



ANGELS of GOD

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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November 17th – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5
(Remembering the Venerable Joannicius the Great & The Hieromartyr Nicandor of Myra)

Today's Epistle Reading:
EPISTLE: Galatians 6: 11-18

Today's Gospel Readings:
MATINS: Jn. 21: 15-25/**LITURGY:** Luke 16: 19-31

Troparion: "Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit; born for our sakes from a virgin; for He willed to be lifted upon the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!"

Kontakion: "Thou didst descend into hell, O MY Savior, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: 'O Lord, save us!'"

FOR YOU: We hope that all of us will take an ACTIVE role in getting involved and providing input for our Parish Leaders now, as we are moving forward in addressing our Focus Groups setting up Goals for our three Important Ministries (Technology, Activities, Welcoming/Faith, Liturgy) in our Parish, **with their Second Meeting Dates below:**
(There are still openings on each of our Ministry Committees!)

- TECHNOLOGY – Tuesday, December 3rd – 7 PM
- FAITH & LITURGY – Wednesday, December 4th – 7 PM
- ACTIVITIES & WELCOMING – Wednesday, December 11th – 6:30PM

- Sign up for STUDY Groups for our Men and Women, continuing in November!
TUESDAY the 26th (Men) – 7 PM!

NOTE: We will hold our Adult Education Discussions EVERY OTHER Sunday, So our next Session is TODAY the 17th – come join the group at the front of the Church to share in this wonderful opportunity!

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** We gently remind you to bring in your Thanksgiving donated goods (if you have yet to do so), and we will take our Thanksgiving Collection again today for our Needy!
(This past week, our Protinica celebrated her entrance into the 'Medicare Family' –
“Zivela dear JoAnn, and Mnogaja Ljeta!”)
- (2) **THIS TUESDAY:** Our Nut-roll Baking continues! – 9AM!
- (3) **THIS THURSDAY:** **Sts. Archangel Michael & the Bodiless Powers – 9:30AM Matins!**
- (4) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
George Rocknage Nancy Belich Diane Stanesic Mary Sayers Helen Trkula
Gary Popovich Katie Repasky Danileja Belo Terri Soffa Keith Bedell
Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Dorothy Medic Margaret Ivkovich
Melva Buzzelli-NH Protta Adam Yonitch Protta Paul Lazor Protta Joseph Cervo
Vlade Baskot Timothy & Gregory Melva Dandrea John Ratesic James King
- (5) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Barbara Tomac (Fr. Stevo's Teta) +Mika Rocknage +Joseph Stercula +Dean Trbovic
+Donna Moss +Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic +Lucy Pcholinski
+Protas: Dr. Filipovic, Den Pavichevich,, St Stepanov, +St Belonick, +Rast.Trbuhovich,,
+Vaso Sokolovic, +Zvonko Kotorcevic +Carl Magdic +Ray Moss +Ann Cervo
+Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Ann Suzich +Anka Kresovich
+Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge
+Sharon Young +Amy Pacura +Sophie Vranesevic +Dorothy Shumkaroff
+George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich
- (6) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
- **THIS Wednesday the 20th** – Sisterhood meeting at 7 PM!
- **Sunday, December 1st:** Our Parish Annual Meeting right after Church – We NEED You!
- (7) **A PERSONAL NOTE:**
- Again, thanks to all who have texted or called about our Dad's health – he continues under Hospice Care, and the “roller coaster ride” of good days and bad ones.
(Whenever possible, we will try to allow a minimum of visitation for those who wish to see him for a short period of time!)
(With Dad's health declining, we, of course, HAD to put some Christmas Lights up in the house (and his room) to lift his spirit!)
- (8) **THANKSGIVING DAY:** Moleben Service Of Thanksgiving – 9:30AM – JOIN US!

THE WORLD OF SPIRIT

The opening verse of the Holy Bible begins with: "*IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH . . .*" We know much about the things of the earth, but less about the things of heaven. Among the inhabitants of the heavenly realm are the **ANGELS OF GOD**.

The Greek word "*angelos*," means messenger, and it is this function of Angels that is best known in our day. For one thing, this is clearly depicted on the pages of Scripture. Archangel Gabriel was the bearer of glad tidings when he announced to the Holy Virgin that she would give birth to Christ; Angels announced the birth of the Saviour to the shepherds of Bethlehem; they brought the message of Resurrection to the women at the tomb of the Risen Lord.

Angels are also associated with guardianship. Chief among the guardians is the Archangel Michael, prince of the heavenly host guarding the Church of God. Angels are mentioned as guardians of nations as well as individuals.

Also associated with Angels is the praise and glory of God. They join us in the celebration of the Liturgy, bearing our prayers to the throne of God as we offer the sacrifice, proclaiming the glory of the Almighty. Before Him "*stand thousands of Archangels and myriads of Angels, with the Cherubim, and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, who soar aloft, borne on their pinions, singing the triumphant song, crying aloud and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.*" Let us not ignore this invisible portion of God's wondrous creation.