

Saintly Notes

Archangel Michael's Miracle in Colossae (September 6)

Near Hierapolis, in Phrygia, [the place was identified with ancient Colossae] there was a place called Chonae (“plunging”), and in that place there was a spring of miraculous water. When Apostle John the Theologian, accompanied by Philip, preached the Gospel in Hierapolis, he looked upon that place and prophesied that a spring of miraculous water would open up there, from which many would receive healing, and that the great Archangel of God Michael would visit that place. Soon afterward, this prophecy was fulfilled: a spring of water burst forth and became widely known for its miraculous power.

A pagan in Laodicea had a daughter who was mute, which caused him great sorrow. Archangel Michael appeared to him in a dream, and told him to take his daughter to the spring, where she would be cured. The father immediately obeyed, brought his daughter to the spring, and found many people there seeking deliverance from various infirmities. These people were all Christians. The man asked how he should seek healing, and the Christians told him: “You must pray to the Archangel Michael, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” The man prayed in this way, gave his daughter a drink of this water, and the girl began to speak. The pagan, his daughter and his whole household were baptized. He also built a church over the spring dedicated to the Archangel Michael.

Later, a young man named Archippus settled there and lived a life of austerity, in fasting and prayer. The pagans did many malicious things to Archippus, for they did not like the fact that this Christian holy place emanated such spiritual power and attracted so many people to it. The pagans, in their wickedness, rerouted the nearest river in order to flood the church and the spring. By the prayers of Archippus, the holy Archangel Michael opened a fissure in the rock beside the church, and the river's water plunged into it. This is how that place was saved and why it was called Chonae, or “of the plunging,” for the river's water that plunged into the open fissure. St. Archippus labored in asceticism there until the age of seventy, and peacefully reposed in the Lord.

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The Rev. David Keim, Deacon

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The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Martyrs Eudoxios, Andronikos and Kalodote; Archippos of Hierapolis

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed; 6:30p Eve. Div. Lit for the Nativity of the Theotokos; 8:00pm Potluck Supper
Tuesday: 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers; 7:30p Intro. to Orthodoxy
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Troparion for the Resurrection
Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 4

See above.

Troparion

for the Archangel—Tone 4

O Michael foremost of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy, beseech thee that by thy petitions thou encompass us with the shadow of thine immaterial glory, preserving us who kneel and cry ceaselessly: Deliver us from oppressions, since thou art the prince of the ranks of dominions on high.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for Nativity of the Theotokos

Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

The Trisagion

Holy God . . . Alleluia.

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Gal. 6:11–18

Gospel: John 3:13–17

Alegalyrnarion

Tone 7

"It is truly meet and right . . ."

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

"Praise the Lord from the heavens . . . Alleluia."

Post-Communion Hymn

Tone 2

"We have seen the true light . . ."

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Nicholas Christopoulos, Christian Christopoulos, William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope.

Special Attention

- **Building Project 2009.** We have secured the construction loan from Paragon Commercial Bank and are currently working on scheduling a ground breaking with Bishop Antoun hopefully in October. As soon as the date is set we will announce it.
- **Church School Begins Next Sunday.** All Saints Church School will begin on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00am. All our children are invited to attend. Parents, please talk to our Church School Coordinator, Gretchen Ormond (469-5596), if you plan to enroll your children or if you just want more information about our Church School program.
- **Adult Class with Fr Nicholas Will Begin September 13th.** The topic will be the Sacrament of Marriage. All adults are welcome to attend.
- **"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones."** Our brother Melaku fell asleep in the Lord this past Monday and was buried on Thursday. The funeral and meal of mercy were held at All Saints with Fr. Nicholas and Deacon David presiding. Please pray for Lichia and her three boys and for our departed brother Melaku. May his memory be eternal!
(We are asking for and accepting donations to help cover the funeral expenses. Please make checks payable to All Saints and mark for "funeral expenses.")

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

†Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13–24 (RSV)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

†Gospel: Matt. 19:16–26 (RSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the

season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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