize on our (simple) spiritual break and compound it. How? By making our spiritual state all the worse. One of the chief ways this is done is to convince us that 1) that the spiritual problem or break is not so great; 2) that we can take care of it ourselves without resorting to God.

How many souls there are that are fractured and only complicate their condition by not returning to God! A simple fracture will eventually heal itself. A compound fracture requires the skill of the physician. Jesus Christ is our Chief Physician and Healer. We need to see our condition and go to Him.

We must not compound our sins. We need to go to the Mysteries of Confession and Holy Communion. When we think that we are okay and don't need to go to church; that we don't need frequent Confession; that we can manage on our own; when in moments of clarity we see our souls badly damaged and do nothing about it – we are victims of compound fracture.

The Church is the Hospital; the Physician is our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the place and He is the One to heal us.



### REVERENCE FOR LIFE IS GIVEN TO US

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Time spent on meaningful pursuits such as developing our talents and increasing our knowledge are worthy goals.

However, the noblest use of time that will give meaning to our lives is practicing reverence for life by personal involvement with those who need our help desperately.



True greatness lies in qualities of the heart, in charity and in love. Have you noticed that our happiest times are those in which we forget ourselves, usually in being kind to someone else? Life is busy, but time spent helping those in need is anything but wasted time. In fact, it is just the opposite, using our time to help those in need is time well spent!



**Illness** is a condition of brokenness sickness, disease, or some other ailment. *Spiritual illness is caused by sin (separation from God). Every sin is a repetition of Adam's sin, and with every sin we undergo the darkening and dying of the soul. If sin remains unconfessed, spiritual illness will remain untreated thus leading to death.*



**Therapy** is the treatment of illness or disability by means of a curative or rehabilitative process. *Spiritual therapy is found in the Church, where Jesus Christ is the Chief Physician. Healing is imparted when we ask the Physician for healing in Confession, follow the "doctor's orders" by keeping the Commandments, and with due preparation partake of His divine medicine in Holy Communion.*



**Health** is a condition of wholeness or soundness, free from disease or ailment. *To be healthy spiritually means to be free from the disease and brokenness of sin by being united to God and in good relation to our neighbor, and ourselves. Spiritual health was the condition of Adam before the Fall, and thanks to the redemptive work of Christ it can be our condition as well, should we desire to undergo the therapy offered by the Church.*