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ST. JOHN THE MERCIFUL

Sunday November 25, 2018

Ephesians 5:9-19, Luke 10:25-37

Tropars and Kondaks Tone 1

Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

Nativity Fast – The Nativity fast begins on Wednesday. Please remember to take home a Nativity Fast Prayer Card from Metropolitan Gregory. We will also be adding a special petition in the liturgy during the fast.

Orthodoxy is life. If we don't live Orthodoxy, we simply are not Orthodox, no matter what formal beliefs we might hold. + Fr. Seraphim Rose

Orthodox Practice - Archangels

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. 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!”

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15)

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36)

It seems that we do not understand one thing: it is not good when we return the love of those who love us, yet hate those who hate us. We are not on the right path if we do this. We are the sons of light and love, the sons of God, his children. As such we must have His qualities and His attributes of love, peace, and kindness towards all.

+ Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

Roll Orders must be in by Saturday Dec. 1

Altar Society Christmas party is Sunday Dec. 2nd--1:00 at Hoss's

Here is the schedule for baking:

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| Make dough | 4:00 | Monday Dec. 3 | Monday Dec. 10 |
| | | Wednesday Dec. 5 | Wednesday Dec. 12 |
| Bake | 8:30 | Tuesday Dec. 4 | Tuesday Dec. 11 |
| | | Thursday Dec. 6 | Thursday Dec. 13 |

St. Nicholas Day Celebration December 16th. Please mark your calendars. Potluck sign up is downstairs.

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