

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday November 8th 2015 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

And Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-22

Glory be to Jesus Christ



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Weekly Schedule of Divine Services

Wednesday 11/11 9AM- Divine Liturgy for the Departed- **Veterans Day**

Saturday 11/14- 9AM- Cleaning Party at the Church Grounds!

Sunday 11/15- 10AM Readers Service

Icon of St. Michael the Archangel: Leader of the Bodiless Powers

We do not take this journey alone. Genesis 1:1 tells us that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” What this means is that before God created the earth, and all of the living things on it, including humanity, He created *the heavens*. The heavens are just some void, or some place above the clouds where the stars are. The heavens are the place where all the bodiless powers, all the angels come from. Sometimes western thought tells us that when we die we become angels, like in *It's a Wonderful Life*. This idea may sound “nice” but it's just simply false. The Orthodox Church teaches us that God created all the angels before He created the earth.

Think about that, God created all the angels before he created earth. Now think about what we pray for in every Divine Liturgy. “For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies”. So each of us have our own guardian angel, and God created all the angels before the creation of the world.

Do you see what this means? It means that God loves all of us so much. It means that before God created the world, before He created the Human race, that He created an Angel for you. God created your guardian angel before he created the world—so from the beginning of time until your birth, your angel waited for you. This is truly amazing. It's personal, and it shows us how much God loves and cares for His creation.

We do not know the manifest and hidden benefits given to us by God, but we do know that we have a guardian angel. An angel who protects us and prays for us. Being given this great gift we must cherish it.. St. Basil the Great tells us “The angel will not retreat from us, unless we drive him away by our evil deeds. As the smoke drives bees away, and stench the doves, even so our stinking sin drives away from us the angel who protects our life.”

When we sin we drive away the angel who's created purpose is to protect us and pray for us! Remember to always pray for your guardian angel, as he prays for you, so that we do not take this journey alone, but with the angel God has created for us. When we sin, we must repent and confess so that our guardian angel always remains close to us!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Trip to Cagle's Family Farm– Today!** If it's raining we will be going bowling at "Stars and Strikes" on Highway 92 in Woodstock.
- **Cleaning Party–** Please come on November 14th at 9AM to help with the annual outdoor fall clean up! Thanks in advance to everyone for all of your help!
- **Fr. Matthew–** Will be out of town from Friday-Sunday to serve the at the wedding of a friend in Pittsburgh, PA. **Sunday November 15th** will be a Readers service.
- **Prayers–** Please continue to pray for Fred, Helen, and the Milesenko family. Fred has suffered another fall. He misses his parish family deeply and appreciates so much your love, kindness, and most especially your prayers.
- **Advent Mission Project-** The National ACRY has mounted a campaign to support St. John the Baptist Parish of Perth Amboy's efforts in conjunction with IOCC to build a Habitat for Humanity Home in memory of +Protopresbyter Michael Rosco. Plans call for a home to be built in the summer of 2016 for a deserving family in Mandeville, LA where Fr. Michael, working with IOCC relief teams, assisted with 3 similar building projects in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. This is a very worthy cause and His Grace Bishop Gregory has asked for all of our support. 75, 000\$ is needed in order to build the home and every bit helps. As part of the IOCC effort, young adults are also needed in the summer 2016 to help in the building. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see Father Matthew.
- **Parish Wide Census–** Please fill out this brief census online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VX_tljuobHA2LfrmPGaYCBabWYqFJqidx9woCMHt0s/viewform as soon as possible. I am requesting that everyone fill this out no later than November 14th. If you have any difficulties online please contact Fr. Matthew for a hard copy. You can also get to the online form by going to the "Census 2015" section on the website. Thanks!
- **Sunday School Teachers Wanted–** Anyone who is interested in a commitment to help teach our kids about the Orthodox Faith please let me know. You wouldn't have to commit to doing it every week. Even if it's only once! Fr. Matthew will help you, so why not just give it try!
- **JR ACRY Coat (Warm Clothes) and Food Drive–** The colder months are rapidly approaching and people in our community need your help! If you have any gently used winter clothing (things you would wear!) please bring them in and support the youth of St. Elizabeth's in their first Winter Coat Drive! Along with the coats please consider bringing in some good non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving Season. The youth of St. Elizabeth's will meet at the Church on **Saturday, November 21st** at 9AM for the Feast day of the Entrance of Mary into the Temple and then pass out the clothes and food and to those who are in need in the local community.
- **New Coffee Hour Sign up Online–** If you haven't signed up for coffee hour in a while remember that this is an important part of our community life. Check out <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e45a4ae29aa8-coffee> and sign up!

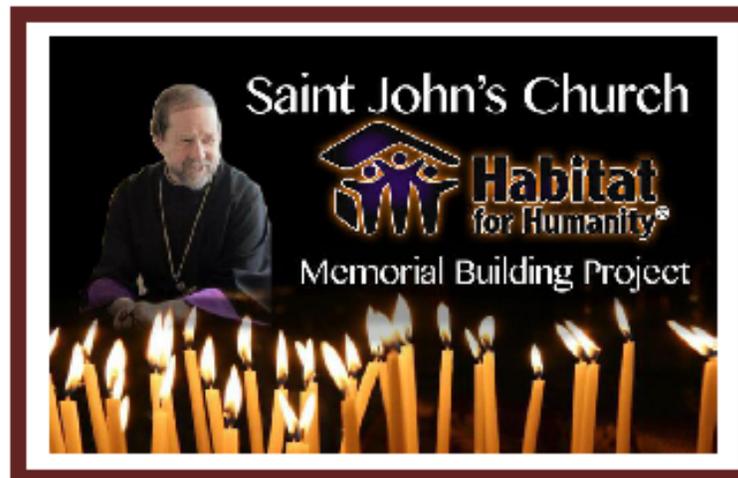
Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blamar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George Szapka Family, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin



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"If we are to grow, we have to know, that we must give what we've received." – Fr. Michael Rosco (Harvest 2000)

Diocesan Advent Outreach Project In Support Of The Fr. Michael Rosco Memorial Habitat For Humanity Building Project

Need: Financial support and volunteers to serve on building team.

Challenge : To raise \$75,000 and solicit 32 construction team volunteers

How YOU Can Help: Work with your parish ACRY chapter and other organizations to raise funds and provide construction team members for Summer 2016 construction project in Mandeville, LA

Please Send Donations By January 31, 2016

To: Barbara Fitzgerald
57 Grandview Drive
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

To Volunteer To Serve on Building Team

Contact Fr. Michael Chendorain
fathermikec@verizon.net (732)-826-4442
Visit: <http://www.sjhfhmbp.org>

(Make Checks Payable to National ACRY Indicating Advent Mission Project in the Memo)

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