



# The Apostles' Joy

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Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

*Christ is in our Midst! He is and shall be!*

One of the feasts that stands out in the month of November is the feast of the *Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel, and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven* (November 7). We honor those celestial ministers of God whose sole purpose is to be God's messengers to us and to watch over us in our day-to-day lives. Our culture has reduced the role of angels to something almost silly, often depicted as cute little fat cherubs which play harps or something. In reality, the role of the Angels is so much more powerful, and more important than cute musicians, and we should be aware of it! There are specific prayers which we say daily to our Guardian Angels asking them to watch over us. We hear in the Psalms the assurance of the Lord that, "He shall give His angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone." (Psalm 91)

In this month where we are called to give thanks **TO GOD** for all that He has given us, let us also give thanks for all the Hosts of Heaven who ceaselessly watch over us and protect us from dangers and distress.

With much love and God's blessing,



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**Special Services for the Month:** In the month of November our Mission will observe the Feast of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Hosts with the celebration of Vespers at the home of the Williams Family on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 pm. We will also observe the Great Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple with the celebration of Vespers at the home of the Sak Family on Monday, November 20, at 7:00 pm. God willing, Fr. Michael Dahulich, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary will join us the evening of the 20th. Our serving in the homes of parishioners is our temporary solution with the blessing of His Grace, Bishop TIKHON to observe the Church feasts while we are without a permanent facility.

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## *Our Mission @ a glance:*

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**“Orthodoxy 101” Class:** Our well attended parish education program meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at “Mission Central.” This fall we have been looking at Archbishop Gregory’s (Afonsky) book “Christ and the Church.” Join us as we learn more about what the Church is...and what the Church is not.

**Orthodox Bible Study:** Our joint Orthodox Bible Study with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill has been a huge success! Join us every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, as Fr. Yanni Virginnis, and our own Fr. Tim, lead us on the study of the Gospel of St. Matthew. We are using the Orthodox Study Bible as our main text.

**Silent Auction & Dinner Dance:** This past October 8, we held our first ever Building Fund Kick-off Fundraiser. Through the grace of God and the participation of our brothers and sisters in Christ, we raised a little over \$15,000 for our parish building fund!!! We thank God for this momentous step towards the collective goal of having a permanent place of worship! We especially wish to thank Mary & Steve Sak, and Karen Simons for all their hard work in putting it together and making it a success! For more information on the Silent Auction results and an online copy of the Commemorative Ad Journal please go to our website:

**[www.holyapostleschurch.org](http://www.holyapostleschurch.org)**

Also, please see the survey in this newsletter for your feedback to make this event even more successful next year.

**Fr. Tim has been invited** to lead a “Liturgical Chapel” at Messiah College on the morning of November 9, at 9:30 am. We will serve a Moliben of Thanksgiving, and then Father will offer an Orthodox understanding of “Missions.”

**Charity Sunday:** On Sunday, November 12, coinciding with the feast of St. John the Almsgiver, our Mission will participate in a variety of activities. The parish food drive will culminate with food items being collected from the 3 previous weeks and deposited at a local food bank. We will also have a Charity Luncheon with the proceeds going to a charitable cause. This event is to teach our youth, as well as our parish the virtue and value of charitable giving.

**The Annual Diocesan Assembly** will take place on November 17 and 18, at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Paul Makosky will be accompanying Fr. Tim to represent our Mission at this two-day Diocesan Administrative Meeting.

**Our All-Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 19, following the Divine Liturgy and a Lenten potluck. All parish voting members are asked to be present to take part in this important administrative ministry of our Parish!

**The Annual IOCC/OCMC Charity Dinner** will be held at Annunciation Orthodox Church in York, on Sunday, November 19 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available for \$25. See Fr. Tim for more details.

**Thanksgiving Service:** The local Orthodox Council of Churches of South Central Pennsylvania (O.C.C.S.C.P.) will be sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Eve Service of Thanksgiving at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Steelton, on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm. All are welcomed!

**Advent Spiritual Retreat:** On Saturday, December 2, the local OCCSCP is sponsoring a retreat lead by Fr. John Reeves of State College at Annunciation Orthodox Church in Lancaster from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The topic will be **“Sharing our Faith in our Families: Problems and Possibilities.”** Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. See Fr. Tim for details.

**“Inasmuch as you have done it to these little ones, you have done it to Me.” Matt. 25:40**

To: Everyone of Good Will

This is Fr. Michael Mihalick. Our dear friend in New Hampshire made our need known & many have responded & we are grateful. However, we learned, that this was a 'jump start', that we need a monthly income.

I am 56, & had to retire early from the active ministry because of an aggressive form of MS.

Right now, for example, neither can I walk or talk very well... there are an entire litany of such things...

My wife has no health insurance & has a host of her own medical problems....she needs health insurance. We will use part of this gift for health insurance & the other part to pay bills.



Fr. Michael with family

I am in a financial pickle & am asking you to be God's hands for us.

Fr. Michael with his daughter

I cannot live on my small income & my wife cannot

go out to work as I need 24/7 care...i.e. I cannot even eat myself.

To make a long story short, we are looking for 50 or so people to pledge & give \$20 or more a month.

This will make it possible for us to live. Your monthly help will be appreciated.

Thank you & God bless,

Fr. Michael Mihalick

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Fr. Michael Mihalick is a priest in the Orthodox Church in America. Throughout his priestly ministry, he cared for those sick in soul and body. Now, due to an aggressive form of Multiple Sclerosis, he is no longer able to care for even himself or his family.

May God, who sees and rewards every act of kindness and compassion, reward you for your care for His servant, Fr. Michael.



**Money can be sent directly to:**

Janet Mihalick  
323 Nees Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15904

Or it can be routed through:

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church  
P.O. Box 179  
Bishopville, MD 21813

Earmark checks: *Mihalick Support*

**“If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and if one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, but you do not give them those things which are needful to the body, what good is it? Even so, faith without works is dead.” Jam. 2:16-17**

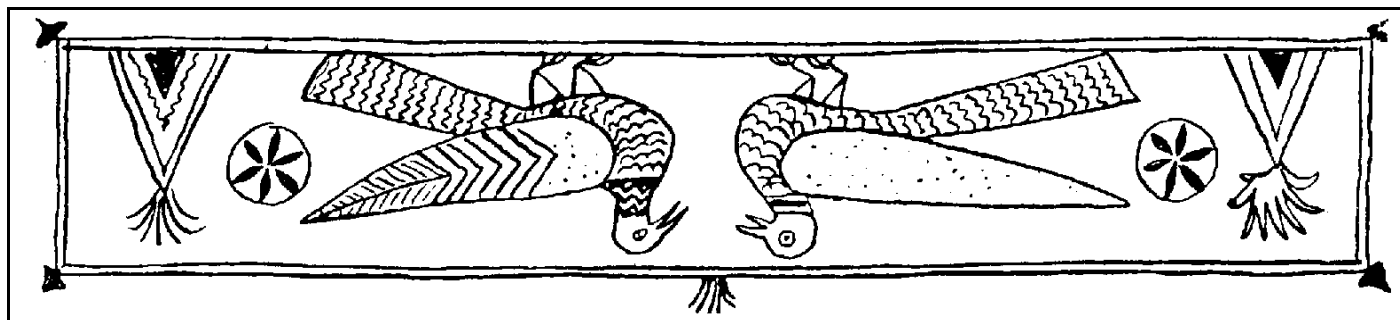


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***Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who are in need:***

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (retired Primate of the OCA), Archbishop GREGORY (retired OCA Archbishop of Alaska), Archbishop KYRILL, Archpriest John Perich, Abbess Mother Christophora, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Matushka Karen Mahaffey, Pauline Fetsko, Margaret Balog, Marlene Washburn, Lubov (Lillian) Hustead, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Theophan Koziar, Nina Dacko, Mary Burke, Nona Carey, Marie Molodyko-Harris, the child Christopher Elliot, the newly Illumined handmaiden of God Sally Anne Marasco, the newly Illumined child of God Sydney Anna Regen, Maria Hillhouse & the newborn infant Luke, Matushka Tamara Cowan & the Child to be granted to her, Matushka Anna Vernak & the Child to be born of her, Mary Pletnikoff & the Child to be born of her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, Dorothy Medill, Janice Fields, Joseph Basalayga, Joseph Kneiss, Mary Kneiss, Lorraine Brown, Charles Hier, Barbara Salthause, Natasha Molodyko-Harris, Vladimir Molodyko-Harris, and our catechumens, Robert Larson and Autumn Carpenter.

***Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal!***

Metropolitan VITALY (+9/25), Fr. Amer Iskender (+10/12), Mary Jane Gilbert (+9/24), the Victims of the Amish Tragedy (+10/2) & Ada Jorgensen (+10/15).

***If anyone has additions to this list, please see Fr. Timothy.***