TONE 6 - 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / ARCH. MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle): Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel): At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

LIVING ORTHODOXY: CELEBRATING YOUR NAME DAY

As we celebrate Fr. Michael's name day this weekend and remember others in our parish who share the patronage of the Archangel Michael, we are reminded of a beautiful Orthodox tradition. Your name day is the feast of the saint whose name you bear, an occasion to thank God for your heavenly patron's prayers and renew your commitment to following Christ. Our patron saints are companions in the life of faith who intercede for us before God. Bearing their names reminds us that we belong to the household of God and are called to holiness in our own lives. In many traditionally Orthodox countries, name days are celebrated much like birthdays, sometimes with gifts, special meals, and visits from family and friends. Families may prepare a favorite dish, welcome guests into their home, or give an icon or spiritual book to mark the occasion. At the heart of the celebration, however, is our relationship with our heavenly patron, a relationship we should nurture throughout the year. Celebrate by attending the Divine Liturgy when possible, preparing to receive Holy Communion, and spending time in prayer. Read about your patron's life, pray the hymns appointed for their feast, or place their icon in your prayer corner. Consider what their faithfulness can teach you about loving God and serving your neighbor. You might also honor the day through an act of charity, offering help to someone in need in thanksgiving for God's blessings. For children, these traditions help build a lasting connection with their patron and the life of the Church. Parents and godparents can help them learn their patron's story, recognize their icon, and ask for their prayers each day. Remembering one another's name days and offering a heartfelt "Many years!" strengthens our parish family and reminds us to pray for one another. If you are unsure who your patron saint is or when to celebrate your name day, please speak with me or Pdn. Vassily.

WEEKLY TROPARIA

Troparion - Tone 4 - 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 to you: / "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the powers on high!"

Kontakion - 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, / supreme commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

NOV BIRTHDAYS, NAMES DAY, & ANNIVERSARIES

2nd - Josh (Gabriel) Takacs (Name's Day)
2nd - Gabriel Savasir (Name's Day)
5th - Henry Archambault
7th - Lia Hares
7th - Connor Clark
8th - Fr. Michael Matsko (Name's Day)
8th - Garrett (Michael) Clark (Name's Day)
8th - Van (Michael) Roberts (Name's Day)
11th - Anastasia Collins
16th - Landan Withers
16th - Matthew Somich (Name's Day)
16th - Wyatt (Matthew) Roberts (Name's Day)
21st - Nathan Corrales
24th - Oakleigh Carver
25th - Patrick Welsh
27th - Ray Givan
28th - Eric Hares
30th - Andreas Savasir (Name's Day)
30th - Dan (Andre) Condratov (Name's Day)

Name Missing? Please let me (Fr. Stephen) know.

SCHEDULE

November 12th - Thursday
Coffee Chat at Paddles (401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329) (10:00 AM)

November 13th - Friday
Online Bible Study (6:30 PM)

November 14th - Saturday
Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

November 15th - Sunday
Hours (9:00 AM)
Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Coffee Hour (After Liturgy)
Church School (11:45 AM)

ALMOST CHRISTIAN

Hunger Games: Coriolanus Snow Understands Fasting!?

Before Coriolanus Snow became the ruthless president of Panem, he knew what it meant to be hungry. Yet his experience of hunger did not teach him compassion. It increasingly taught him to fear weakness and seek control. As Orthodox Christians enter the Nativity Fast, The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes gives us an interesting question: What will hunger teach us? Christian fasting teaches us that we do not have to be ruled by our appetites, and that going without should make us more grateful for what we have and more generous toward those whose hunger is not voluntary.
Read here: https://savannahorthodox.com/hunger-games-the-balland-of-songbirds-and-snakes/

WISDOM

"For they believe not who throng Him; they believe who touch. By faith Christ is touched, by faith He is seen."
- St. Ambrose of Milan

WEEKLY JOKES

To those of you that don't appreciate music puns, you have my symphony.

How many ears does Captain Picard have? Three: A left ear, a right ear, and the final front-ear. (Memory Eternal Admiral)

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

FINANCES 11/5/2026: 2026 GOAL: $175,000 | YTD: $147,582 | NOV GOAL: $17,595 | COLLECTIONS: $3,335

Glory to Jesus Christ! Thank you for your faithful support of our parish. We've received $3,335 toward our November goal of $17,595. As Thanksgiving approaches and we enter the Nativity Fast, please consider increasing your regular giving as you are able, in gratitude for what God has given us. Your tithes help us meet our goal and begin investing in a new church and parish hall, where our growing parish can welcome more people, worship together, and serve Christ and our neighbors.

Full Report: https://savannahorthodox.com/reports/ | **Give Online:** https://savannahorthodox.com/help-us-grow/

GREETERS: NOV 8TH - HEATH, CHANDLER | NOV 15TH - ANTHONY, CHANDLER | NOV 22ND - JACOB, JESSE

COFFEE HOUR: NOV 8TH - JOSH | NOV 15TH - MARIA | NOV 22ND - MAT. LINDSEY

Help Take Care of YOUR Parish: Caring for our parish is a responsibility we all share! Our Tuesday Hall Cleaning Team meets at 9:30 AM each week for general and detailed cleaning, while Sunday cooking teams remain responsible for cleaning up after Fellowship. We also have ongoing maintenance projects that need volunteers. Whether you can give an hour or help with a larger project, there's a way to serve! To view available projects and sign up at https://savannahorthodox.com/serve/ AND speak with Tom for more information.

Youth Church School: Registration forms are available in the Narthex and must be completed for each child. Children must be at least three years old and potty trained. Please return forms to Ms. Jeanie.

Online Weekly Bible Studies: Every Friday at 6:30 PM at https://savannahorthdoox.com/zoom/ All classes recorded and posted on all major podcast platforms. Catechumens are encouraged to attend the Class.

Coffee Chat: Thursdays at 10 AM at Paddles (401 N Laurel St, Springfield, GA 31329)

St. Brendan the Navigator Questing Group: Every other Saturday after Vespers, unless noted in weekly schedule. Please see David Reynolds to join: (706) 224-2721

St. Bridget Ministry (Narthex): This is a ministry for babies. Please Donate. We have a growing number of babies within the parish, so please take what you need. Narthex donations can include open packages of diapers. However, all baby food must be sealed and not expired. As the Fall and Winter season is here, if you would like to donate new or gently used clothes, blankets and toys please drop them off at the Narthex shelves. If they are bigger, do not fit, or have a large quantity coordinate their donation by contacting Ruth H: (814) 227-7632.

St. Ambrose Ministry (Narthex): This is a food ministry for our community. If you are in need, please help yourself to what is on the shelf, any can and dry food is accepted for donation. Look in the bottom drawer for other food ministries in the area. Items needed for God's Mission House pantry in November: dried mashed potatoes, sugar, spaghetti and pasta. Local food Pantries are looking for volunteers to help out, like God's Mission House, Springfield (M-W 8a-12p). Please see Ruth H.: (814) 227-7632 if you are interested.

St. Timothy's Young Adult's Group (Ages 18-30): Our Young Adult Group meets regularly for fellowship, activities, discussion, and growth in the life of the parish. Catechumens in this age group are also warmly encouraged to participate. To get involved or learn about upcoming gatherings, please see Anastasia.

OCF at GSU: Our Statesboro Bible Study meets every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Russell Union (85 Georgia Ave, Statesboro, GA 30458). Rdr. Ron and Kristin Somich also organize fellowship gatherings on alternating weeks. If you attend Georgia Southern or live in the Statesboro area and would like to participate, please speak with me or the Somichs for more information.

Made in the Image Podcast: Have you checked out Made in the Image yet? Produced in partnership with UOJ, our podcast features parishioners sharing their lives and journeys into Orthodox Christianity. Get to know our parish family, listen to the latest episodes, and share with others here: https://linktr.ee/MadeintheImage

Supporting our Growing Parish Families: We are blessed to have several expectant mothers in our parish! Please keep these growing families in your prayers and consider supporting them through their baby registries, which can be found here: https://savannahorthodox.com/parish-families/

BISHOP GERASIM ELECTED BISHOP OF DALLAS AND THE SOUTH

With joy and thanksgiving to God, we celebrate the election of His Grace Bishop Gerasim as Bishop of Dallas and the South by the Holy Synod on November 2, 2026. His enthronement will take place on November 14 at St. Seraphim Cathedral in Dallas, Texas. Our own Pdn. Vassily will attend and serve at the enthronement. This is a great honor for him and for our parish, which he will represent at this historic celebration. This occasion also invites us to reflect with gratitude on how far our parish has come. Years ago, we were a small community of just a few families, struggling to meet our needs. Through God's grace and the faithful labors of so many, including Fr. Michael, we have grown into a flourishing parish and a beacon of hope within the Diocese. As we give thanks for these blessings, may we continue to grow in faith, love, and service to Christ and His Church. May God grant His Grace Bishop Gerasim many years! AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS! Eis polla eti, Despota!

SECOND COLLECTION: THRIVING IN MINISTRY (NOV 8TH END OF LITURGY)

At the request of Fr. John Cox, our Dean, we will take a second collection on Sunday, November 8th, to support the Orthodox Church in America's Thriving in Ministry program. This initiative provides priests and their families with mutual support, encouragement, and guidance in parish ministry. Our deanery has been asked to help sustain this important program. Please give as you are able.

NATIVITY FAST SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: ST. NICHOLAS WISH LIST PROGRAM WITH FOCA

During the Nativity Fast, our parish will support FOCA's St. Nicholas Wish List Program, which assists married seminarians and their families. Special collections will be held after Divine Liturgy on November 15th, 22nd, and 29th. All donations will be combined into a parish contribution to help support these families as they prepare to serve the Church. Please consider giving generously!

PRAYER LIST

Departed

Hieroschemamonk Silouan, Dana, Patrick, Leroy, Ron, Brady, Mike, Vickie, child Waylon, Dennis, Beverly, Jamileh, all children killed through the evil act of abortion, those killed at St. George's in Hamoud, Jordan, and all the fallen soldiers who defend our nation.

Living

Clergy: Met. Tikhon (OCA), Bp. Gerasim (of Dallas and the Diocese of the South), Abp. Melchisedek, Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Met. Isaiah, Synod of the Orthodox Church in America, Fr. Marcus, Fr. John, Fr. Michael, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Matthew, Pdn. Vassily, Dn. David

Community: Mother Cassiana, Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, child Ciana, child Bella, Jaimie, Rena, Paisios, Ray, Polly, Pina, Vic, Owen, Katlyn, Kassidy, Carlisle, Gary, Kathryn Ann, Harry, Maegan, Lara, Nicholas, Kathy, Sam, Jerry (Gerasimos), Kate, Jeff, Benny, Joy, infant Kayson, Greg, Karissa, Anna, Angela, Marlin, Sam, Megan (Martha), child Emmit (John), child Rosenda (Esther), infant Arthur-Ray (Ignatius), Jason, Lea, Lane, Mickyia, Tonya, Dana's Family, Allyn, and especially all children suffering or those who are in need throughout the world.

Expecting Mothers: Meagan, Ori, Erin, Michaela, Kara, Noel, Taylee, Kirsten, Karis, Grace, Tamar, Saiah (Olga), Alexa

Military and First Responders: Rdr. Alex, Van, Nick, Tyler, Shannon, Landan, Austin, Chad, Vladimir, Andrew, Justin, Mark, Tammy, Nika, Josh, Kamaka (Olga), Lia, Russell, Evan, Ignatius, Aaron

Catechumens: Aaron, Audra, Austin, Kasey, Bently, Raelynn, Emma, Oakleigh, Tyler, Nick, Melissa, Astrid, Freyja, Devin, Courtney, Kaden, Leo, Tyler, Shannon, Evan, Eric, Lia, Wyatt, Renata, Katylin, James, Kris, Ruth, Breanne, Samuel, Wyatt, Cody, Michaela, Anna, Aidan, Tim, Anthony, Connor, Zen, Eleia, Carson, Christopher, Sarah, Tristan, Chesney, Lily, Grayson, Zachary, Chandler, Angelina, Sidney, Billy, Tom, Kayla, Henry, Kristine, Jacob, Raymond, Grant, Jonathan, Jon, Adrian, Julie-Ann, Ryan, Kelly, Haddon, Andrew, Naly, Argo, Michael, Ruth, Delfina, Amelia, Selena, Colton, Anna, Maggie, Jaycee, Debbie, Landon, Cary, Noah

Prisoners: Stefan, Daron (Basil), Mark, Austin

Orthodox Missions: St. James (Beaufort), St. Basil (Marietta), St. John the Merciful (Kissimmee), St. Anthony (Rock Hill), Holy Resurrection (North Augusta), St. John the Baptist (Colorado Springs), Ss. Mary and Martha Monastery (Wagner) and all missions and monasteries throughout the Diocese of the South, OCA, USA, Canada, and Mexico.

And for all of those who are suffering in our community and throughout the world who are in need of prayers.

DAILY SPIRITUAL REMINDER

1) Are you praying the Jesus Prayer at least 40 times a day?

2) Are you giving your first offering of 10% to God/tithing regularly?

3) Have you invited someone new or reached out to someone who hasn't been lately?