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**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 6 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2016**  
**Κυριακή Ζ' Λουκά**

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Πολλά θαύματα έκανε ο Ιησούς Χριστός στον λαό του Ισραήλ για να ιατρέψει το σώμα και την ψυχή. Τόσα θαύματα είχε κάνει ο Κύριος, που δεν θα μπορούσε κανένας να αμφισβητήσει πως ήταν ο Μεσσίας, ο απεσταλμένος από τον Θεό για να λυτρώσει τον λαό του Ισραήλ. Αυτός ο λαός είδε με τα μάτια του να πραγματοποιούνται οι προφητείες που είχαν γραφεί από τόσους προφήτες και που είχαν καταγραφεί στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη. Αν και ανέμεναν τον ερχομό του Μεσσία, στην ευκαιρία που τους δόθηκε να ζήσουν και να βιώσουν αυτό το μεγάλο γεγονός, οι Ιουδαίοι φάνηκαν ανίκανοι να τον αποδεχτούν. Αυτή η συμπεριφορά των Ιουδαίων συνοδεύει όλες τις μετέπειτα γενεές.

Εμείς σήμερα ζούμε την περίοδο της Χάριτος και όντως αποδεχόμαστε τον Ιησού Χριστό ως Μεσσία και Λυτρωτή μας. Δεν μπορούμε όμως να μένουμε μόνο στα λόγια χωρίς να ζούμε μία εν Χριστώ ζωή. Εάν αναφερόμαστε στους Ιουδαίους ότι δεν αποδέχτηκαν τον Χριστό ως Μεσσία διότι δεν πίστευσαν σ' Εκείνο, πρέπει να προσέξουμε και μεις ώστε να μη πέσουμε στην ίδια παγίδα της απραξίας ή απιστίας.

Στη σημερινή Ευαγγελική περικοπή διαβάσαμε για δύο σπουδαία θαύματα που έκανε ο Κύριος ενώπιον του λαού. Γνωρίζουμε πολύ καλά πως στην εποχή του Κυρίου οι κοινωνίες ήταν μικρές και οι ειδήσεις και τα νέα κυκλοφορούσαν μόνο από στόμα σε στόμα. Τα θαύματα του Κυρίου διαδίδονταν άμεσα και όλοι, ή είχαν ακούσει για τον Ιησού Χριστό, ή είχαν την ευκαιρία να τον αντικρίσουν, ή να ακούσουν το κήρυγμα Του, ή να δουν ένα από τα πολλά θαύματά Του.

Έτσι, λοιπόν, όταν μια αιμορροούσα γυναίκα πλησίασε τον Ιησού και γιατρεύτηκε με ένα απλό άγγιγμα των ιματίων του, έγινε θαύμα. Ο Ιησούς όμως, που ήξερε τι είχε γίνει, τη προκάλεσε να αποκαλύψει το θαύμα που της έγινε για το όφελος του υπόλοιπου λαού.

Τα θαύματα όμως δεν γίνονταν με μαγικούς τρόπους «τρικ» και «εφέ», όπως σήμερα οι άνθρωποι συνήθισαν να βλέπουν στο κινηματογράφο. Γίνονταν με την Χάρη του Θεού, η οποία πήγαζε από τον ίδιο τον Ιησού Χριστό, γι' αυτό και αναφέρεται στο Ευαγγέλιο πως είπε ο Κύριος: "Κάποιος με άγγιξε, γιατί εγώ ένιωσα να βγαίνει από μένα δύναμη" (Λουκ. 8:46).

Δεν έγινε το θαύμα διαμέσου κάποιου άλλου προσώπου, αλλά η χάρη βγήκε από τον ίδιο τον Ιησού Χριστό. Αυτό το γεγονός είναι μοναδικό στην ιστορία του ανθρώπινου γένους και αποδεικνύει την μοναδικότητα του Ιησού Χριστού.

Στο θαύμα της αιμορροούσας γυναίκας, θαυμάζουμε και ένα άλλο σπουδαίο γεγονός: το ότι ο Ιησούς

Χριστός ήθελε να προβάλει ενώπιον του λαού τη πίστη της γυναίκας. Η αιτία του θαύματος πηγάζει από τη πίστη της γυναίκας αυτής, πως ακόμα και με το άγγιγμα του ματιού του Κυρίου θα ήταν αρκετό να θεραπευτεί!

Η πίστη της γυναίκας αυτής είναι αυτό που πρέπει σήμερα να θαυμάζουμε και να διδαχθούμε, διότι πολλές φορές διαβάζουμε στο Ευαγγέλιο, ή ακούμε ένα κήρυγμα και μένουμε στο θαυμασμό χωρίς να μας αγγίζει ψυχικά αυτό που διαβάζουμε ή ακούμε.

Η πίστη μας στο Θεό πολλές φορές μένει επιφανειακή. Μένουμε στα εξωτερικά γνωρίσματα της πίστης μας, χωρίς να εμβαθύνουμε περισσότερο και χωρίς να θέλουμε να κάνουμε καμία προσπάθεια. Φεύγοντας σήμερα από το Ναό, πρέπει και εμείς να γίνουμε πιο ένθερμοι στη πίστη μας, συμμετέχοντας πιο ενεργά στα Μυστήρια της Εκκλησίας, αλλά την ίδια στιγμή να γίνει πιο μαλακή η καρδιά μας για να αποδεχθούμε τη Χάρη του Θεού.

Από μας εξαρτάται το αν και σε ποιο βαθμό θα δεχτούμε την Χάρη και τις δωρεές του Θεού στη ζωή μας.

ΑΜΗΝ

✠ Αρχιμ. Νεκτάριος Παπαζαφειρόπουλος  
Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος

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**November 9 - Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis** - Saint Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. After putting himself through school in Constantinople with much hard labor, he became a monk on Chios in 1876, receiving the monastic name of Lazarus; because of his virtue, a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the new name of Nektarios. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronis of Alexandria, Nektarios went to Athens to study in 1882; completing his theological studies in 1885, he went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest on March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of Saint Sabbas, and in August of the same year, in the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, made him Archimandrite. Archimandrite Nektarios showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and for the beauty of God's house. He greatly beautified the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, and years later, when Nektarios was in Athens, Saint Nicholas appeared to him in a dream, embracing him and telling him he was going to exalt him very high. On January 15, 1889, in the same Church of Saint Nicholas, Nektarios was consecrated Metropolitan of the Pentapolis in eastern Libya, which was under the jurisdiction of Alexandria. Although Nektarios' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of lesser men, who convinced the elderly Sophronios that Nektarios had it in his heart to become Patriarch. Since the people loved Nektarios, the Patriarch was troubled by the slanders. On May 3, 1890, Sophronios relieved Metropolitan Nektarios of his duties. In July of the same year, he commanded Nektarios to leave Egypt. Without seeking to avenge or even to defend himself, the innocent Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because his good name had been soiled, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop, and in February of 1891 accepted the position of provincial preacher in Euboia; then, in 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. Through his eloquent sermons his tireless labors to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms deeds despite his own poverty, and the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, he became a shining light and a spiritual guide to many. At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of his convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina while yet dean of the Rizarios School; finding later that his presence there was needed, he took up his residence on Aegina in 1908, where he spent the last years of his life, devoting himself to the direction of his convent and to very intense prayer; he was sometimes seen lifted above the ground while rapt in prayer. He became the protector of all Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Here also he endured wicked slanders with singular patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself. Although he had already worked wonders in life, an innumerable multitude of miracles have been wrought after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly an illness that has not been cured through his prayers; but Saint Nektarios is especially renowned for his healings of **cancer** for sufferers in all parts of the world.

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Ζ' ΛΟΥΚΑ**  
**Κατὰ Λουκᾶν Η' 41-56**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ ὃ ὄνομα Ἰάϊρος, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἦλθεν ἀνὴρ ὃ ὄνομα Ἰάειρος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἄρχων τῆς συναγωγῆς ὑπῆρχε· καὶ πεσὼν παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ὅτι θυγάτηρ μονογενῆς ἦν αὐτῷ ὡς ἐτῶν δώδεκα, καὶ αὕτη ἀπέθνησκει. Ἐν δὲ τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτὸν οἱ ὄχλοι συνέπνιγον αὐτόν. καὶ γυνὴ οὖσα ἐν ῥύσει αἵματος ἀπὸ ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἣτις ἰατροῖς προσαναλώσασα ὅλον τὸν βίον οὐκ ἴσχυεν ὑπὲρ οὐδενὸς θεραπευθῆναι, προσελθοῦσα ὀπίσθεν ἤψατο τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου αὐτοῦ, καὶ παραχρῆμα ἔστη ἡ ῥύσις τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῆς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ἀρνούμενων δὲ πάντων εἶπεν ὁ Πέτρος καὶ οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, οἱ ὄχλοι συνέχουσί σε καὶ ἀποθλίβουσι, καὶ λέγεις τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἤψατό μου τις· ἐγὼ γὰρ ἔγνωνα δύναμιν ἐξελοῦσαν ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. ἰδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γυνὴ ὅτι οὐκ ἔλαθε, τρέμουσα ἦλθε καὶ προσπεσοῦσα αὐτῷ δι' ἣν αἰτίαν ἤψατο αὐτοῦ ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτῷ ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ, καὶ ὡς ἰάθη παραχρῆμα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· θάρσει, θύγατερ, ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε· πορεύου εἰς εἰρήνην. Ἐτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἔρχεται τις παρὰ τοῦ ἀρχισυναγώγου λέγων αὐτῷ ὅτι τέθνηκεν ἡ θυγάτηρ σου· μὴ σκύλλε τὸν διδάσκαλον. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ λέγων· μὴ φοβοῦ· μόνον πίστευε, καὶ σωθήσεται. ἐλθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν οὐκ ἀφῆκεν εἰσελθεῖν οὐδένα εἰ μὴ Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν πατέρα τῆς παιδὸς καὶ τὴν μητέρα. ἔκλαιον δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐκόπτοντο αὐτῇ. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· μὴ κλαίετε· οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, ἀλλὰ καθεύδει. καὶ κατεγέλων αὐτοῦ, εἰδότες ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐκβαλὼν ἔξω πάντας καὶ κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτῆς ἐφώνησε λέγων· ἡ παῖς, ἐγείρου. καὶ ἐπέστρεψε τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀνέστη παραχρῆμα, καὶ διέταξεν αὐτῇ δοθῆναι φαγεῖν. καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῖς. ὁ δὲ παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς μηδενὶ εἰπεῖν τὸ γεγονός.

**The Reading is from 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 he 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 you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one 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 he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he 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 he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he 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 he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he 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.

**Από την Επιστολή Αποστόλου Παύλου Πρὸς Γαλάτας Πρὸς Γαλάτας 1:11-19**

*Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.*

*Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.*

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἠκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφήν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ

προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπήλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἱστορῆσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἄτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

**The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19**

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.*

*Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.*

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**November 11 - Veterans Day**-On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day

(the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

**Ο Κύκλος της Νεολαίας**

Ανακοινώνουμε στους ευσεβείς μας χριστιανούς ότι η επόμενη συνάντηση του κύκλου νεολαίας θα είναι αυτή την Πέμπτη και ώρα 7:00μ.μ. στην αίθουσα της εκκλησίας του Αγίου Δημητρίου, με τον πατέρα Βασίλειο.

**Young Adults Discussion Group**

We are pleased to announce to our Community's Young Adults that we will meet at 7:00p.m. this Thursday in the St. Demetrios Church Hall to discuss topics that concern us as Orthodox Christians.



The discussion group will be led by Fr. Vasilios.

**Welcome to Hellenic Orthodox Community of St. Demetrios:**

We welcome all our visitors this morning and thank you for praying with us during the Divine Liturgy. While Holy Communion **may only be received by prepared and baptized Orthodox Christians.** our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in receiving blessed bread (Antidoron) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.



**Ανακοίνωσης**

Επί την ευκαιρία της ονομαστικής εορτής του Ιερατικώς μας Προϊσταμένου Αρχιμ. π. Νεκταρίου, την Τετάρτη 9 Νοεμβρίου, θα προσφερθεί κέρασμα στην Αίθουσα του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού του Αγίου Δημητρίου αμέσως μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτουργίας.(10:30π.μ.)

**ΤΕΛΕΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ**  
**ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ**

**Δευτέρα, 7 Νοεμβρίου, 2016**

**ΑΓΙΑ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ**

Εσπερινός 7:00-8:00 μ.μ.

**Τρίτη, 8 Νοεμβρίου, 2016**

**Των Παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών**  
**Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ**

**ΑΓΙΟΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

**ΑΓΙΑ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 π.μ.  
Εσπερινός 7:00-8:00 μ.μ.

**Τετάρτη, 9 Νοεμβρίου, 2016**

**Νεκταρίου Αιγίνης**

**ΑΓΙΟΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:30 π.μ.

**ΑΓΙΑ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 π.μ.  
Παράκληση 7:00-8:00 μ.μ.

**Σαββάτο, 12, Νοεμβρίου, 2016**

**Ιωάννου του Ελεήμονος**

**ΑΓΙΟΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 π.μ.  
Εσπερινός 6:00-7:00 μ.μ.

**ΑΓΙΑ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

**Κυριακή, 13, Νοεμβρίου, 2016**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Η'ΛΟΥΚΑ**

**ΑΓΙΟΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ**

1. Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30-10:30 π.μ.  
2. Θεία Λειτουργία 10:45-12:30 μ.μ.

**ΑΓΙΑ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΗ**

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

**Μνημόσυνα Σαββάτου, Κυριακής**

**Άγιος Δημήτριος**

Ναούμ Γιώρας  
Χαράλαμπος & Φιλομήλα Τόνγκαλσον  
Νικήτα Γιάκος  
Μαρία Σιμέλη

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**  
**OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**Monday, November, 7, 2016**

**SAINT CATHERINE**

Vespers 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**Synaxis Gabriel and Michael**  
**the Archangels**

**SAINT DEMETRIOS**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**SAINT CATHERINE**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
Vespers 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

**Nectarios of Aegina**

**SAINT DEMETRIOS**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:30 a.m.

**SAINT CATHERINE**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
Paraklisis 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**John The Merciful**

**SAINT DEMETRIOS**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
Vespers 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**SAINT CATHERINE**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**SAINT DEMETRIOS**

1. Orthros & Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.  
2. Divine Liturgy 10:45-12:30 p.m.

**SAINT CATHERINE**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00-11:00 a.m.

**Μνημόσυνα Σαββάτου, Κυριακής**

**Άγια Αικατερίνη**

Βασιλική Πανταζή  
Παναγιώτη Ποδιμάτη  
Ιωάννου Βιζανιάρη  
Χρήστου Αναγνώστου  
**Αρτοκλασία**  
Συλλόγου Σύμης



**November 6th - Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople** - Saint Paul was from Thessalonica. He became the secretary of Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople, a deacon, and then the successor of Saint Alexander in about 337. Because of his virtue, his eloquence in teaching, and his zeal for Orthodoxy, the heretics the Arians hated and feared him. When the Arian Emperor Constantios, who was in Antioch, learned of Paul's election, he exiled Paul and proclaimed the Arian Eusebios Patriarch. Saint Paul went to Rome, where he found Saint Athanasios the Great also in exile. Provided with letters by Pope Julius, Paul returned to Constantinople, and after the death of Eusebios in 342, ascended again his rightful throne. The Arians meanwhile elected Macedonios, because he rejected the Son's substantiality with the Father (and the divinity of the Holy Spirit besides). When Constantios, yet at Antioch, learned of Paul's return, he sent troops to Constantinople to drive Paul out. The Saint returned to Rome, where Saint Athanasios also was again in exile. Constans, Emperor of the West, Constantios' brother, but Orthodox, wrote to Constantios that if Athanasios and Paul were not allowed to return to their sees, he would come with troops to restore them him-self. So Paul again returned to his throne. After the death of Constans, however, Constantios had Paul deposed. Because of the love of the people for Saint Paul, Philip the Prefect, who was sent for him, was compelled to arrest him secretly to avoid sedition. Paul was banished to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia; a town through which his most illustrious successor, Saint John Chrysostom would also pass on his way to Comana in his last exile. In Cucusus, about the year 350, as Saint Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the little house where he was a prisoner, the Arians strangled him with his own omophorion, so Constantinople with honor by the Emperor Theodosios the Great.

**November 8 - Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel** - All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8). While one Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is also appointed to **protect each Christian individually**. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw nigh to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias 6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honoring these divine ministers, our protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty." The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures, where Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him - (Dan. 7:10). But all of them are divided **into nine orders** which are called Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

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