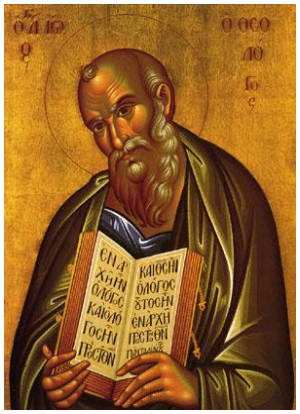


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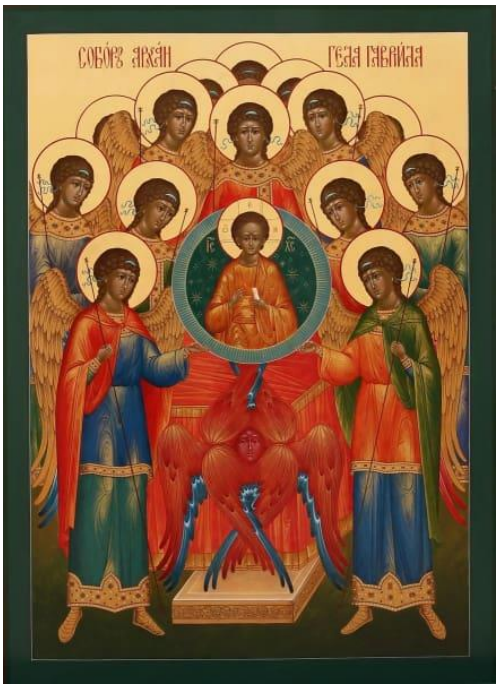
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Sunday, November 08, 2026; Tone 6 / Eothinon 1
The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael and all the bodiless powers of Heaven

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On November 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Synaxis of the Supreme Commanders Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and of the other bodiless and heavenly orders, the Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels and Angels.

Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul who was taken up into the third heaven (II Cor. 12:2), described the nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*. The Apostle Paul says all angels are ministering spirits to them who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). The Archangel Michael leads the angelic hosts.

When Satan fell away from God and drew a third of the angels with him to destruction, Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: “Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend!” and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: “Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!”

The Archangel Gabriel proclaimed the news of the conceptions of John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ to their mothers, Elizabeth and the Ever-virgin Mary (Luke 1). The Archangel Raphael healed Tobit of his blindness (Tobit 11) and freed his daughter-in-law, Sarah, from a demon (Tobit 6). Every nation and Christian has a guardian angel. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel.

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THE EPISTLE

He makes His angels spirits,
and His ministers flames of fire.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading from the Epistle of
St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:2-10)

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His own Will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the Son of man, that Thou carest for Him? Thou didst make Him for a little while lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Jesus, Who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

الصانِعُ ملائكَتَهُ أرْواحاً وخُدَّامَهُ لَهيبَ نارٍ.

بارِكِي يا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القِدّيسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ إلى العِبْرانِيين. (2:2-10)

يا إِخْوَةُ، إِنْ كانَتِ الكَلِمَةُ التي نُطِقَ بِها على أَلسِنَةِ مَلائِكَةٍ قَدْ ثَبَتَتْ وَكُلَّ تَعَدٍّ ومَعْصِيَةٍ نالَ جَزاءً عَدْلاً، فَكَيْفَ نُفْلِتُ نَحْنُ إِنْ أَهْمَلْنا خَلاصاً عَظيماً كَهَذا؟ قَدِ ابْتَدَأَ النُّطْقُ بِهِ على لِسانِ الرَّبِّ، ثُمَّ ثَبَّتَهُ لَنا الذينَ سَمِعوهُ. وشَهِدَ بِهِ اللهُ بِآياتٍ، وعَجائِبَ، وقُوَّاتٍ مُتَنَوِّعَةٍ، وتَوْزيعاتِ الرُّوحِ القُدُسِ على حَسَبِ مَشيئَتِهِ. فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ يُخْضِعْ لِلْمَلائِكَةِ المَسْكونَةَ الآتِيَةَ التي كَلامُنا فيها. لَكِنْ شَهِدَ واحِدٌ في مَوْضِعٍ قائِلاً: "ما الإِنْسانُ حَتَّى تَذْكُرَهُ، أَوِ ابْنُ الإِنْسانِ حَتَّى تَفْتَقِدَهُ؟ نقَّصْتَهُ عَنِ المَلائِكَةِ قَليلاً؛ بِالمَجْدِ والكَرامَةِ كَلَّلْتَهُ، وأَقَمْتَهُ على أَعْمالِ يَدَيْك. أَخْضَعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ." فَفي إِخْضاعِهِ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لَمْ يَتْرُكْ شَيْئاً غَيْرَ خاضِعٍ لهُ. إلاَّ أَنَّا الآنَ لَسْنا نَرَى بَعْدُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مُخْضَعاً لهُ. وإِنَّما نَرَى الذي نُقِصَ عَنِ المَلائِكَةِ قَليلاً، يَسوعَ، مُكَلَّلاً بالمَجْدِ والكَرامَةِ لِأَجْلِ أَلَمِ المَوْتِ، لِكَيْ يَذوقَ المَوْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ اللهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الجَميع. لأَنَّهُ لاقَ بالذي كُلُّ شَيْءٍ لِأَجْلِهِ وكُلُّ شَيْءٍ بِهِ، وَقَدْ أَوْرَدَ إلى المَجْدِ أَبْناءً كَثيرينَ، أَنْ يَجْعَلَ رَئيسَ خَلاصِهِمْ بِالآلامِ كامِلاً.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

فصلٌ شَريفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإنْجيليِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِرِ. (8:41-56)

في ذَلِكَ الزَّمانِ، دَنا إلى يَسوعَ إنْسانٌ اسْمُهُ يايِرُسَ، وهُوَ رَئيسٌ لِلْمَجْمَعِ، وَخَرَّ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْ يَسوعَ، وطَلَبَ إلَيْهِ أنْ يَدْخُلَ إلى بَيْتِهِ، لأنَّ لَهُ ابْنَةً وَحيدَةً لَها نَحْوَ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً قَدْ أَشْرَفَتْ على المَوْتِ. وبيْنَمَا هُوَ مُنْطَلِقٌ، كانَ الجُموعُ يزْحَمُونَهُ. وإنَّ امْرأةً بِهَا نَزْفُ دَمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وكانَتْ قَدْ أنفَقَتْ مَعيشَتَها كُلَّها على الأطِبَّاءِ ولَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ أحَدٌ أنْ يَشفِيَها. دَنَتْ مِنْ خَلْفِهِ وَمَسَّتْ هُدْبَ ثَوْبِهِ، ولِلْوَقْتِ وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دَمِها. فقالَ يَسوعُ: "مَنْ لَمَسَني؟" وإذْ أنْكَرَ جَميعُهُم، قالَ بُطْرُسُ والذينَ مَعَهُ: "يا مُعَلِّمُ، إنَّ الجُموعَ يُضايِقونَكَ ويَزحَمُونَكَ، وتَقولُ، مَن لَمَسَنِي؟" فقالَ يَسوعُ: إنَّهُ قَدْ لَمَسَنِي واحِدٌ. لأنِّي عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي." فَلَمَّا رَأَتِ المَرْأةُ أَنَّها لَمْ تَخْفَ، جاءَتْ مُرْتَعِدَةً وَخَرَّتْ لَهُ، وأَخبَرَتْ أَمامَ كُلِّ الشَعْبِ لأَيَّةِ عِلَّةٍ لَمَسَتْهُ، وَكيْفَ بَرِئَتْ لِلْوَقْتِ. فقالَ لَهَا: "ثِقِي يا ابْنَةُ. إيمانُكِ أَبْرَأَكِ، فاذْهَبي بِسَلامٍ." وفيما هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، جاءَ واحِدٌ مِنْ ذَوِي رَئيسِ المَجْمعِ وقالَ لَهُ: "إنَّ ابنَتَكَ قَدْ ماتَتْ، فلا تُتْعِبِ الْمُعَلِّم." فَسَمِعَ يسوعُ، فأَجابَهُ قائِلاً: "لا تَخَفْ. آمِنْ فَقَطْ فَتَبْرَأَ هِيَ." وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ البَيْتَ، لَمْ يَدَعْ أَحَداً يَدْخُلُ إلاّ بُطْرُسَ، وَيَعْقوبَ، ويُوحَنَّا وأَبَا الصَبِيَّةِ وأُمَّهَا. وكانَ الجَميعُ يَبْكُونَ ويَلْطِمُونَ علَيْهَا. فقالَ لَهُمْ: "لا تَبْكُوا. إنَّهَا لَمْ تَمُتْ ولكِنَّها نائِمَةٌ." فَضَحِكُوا عَلَيْهِ لِعِلْمِهِمْ بأَنَّها قَدْ ماتَتْ. فأَمْسَكَ بِيَدِها ونادَى قائلاً: "يا صَبِيَّةُ قُومِي." فَرَجَعَتْ رُوحُها وقامَتْ في الحالِ. فأَمَرَ أنْ تُعْطَى لِتأْكُلَ. فَدَهِشَ أبَوَاها، فأَوْصاهُمَا أنْ لا يَقولا لأحَدٍ ما جَرَى.

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, Sandy Dudum, George Messih, George Adranly, Fred Addes, Henriette Hilal, Souhad Halaka, George Cawog, Rocky Dudum** and **Norma Khalil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Violet Jaber.** Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Leila Farradj.** May her memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Dr. Fadi Ibrahim Asim al-Halsa, Dr. Khaled Michael Mafdi al-Halsa, Dr. Mohammad Yousef al-Qassous, Dr. Asim Emil Hanna al-Burqan, Mazen Rasmi al-Qassous, Dr. Maher Adel Khalil al-Zureiqat, Ehab Nayef Jamil al-Halsa, Alaa Khalil Saleh al-Masarwah, Marwan Khalil al-Khaitan** the Martyrs of St. George Church in Jordan. May their Memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Michael Shuheiber**, **Michael Munakash**, **Michelle Nicola**, **Michael Najjar**, **Michael Yowakeem, Gabriel Feghali, Gabriel Geleris, Jabra Shuhaiber, Ayla Raphaela Guajardo** and all those who are named after St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael on their name day Nov. 8th. Many years!

Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

† Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



† Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar, Mason Kawar, Jonathan Juha, Luke and Timothy Ernst, Maron Juha and Zaiden Karanikola, Nimer and Nathan Moganam

Coffee Hour

Nov 8th	Mona Thayer and family on the occasion of churching baby Dominick Thayer. Many years!
Nov 29th	Farradj & Silva family in memory of the Handmaiden of God Leila Farradj. May her memory be eternal!
Dec 6th	The Ladies of St. John are honoring and expressing their gratitude to those who have contributed endless hours of service by preparing, baking, cooking, teaching recipes and who now are enjoying their retirements: Helen Ghantous, Frieda Cawog, Nada Dudum, Norma Khalil, Ruth Jeha, Laila Adranly and our late Leila Farradj-- may her memory be eternal!

Upcoming Events

Nov 22nd	Prison Ministry Christmas card writing workshop at coffee hour. See Jill Norgaard to participate
Nov 29th	40th day prayer for the Handmaiden of God Leila Farradj
Dec 12th	Mark your calendars! Our Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th

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Announcements

Love your Neighbor: November – International Orthodox Christian Charities – IOCC

IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond. We envision that, by God's grace, IOCC will enable those suffering and in need to continue to improve their own lives and communities and to have means to live with dignity, respect, and hope.

Thanksgiving Basket Nov 22nd

Rima Kashou would appreciate if you would begin sending gourmet items for the Thanksgiving basket. Please bring abundantly so will be able to make more than one basket. The deadline to receive your goodies is November 15.

Sunday School Message

Thank you to all the youth that read, collected, and preached this month— it's such a gift to see and hear our youth at church!

Thanksgiving Kids & Teens Retreat

If you haven't yet signed up, please take a moment to RSVP ASAP or by Sunday at the latest for our wonderful Thanksgiving kids retreat. See the attached flyer for more details. It's going to be an event the kids won't want to miss!

December Events

We are looking forward to our yearly traditional Jolly Cars event! This year it will be on the feast of St Nicholas December 6th. Use this link to sign up and let us know that you'll be there and what your theme is. See the attached flyer below for more details. **Save the date for our Christmas Play on December 13th -- and if you are interested in helping to organize this event, please let me know!** Look out for an email next month with songs for the kids to begin practice singing and let us know if your child would like a larger role in the Christmas pageant.

Sunday School

It's been beautiful to see the kids' thirst for understanding and their honest faith. We just have about one more month of Sunday School sessions for the 2026 year so please be sure to bring your kids and encourage them to join their class. Just a quick reminder that the kids and Sunday school teachers can line up first for communion and then head straight to class -- Pre-K and K classes are with Jon Geleris and located in the first classroom & 1st-3rd graders are with Paula Kassouf in the 2nd classroom in the pre-school building (underneath the sanctuary of the church); 4th - 6th grade are with Rula Adranly in the meeting room & 7th - 12 graders meet with Irene Guajardo in the main room in the office building.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your support. Peace in Christ, Irene

Upcoming Dates:

- Nov 29: Thanksgiving break: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- Dec 6: Feast of St. Nicholas & Jolly Cars: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- Dec 13: Christmas Play: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- Dec 20: Christmas break. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- Dec 27: Christmas break. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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ORTHODOX
Thanksgiving
KIDS AND TEENS RETREAT

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.
– Psalm 107:1

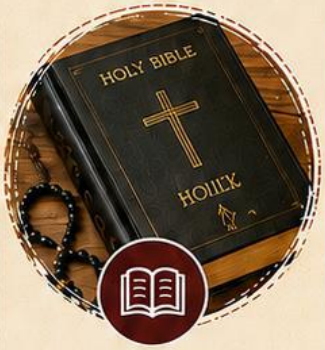


SUNDAY, NOV 15
1:30PM – 5:00PM

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DINNER *will be* PROVIDED

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Jolly Cars with St. Nicholas

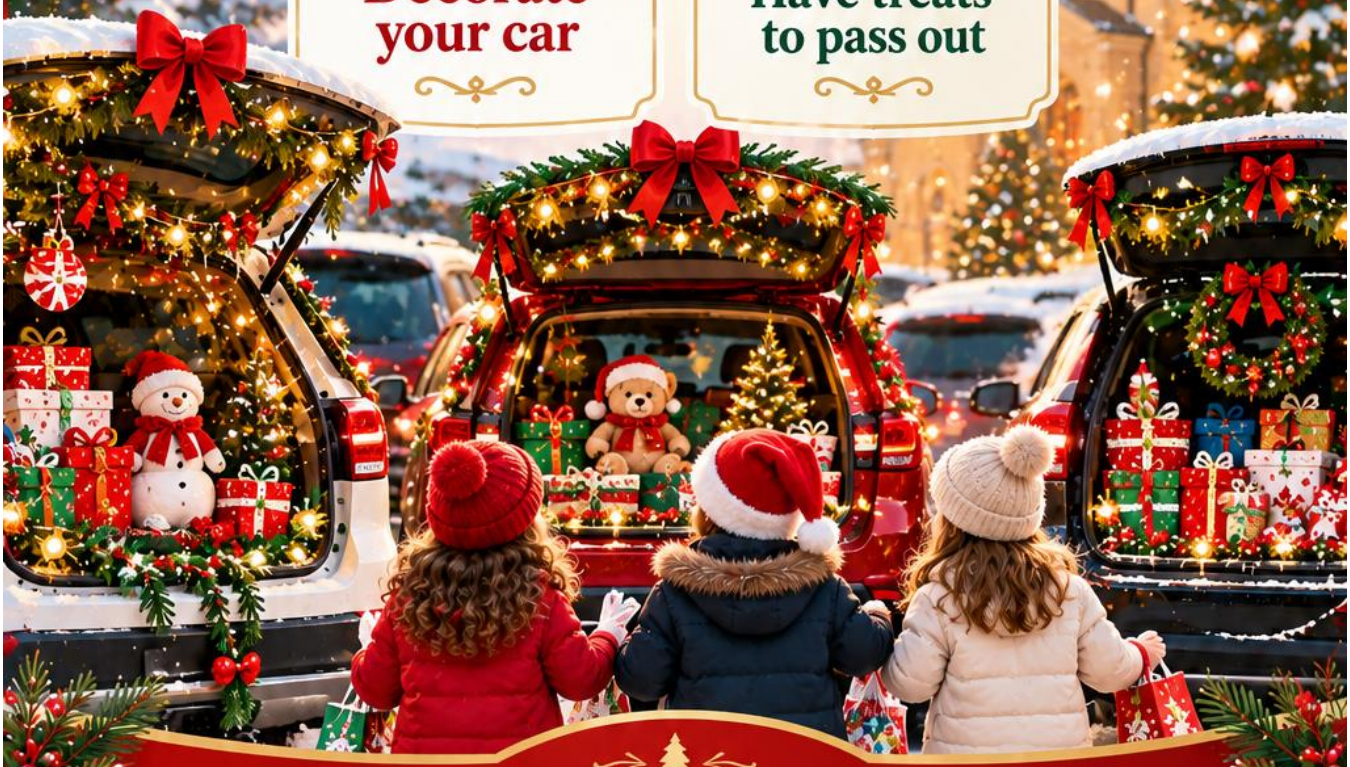
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