

**November 1, 2009 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4.** Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, and their mother. St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Cyrenia and Juliana in Cilicia (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Caesarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7<sup>th</sup> c.). Monk Martyrs Jacob, Jacob the Deacon, and Dionysius, of Prodromou (Mt. Athos, 1520). **Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20. **Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39.

**Next Sunday, Nov. 8 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, St. Michael and All Angels – Tone 5.** **Epistle:** Heb. 2:2-10. **Gospel:** Luke 10:16-21.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Nov. 1, 2009)

#### TODAY

**11:15 AM** Sunday School & Fish Dinner Mtg.  
**12:00 PM** Christmas Program Practice

#### MONDAY

**1:00 PM** Sisterhood Luncheon (at Georgie's)

#### TUESDAY

**6:00 PM** Vespers  
**6:30 PM** Path to Salvation Class

#### WEDNESDAY

**9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy: reading from Prologue  
**11:00 AM** Reading Group (at Borders Café)

#### THURSDAY

**6:30 AM** Matins

#### SATURDAY

**6:00 PM** Great Vespers

#### SUNDAY (November 8)

**9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy: St. Michael  
**11:15 AM** Sunday School & Bible Class

+ To purchase/provide candles in Church, see the list at the counter in the Narthex of the Church.

### SATAN AND DEMONS

With the event of Halloween in America, we are once again reminded of the reality of evil, especially the presence of Satan and demons. As we hear in the Gospel today, these creatures are “unclean spirit(s)” (Luke 8:28, 29, 30). *Satan* (lit., “adversary”) is the leader of the demons, all of whom are “angels who sinned” (2 Pet. 2:4), created by God as holy, but separated from the divine life of God because of their self-willed rebellion and pride.

Satan is also known as the *devil* (lit., “slanderer”), the “tempter” (Matt. 4:3), a murderer and father of lies (John 8:44). He is “the ruler of this world” (John 16:11), the “god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4), “the dragon, that serpent of old” (Rev. 20:2; Gen. 3), who “walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8).

Likewise, the demons are the hosts of wickedness following their leader Satan, completely bent on sin and the destruction of human beings. As angelic beings, the demons’ abilities are considerable: “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12).

Apostolic Tradition is clear: “Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him” (1 John 5:18). Even more, “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8); and, “He Himself (i.e., Christ Jesus) likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb. 2:14).

In Baptism, we have renounced Satan and all demonic influence. We have been made partakers of the Resurrection of Christ so that death and its fear – the tools of the devil – no longer hold us captive. Baptism is not a good luck charm against evil, but an ongoing reality of Resurrection in the life of the Church



### The Friend of the Bridegroom

“He Must Increase and I Must Decrease” (John 3:29-30)

### St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church Orthodox Church in America

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Saturday: Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM  
Feast Day Liturgy - 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**10-25-09: 90** (attendance); **\$2,419.00** (collection).

**11-01-09: candle commemorations** – **Theotokos**: blessed memory of Helen Rimar; **Altar**: blessed memory of Metro Kobasiar; **Christ**: anniversary of David and Kathy Quick.

#### **Please Pray for:**

**Living**: the child **Taylor** (Nelson); **Vera** (Campbell, at Fairview Hosp., W Cleveland); **Mary** (Wainwright, aunt of Norman and Karen George); **Linda** (Keriotis); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **Lillian** (Motil, cousin of Pauline Struble); **Charles, Linn, & Ed** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Kerya** (Brisbine, surgery at Cleveland Clinic); **Mary Ann** (Zevorich, Marge Petty's niece); **Melanie** (Smith, cousin of Vera Campbell); **Taleigh** (Keene, broken arm); **Michael** (Nuzzo, father of Cathy Stehnach); **Archpriest Thomas** (Succarote, Madison, IL); Tatiana ("Tillie" Csehill, Shepherd of the Valley, Howland).

**Departed**: **Dn. Nicholas** (Fedak, brother of Vera Campbell; d. 10/6/09); **Stephan** (Beskid; d. 10/25/09)

#### **This Month's Charity – November 2009:**

*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*

**Archpriest Michael and Janet Mihalick**

### **COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 15** Akathist to the Theotokos (at St. Nicholas Church) – *Advent begins*
- Nov. 21** Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
- Nov. 25** 6 PM Vespers Liturgy for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 5** 4 PM Vespers at St. Nicholas Church (for St. Nicholas Day)



### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

**1) Church (Sunday) School & Bible Class:**

for all ages, following Divine Liturgy – adults are studying the Divine Liturgy.

**2) Path to Salvation Class:**

Tuesdays following Vespers (about 6:30 PM) – currently studying the Life and Feasts of the Theotokos;

**3) Classic Literature Reading Group:**

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall) – currently reading *Siddhartha*, by Hermann Hesse; engaging the culture with the Faith!

**4) St. John's Society (for teens):**

most Sundays at 6:00 PM, for fellowship, mutual education, service, and encouragement!

+ **Charity of the Month: October** – \$1,178 was given during October for the Taylor Nelson family. We continue to pray that God will bless this little girl and her family with faith, patience, and strength.

+ **Sisterhood Luncheon** tomorrow, **November 2, at 1:00 PM** at *Georgie's Restaurant* on Elm Road. All ladies of the Parish are invited.

+ Life-long St. John's member **Stephan Beskid** fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday morning at about 8 AM. His funeral was this past Wednesday. May his memory be eternal!

+ **Holy Trinity Academy and Preschool – Aussie Quiz Night:**

When? – Friday, November 20, at 7:00 PM

Where? – St. Mark Orthodox Church (Liberty)

*[Vespers for the Feast of the Entrance of the*

*Theotokos into the Temple will be served that evening at St. Mark's, at 6:00 PM.]*

Call the School at 330-399-7642 for more information.

+ Holy Resurrection Church is hosting a **Turkey Dinner today, November 1, beginning at 12:15 PM**. The menu will include turkey and all the fixings.

+ **St. Michael's Day Celebration** – at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights, OH (one of our Cleveland Deanery parishes):

**Friday, Nov. 6 – 7 PM Great Vespers**

**Saturday, Nov. 7 – 9:30 AM Hierarchical**

*Divine Liturgy* with the Ordination of Sbdn. Daniel Kovalak to the Holy Diaconate.

Both His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, and His Eminence, Archbishop Job, will concelebrate. A brunch will follow Divine Liturgy.

+ ***In lieu of our past Festival of Icons***, the Parish Council recently discussed two (or both) future possibilities: 1) a two-day St. John's Festival of food, music, and Church tours/lectures; and 2) a one-day spiritual Advent Retreat. Your feedback is most welcome.

+ ***Our Charity of the Month for November: Archpriest Michael and Janet Mihalick***. Janet is the daughter of our own Protodeacon Vladimir and Mary Maksimoff, and her husband, Fr. Michael, continues to struggle with muscular dystrophy. Please give as you are able in both your Charity envelopes and basket collections after Liturgy.

+ We will be making **sausage** again on **November 20**, beginning at 8 AM (all helpers are appreciated). Order forms are available on the candlestand. See Jim Stan for more details.

+ Please note the ***New Phone number for John Tutoki, our Hall Coordinator – 330-469-9531***; call John to schedule an event in our Parish Hall.

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." (Galatians 2:20)*