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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*) SYNAXIS OF ALL THE HOLY UNMERCENARY PHYSICIANS

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

#### 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*)

**Synaxis of the Unmercenary Healers**

*Saturday, 18 November (5 November, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 19 November (6 November, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)  
12:30 PM Adult Study

#### **SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL**

*Tuesday, 21 November (8 November, o.s.)*

9:30 AM Moleben with Akathist to St Michael

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

*Thursday, 23 November (10 November, o.s.)*

10:00 AM Moleben of Thanksgiving

#### 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

**Our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom**

*Saturday, 25 November (12 November, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 26 November (13 November, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)  
12:00 PM Young Adults' 'Lunch with Father'

### Week of 19 November

<i>Su</i>	<b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>SYNAXIS OF THE UNMERCENARY PHYSICIANS</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 43:9-14a • (2) Wisdom 3:1-9 • (3) Wisdom 4:7-15	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	Eph. §221 (2:14-22)	Luke §39 (8:41-56)
	1 Cor. §153 (12:27-13:8a)	Matthew §34a (10:1. 5-8)
<b>25TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
<i>M</i>	2 Thess. §274 (1:1-10)	Luke §65 (12:13-15, 22b-31)
<i>Tu</i>	<b>SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Joshua 5:13-15 • (2) Judges 6:2, 7, 11-24 • (3) Isaiah 14:7-20	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §52 (13:24-30, 36b-43)	
	Heb. §305 (2:2-10)	Luke §51 (10:16-21)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Thess. §274a (1:10b-2:2)	Luke §68 (12:42-48)
<i>W</i>	2 Thess. §275 (2:1-12)	Luke §69 (12:48b-59)
<i>Th</i>	2 Thess. §276 (2:13-3:5)	Luke §70 (13:1-9)
<i>F</i>	2 Thess. §277 (3:6-18)	Luke §73 (13:31-35)
<i>Sa</i>	Gal. §199 (1:3-10)	Luke §46 (9:37-43a)
<i>Su</i>	<b>25th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	Eph. §224 (4:1-6)	Luke §53 (10:25-37)

### THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

As today is the Synaxis of the Unmercenarys, the annual commemoration of the Saints who cared for and healed the sick by prayer and the medical arts without accepting payment for their services, we will have a prayer for and blessing of Doctors, Nurses, and other medical care providers at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today. May the Lord bless all the wonderful men and women who care for those who are ill in our society! We are very grateful for their service.

A special collection for the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia will be taken at St Elizabeth's during the Sundays of November. Your donations help the Fund for Assistance with its mission to assist Youth Programming, Clergy in need, and those in dire need throughout the world. Please give generously.

We are also collecting personal care items during the month of November for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's 'Christmas Care' Program. These items will be given to each Inmate incarcerated at the

### FASTING DAYS Week of 19 November

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	22 November (9 Nov, o.s.)	MM Onesiphorus & Porphyrius Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Friday</i>	24 November (11 Nov, o.s.)	GM Menas of Egypt; St Theodore Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jail at Christmas. The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates: Shampoo, Bars of Deodorant Soap, Solid Underarm Deodorant, Toothpaste, and Individually wrapped hard candy. Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

**We continue our Adult Study today at trapeza.** We continue our study of the Law of God. Today's discussion will center on the Mysteries of Confession, Monasticism, and Matrimony. Anyone interested is encouraged to get there food at coffee hour and sit with Father David. Once we have eaten, we will begin our discussion.

**The Icon of Christ the Great High Priest**, painted by our iconographer Protodeacon Paul Drozdowski, which hangs in the High Place directly behind the Holy Table on east wall of the Altar, has not yet been fully paid for. Two generous friends of the parish together have already given \$500 toward the Icon, but the total cost is \$3000. Please prayerfully consider donating for this worthy cause.

**St Michael's Cathedral in Patterson** is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 21 November (8 November, o.s). For those who would like to celebrate the Feast of the Archangels with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:30. Our parishioners should be aware that the divine services at St Michael's Cathedral are in Slavonic.

**St Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral** is located at 5256 Sherman Avenue in Paterson, New Jersey 07502-2106. For additional information, please call the parish at (973) 595-6674 or (973) 595-5816.

**We will observe the Feast of the Archangel Michael** at St Elizabeth's Church with a Moleben with an Akathist to St Michael to help those unable to make the trip to St Michael's Cathedral in Paterson. The Moleben will begin at 9:30 on the morning of 21 November.

**A Thanksgiving Moleben will be served** on the morning of Thanksgiving Day at 10:00. It is most appropriate that we begin this day, which is set aside by our Country as a Day of National Thanksgiving, in Church offering grateful thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings He bestows upon us individually and as a People. In the process of preparing and enjoying our Thanksgiving Feast, let us not allow ourselves to forget the One to Whom we are supposed to be giving thanks on this day.

**Remember, next Sunday** (Thanksgiving Weekend) is 'Lunch with Father' for our young adults. During coffee hour, the High School and College Students are encouraged sit with Fr David at their own table for questions and answers, instruction, and spiritual

conversation. All parents are asked arrange for their young people to attend.

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## ON GUARDIAN ANGELS

'If you feel sweetness or compunction at some word of your prayer, dwell on it; for then our guardian angel is praying with us.'

St John Climacus, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. Step 28: On Holy and Blessed Prayer, the Mother of Virtues, and on the Attitude of Mind and Body in Prayer.

'In the presence of an invisible spirit, the body becomes afraid; but in the presence of an angel, the soul of the humble is filled with joy. Therefore, when we recognize the presence from the effect, let us quickly hasten to prayer, for our good guardian has come to pray with us.'

St John Climacus, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. Step 21: On Unmanly and Puerile Cowardice.

'The angel who is always near us is by nothing so distressed and made indignant as when, without being constrained by some necessity, we deprive ourselves of the ministration of the Holy Mysteries and of reception of Holy Communion, which grants remission of sins. For at that hour the priest offers up the sacrifice of the Body of Him Who gives us life, and the Holy Spirit descends and consecrates the Body and Blood and grants remission to creation. The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the angels stand with great awe, fear, and joy. They rejoice over the Holy Mysteries while experiencing inexpressible astonishment. The angel who is always by us is consoled, because he also partakes in that dread spectacle and is not deprived of that perfect intercourse.'

St. Isaac the Syrian

'When you close the doors to your dwelling and are alone you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God, who is in every place; for there is no place and nothing material in which God is not, since He is greater than all things and holds all men in His hand.'

St Antony the Great, *On the Character of Men*, No. 62.