

# HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Very Reverend Father R. John Dixon, Pastor

Sunday of the Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and of All the Heavenly Powers  
November 8, 2009

Commemorating: The synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the bodiless powers of heaven

## The Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light for the month of November is offered by the Saad & Todora families for the health of their families and in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Saad.

Today's Holy Bread: Kathy Rousseau  
Today's Coffee Hour: Aractingi Family  
Next week's (11/15) Holy Bread:  
Next week's Coffee Hour:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Birthday:** To Karen Mencotti (11/8), Carole Odum (11/10), and Susan Touma (11/13). May God grant you many years!

**Bible Study:** Please join us each Thursday at noon for Bible Study. We are using the daily readings as found in the Dynamis.

**Cridlin Food Pantry:** Our Food of the Month for November is **vegetable soup**. Please be generous.

**Mark your Calendar:** This coming Wednesday, November 11, we will have a special presentation by Fr. Seraphim, abbot of the Holy Cross Monastery in Wayne. After viewing the 30-minute monastery produced DVD, Fr. Seraphim will give a short presentation and answer questions about the monastic life and Orthodox spiritual life in general. Fr. John is in need of some volunteers to assist in coordinating the event. Particular help is needed for publicity and preparing refreshments for the evening.

**Seminary Collection:** Today and next Sunday we will be taking up a special collection to support our seminaries. Please be generous in assisting the training of our future priests and church workers.

**A Day at the Monastery:** Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend our annual Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, on Saturday Dec. 5.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 9-15

Monday, November 9

♦ **Divine Liturgy for St. Nektarios: 10 am @ St. George**

Tuesday, November 10

Wednesday, November 11

♦ **Presentation by Fr. Seraphim: 6:30 pm**

Thursday, November 12

♦ **Bible Study: 12:00 pm**  
♦ **Vespertal Liturgy for St. John Chrysostom: 6:30 pm**

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

♦ **Great Vespers: 5:00 pm**

Sunday, November 15

♦ **Matins: 9:30 am**  
♦ **Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am**

#### KONTAKION OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE 4

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.



#### THE EPISTLE

**Reader:** Adam Horstman

*Prokeimenon:*     **Who makes spirits his angels, and his servants flames of fire.**

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

#### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (2:2-10).**

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting every- thing in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

#### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:41-56).**

At that time: There came 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 any one, 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 and those who were with him 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.



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***To Our Visitors and Guests***

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – "the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26) We welcome you to worship this morning and thank you for joining us. Unfortunately, one of the sad consequences of the division among Christians is that we cannot offer the Eucharist (Holy Communion) to anyone except Orthodox Christians in good moral standing with the beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is a final sign of unity among all Christians and not a means by which unity is achieved. We invite you to share in the blessed bread that is distributed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us during our fellowship at coffee hour.

***Service Guide for November 8, 2009***

***The following hymns are sung during the Entrance (bottom of page 97 in the Service Book.)***

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TONE 8

Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst catch the world into thy net, O lover of all mankind glory to thee.