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November 8, 2026 – 23rd Sunday After Pentecost. 7th Sunday of Luke.
Synaxis of the Archangels and All the Bodiless Powers of Heaven

Sat Nov 7, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Nov 8, 9am – Divine Liturgy and **Annual Harvest Dinner** immediately following (All are invited).

> *St Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis & Wonderworker of Aegina*
> Mon Nov 9, 8:30 Matins, 9:45 Liturgy @ Ss Constantine & Helen

> *Martyrs Menas, Victor, & Vincent; Martyr Stephanida*
> Tues Nov 10, 6pm – Great Vespers **and MOVIE NIGHT** – *Man of God*, about St Nektarios of Pentapolis.
> Wed Nov 11, 9am – Divine Liturgy

> *50th Anniversary of Holy Trinity, Stroudsburg, PA. Events in Stroudsburg:*
> Fri Nov 13, 6pm – Vespers *followed by Dinner in the Parish Hall*
> Sat Nov 14, 9am – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy *followed by Grand Banquet*

Sat Nov 14, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions

Sunday Nov 15 – Beginning of the Nativity Fast

Sun Nov 15, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. Parish Council meeting.
Mon–Wed, Nov 16–18 – Diocesan Clergy Retreat (Fr John away)

> *Nov. 21 is the Great Feast of the Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple.*
> Fri Nov 20, **7:00**pm – Festal Great Vespers
> Sat Nov 14, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Sat Nov 21, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Nov 22, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. Inquirer's Fellowship.

Thurs Nov 26, Thanksgiving Day – 9am Liturgy @ Ss Constantine & Helen

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 6)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell / not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Angels (Tone 4)

O Commanders of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech you: / by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you: // "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!"

Kontakion for the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

(Glory) Kontakion for the Angels (Tone 2)

Commanders of God's armies / and ministers of the divine glory, / princes of the bodiless angels / and guides of mankind; / ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, // O Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

(Now & ever) To the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Today's Scripture

Epistle (for the Angels): Hebrews 2:2-10

Brethren: If the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are

all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Gospel (for the Angels): Luke 8:26-39

The Lord said to His disciples: "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."

Announcements

Movie Night, THIS TUESDAY, Nov 10, following Vespers for St Menas / St Stephanida. We will be screening the film, ***Man of God*** (2021) in honor of the feast day of St Nektarios earlier that week. Starting maybe by 6:45. Popcorn will be provided; bring your favorite movie snacks to share.

This Friday-Saturday, **November 13-14**, our sister parish of **Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg, PA**, is celebrating its **50th Anniversary**. All are invited to the liturgical services, as well as a dinner in the parish hall after Vespers on Friday. On Saturday, a Hierarchical Liturgy will be celebrated.

A new Men's Brotherhood is being formed within our diocese: the ***St. Alexis Toth Brotherhood***. It "seeks to strengthen the bonds among men across the Diocese while encouraging a deeper commitment to Christ and His Church. Through gatherings, spiritual discussions, shared meals, service opportunities, pilgrimages, and other activities, members are given opportunities to build meaningful friendships and support one another in the Orthodox Christian life." All men 18 and older are invited. The Brotherhood may meet at different locations around Eastern PA depending on who joins, so if you are interested, please see Fr. John, or contact Fr. Kirill Zawatski at lemkopriest@gmail.com.

Please remember to support our **SCRIP gift card fundraiser**! Many of the stores and restaurants you *already shop at* are available – buy a gift card and spend it at the store just like your own cash, but in the process, St Herman's receives a percentage. It's a *very* easy way to support the parish. See Tina or Marie during coffee hour for more information (and remember to bring cash).

Prayers

The newly departed: Fr. Peter Bodnar (9/26). ***Anniversaries:*** Fr. Michael Evans (11/14/2024), Fr. Joseph Martin (11/9/2018).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Apr. Thomas Edwards, Apr. James Weremedic, Dn Gregory Hubiak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Mat. Katherine White, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Mary Reynolds, Mat. Alexandra Black, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Philothea (Jessica) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay, Cindy Kauffman, Melissa Hinshaw, Vera Timko *(Mat. Anna Hughes' mother)*, Cheryl Terenchin. ***Homebound, hospitals, nursing homes:*** Olga Frimenko, Gloria Spitko, Gertrude Melniczek. ***For our Catechumens:*** Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon, Sheridan Klippel, Christina Monarek. ***For our diocese's seminarians and families:*** Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz *(Luka, Noah, & Magdalena)*, Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan *(Theodore)*.

Please also remember the Parish of *All Saints Orthodox Church*, Saskatchewan, Canada, whose temple was destroyed by fire on October 1. (They are accepting donations by mail at 302 2nd St. East, Meadow Lake SK, S9X 1G5, Canada.)

Social Hour & Church Cleaning Schedule

	Social Hour	**Church Clean-up**
Nov 8	*Harvest Dinner*	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus

Nov 15 – Dec 24: Nativity Fast

Nov 15	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
Nov 22	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein
Nov 29	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Kyle & Daria Teter
Dec 6	Christina Monarek & Natalya Borobina	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
Dec 13	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
Dec 20	Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Russ & Peggy Hay

Dec 27	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Brad & Becky Kauffman
Jan 3	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
Jan 10	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

*In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's **full participation in the mystery of the Faith**, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently. For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are **prepared** to receive it (through **prayer**, **fasting**, and a recent **confession**) and are **at peace with each other**. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*