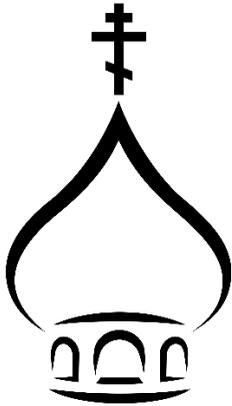


Great Vespers

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae



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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Saturday, August 29, 2020

Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky

Lord, I Call

(Tone 3) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

Tone 4 *(for the Resurrection)*

We glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God, by always honoring Thy life-creating Cross; by it Thou hast renewed the corrupted nature of man, O almighty One. By it Thou hast renewed our entrance to heaven, for Thou art good and the Lover of man.

(9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Thou didst loose the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior, by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross. By descending to hell, O almighty God, Thou didst break the bonds of death. Therefore, we adore Thy Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy: "Glory to Thee, O all-powerful Lord!"

(8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Thou didst smash the gates of hell, O Lord, and by Thy death Thou didst demolish the kingdom of death. Thou didst deliver the race of men from corruption, granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

(7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

Come, O people, let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day! By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell. By it, we have received life and incorruption. Save us by Thy Resurrection! O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to Thee!

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Angels and men sing of Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Savior. By it, the ends of the earth have been illumined. By it we have been delivered from bondage to the Enemy. Save us by Thy Resurrection! O life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to Thee!

(5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Thou hast shattered the gates of brass and destroyed the chains of death, O Christ God. Thou hast raised the fallen human race. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to Thee!

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 4 *(for Archangel Michael) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

O Michael, the Chief Captain, thou hast been revealed as the brightest attendant of the triply-radiant Godhead. Together with the heavenly powers thou criest out with joy: "Holy art Thou, O Father, Holy art Thou, O Word, also without beginning, Holy art Thou, O Holy Spirit: one glory, one kingdom, one nature, // one Godhead and power!"

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

(Repeat: "O Michael, the Chief Captain...")

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

O Michael, first of Angels, fiery is thine appearance and miraculous thy beauty! Thou dost traverse creation by thine immaterial nature, fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all. By thy might thou art known as powerful, and thou hast made thy temple, honored by thy holy name, a source of healings.

(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

O Lord, Thou makest Thine angels spirits, as it is written, and Thy ministers a flaming fire. Thou, O Word, hast declared the Chief Captain Michael as first among the ranks of Thine archangels: He submits to Thy commands, and proclaims with fear the thrice-holy hymn to Thy glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 *(for Archangel Michael, by Byzantium)*

Rejoice with us, O Princes of the angelic Powers, for your leader and our champion, the great Chief Captain, gloriously appearing in his honored temple, sanctifies it! Therefore, rightfully singing praises to him, we cry out: "Save us under the protection of thy wings, O Michael, the greatest archangel!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord through thee, O Virgin. He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in thee: "At Thy right hand stood the Queen," Thy Mother, the mediatrix of life, since God was freely born of her without a father. He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion, so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly powers. Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

Aposticha

Tone 4 *(for the Resurrection)*

By ascending the Cross, O Lord, Thou hast annulled our ancestral curse. By descending to hell, Thou hast freed the eternal prisoners, granting incorruption to the human race. Therefore in songs we glorify Thy life-creating and saving Resurrection.

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord, Thou didst shake all of creation. By being laid in the tomb Thou hast raised those who dwelt in the tombs, granting life and incorruption to the human race. Therefore in songs we glorify Thy rising on the third day.

For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

The lawless people, O Christ, handed Thee over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified, thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor. But voluntarily Thou didst endure burial, rising by Thy own power on the third day as God, granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

Holiness befitteth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

With tears the women reached Thy tomb, searching for Thee, but not finding Thee. They wept with wailing and lamented: "Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all, how wast Thou stolen? What place can hold Thy life-bearing body?" An Angel replied to them: "Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen, granting us joy as the only compassionate One!"

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 8 *(for Archangel Michael, by John the Monk)*

Since thou, O leader of hosts, art first in rank and champion among the angels, deliver from every oppression, sorrow, sickness, and sin those who praise thee sincerely and openly implore thee! Since thou art immaterial, thou dost clearly behold Him Who is without matter. Thou shinest with the unapproachable light of the glory of the Lord, Who in His love for man took flesh for our sakes from a Virgin, when He willed to save mankind.

Troparia

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 4 Troparion *(Archangel Michael)*

O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech thee: by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee: Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the commander of the Powers on high!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity, unknown even by Angels, through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth: God incarnate by union without confusion. He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us, by which He resurrected the first-created man, saving our souls from death.

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:

Igumen David Lewis

Archbishop David Mahaffey

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Jennifer Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Greg Konsevitch, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pfeiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witaneck

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.