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Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers

Commemorated on November 21/8



The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month [acc. to the old calendar] was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Not at all having been the most powerful, Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, “Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God! Who is like unto God!” In him the words of the future Gospel: “My grace is sufficient for you, *for my power is made perfect in weakness*” came true!

What is our Christian gift to the Bodiless Powers, as well as our guardian angel, on the day of their celebration? Let us attend to the conclusion of the Parable of the Lost Sheep: “there is joy before the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart.” (Luke, 15)

May the Heavenly Hosts, our faithful guards, protect you and keep you in peace and good health!

First liturgy with the newly appointed priest at Snt. Mary church of Niscu

October, 22nd there was a first service with a newly appointed priest V. Rev. Evgeniy Protsenko at St. Mary Russian Orthodox church in Niscu region. The church choir was directed by our trustworthy servant Sergiy Kuflevsky, who, together with the Niscu choir, provided a very good singing and reading.

The altar service was lead by the church President David Borys with two helpers Andrew and Michael.

A lot of faithful were praying at the service, including many elders of the parish; some people came from far away to pray at their native and natal church, the church of their parents; some people came to support the newbie priest and his family at their first sole liturgy, the previous one having been served together with the rector of St. Barbara Cathedral and Patriarchal Parishes dean father Igor Kisil, the former rector of St. Mary's church.

There were several people who took part in the confession and partaking of the divine Mysteries of Christ.



The sermon of the father Evgeniy was on the Gospel story of raising from the dead of the son of the widow of Nain: when two processions collided at the gate of Nain – of the only begotten son of the widow and the Only Begotten Son of God – one of the great mysteries happened! Do we mourn over the origin of all our tribulations and sorrows, including the utmost one that has this widow, at least the way this woman did and drew the loving-kind and merciful attention of the Savior?

After the Divine Liturgy according to the good and old tradition of the farmers' churches (there in Niscu, as well as at all the Orthodox 9 parishes) we served a thanksgiving moleben (service) giving thanks to the Lord for his kindness and mercy for the last year as well as for the crop of this fall. The parishioners brought some vegetables and fruit that were the representation of the first fruit of harvest to be blessed.

At the end of the service Mr. David Borys presented the new priest to all the parishioners, wishing father Evgeniy (Yevhen) to keep up with what has been made by his predecessor father Igor, distributed the Bulletins for October passed by father Igor and called the people to aid the new rector in his service.

The wife and the daughter of father Evgeniy were presented with flowers and the parishioners shared the sanctifies fruit with the rector and the choir director.

The President of the parish also reminded of the coming events (that have been discussed at the last parish meeting) – the second visit of His Grace Matthew, bishop of Souroz and temporary Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in Canada (the exact date is still under consideration) – from December the 12th to the patronal feast of St. Barbara Cathedral; and the annual Cabbage Rolls event at St. Mary's church.

**f. Evgeniy Protsenko,
photos by Anna Wasiluk**



A WARM THANK YOU FROM FATHER EVGENIY AND
THE FAMILY – MATUSHKA OLGA, DARIA AND MICHAEL

We are really amazed by your lovingkindness to us during this uneasy transition period and would like to cry out our heartfelt thank you to father Igor, matushka Natalia and the boys, Mr. Roman Lopushinsky, Mr. Philip Pawlyk, Mr. David Boris the members of St. Mary's board, the church choir directors – Sergiy Kuphlevsky and Andrea Zacharuk as well as all our parish boards and to all our helpers for their help at arranging the divine services, the transport affairs and our residence and personal conveniences!

On behave of Doris and I, we would like to thank David Borys, Darcy Doblanko, Marianne Lecapoy, Daniel and Anita Borys, Doris Belozer, and Kevin and Anna Wasiluk for your help on Saturday the 3d at Father's and Matushka's. They both appreciated us being there and she had a smile on her face about the washing machine when we were leaving.

Anna Wasiluk

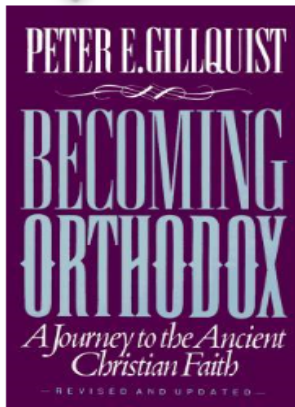
We thank you for your parental and brotherly care and advices about our household, for carrying so many, including very heavy, things in and out and making the house warmer and brighter!

Matushka Olga

Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendar

St. Mary's Parish Fall Social – Puschenia – will be held on Sunday **November 25, 2018** at St. Mary Parish Hall after service

Good to read! A piece of advice for Christian reading.



Becoming Orthodox: A Journey to the Ancient Christian Faith

by Peter E. Gillquist

This is the story of a handful of courageous men and their congregations who risked stable occupations, security and the approval of life-long friends to be obedient to God's call. It is also the story of every believer who is searching for the Church. Where Christ is Lord. Where holiness, human responsibility, and the sovereignty of God are preached. Where fellowship is ...

Humour

Pastor's Business Card

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card that he had printed "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it for just such an occasion and stuck it in the door. The following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned.

Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

NOVEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Daylight saving time 2018 in Canada ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 4</p>				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> <i>Soul Saturday</i>
<p><u>4</u> <i>Tone 6</i> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy & Thanksgiving Service, Calmar (The Kazan Icon of Mother of God)</p> 	<p><u>5</u> <i>Apostle James, Brother of Lord</i></p> 	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<p><u>8</u> <i>Great Martyr Dimitrius</i></p> 	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<p><u>11</u> <i>Tone 7</i> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, Nisku</p>  <p>REMEMBRANCE DAY <i>Let's Not Forget</i></p>	<u>12</u>	<p><u>13</u> 7:00 p.m.- St. Mary's Church Board Meeting, Nisku Parish Hall</p>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<p><u>18</u> <i>Tone 8</i> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, Nisku</p>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<p><u>21</u> <i>Synaxis of the Archangel Michael</i></p> 	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<p><u>25</u> <i>Tone 1</i> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, Nisku (Fall Social / Pschenia after the Service in Parish Hall)</p>	<u>26</u>	<p><u>27</u> <i>Apostle Philip</i></p> 	<p><u>28</u> <i>Nativity Fast Begins</i></p> 	<p><u>29</u> <i>Apostle & Evangelist Matthew</i></p> 	<u>30</u>	

If you want me to pray for your near and dear who has departed this life, or for someone who is sick, just give me a call or send me an e-mail or let me know before the service.

Father EVGENIY