



St. Michael Youth Program

November, 2015

Offer Thankful Sacrifices to God (Psalm 50:14)

Home Discussion

On November 8th, we celebrate the Feast of our Patron, the Holy Archangel Michael. This month our aim is to: practice the offering of gifts and doing good deeds of service as ways of giving thanks, and understanding how in making sacrifices are we also give God thanks.

St. Michael the Archangel: The victorious leader of the heavenly hosts; the guardian and protector of our church community.

St. Raphael of Brooklyn: This American saint of our Antiochian Church was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated (installed) in No. America in 1904.

Eucharist [YOU-kah-rist]: A Greek word meaning "thanksgiving". The Divine Liturgy (our Eucharistic meal) is our thankful celebration of God's offering of Himself for us. Our "Thanksgiving meal" in the church is the Sacred meal of: His Holy Body and Blood.

Calendar

November 1 - Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damien; medical doctors who were ministers of healing who declined receiving payment for their services ("unmercenaries")

November 7 - Feast of St. Raphael of Brooklyn

November 8 - Feast of St. Michael; who with **Gabriel**, and **Raphael** are the Archangels of the bodiless powers.

November 15 - We begin to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth (Christmas) with a period of prayer, fasting and the practice of good deeds.

November 21 - Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Virgin into the Jerusalem Temple; she who is the "Temple of the Lord" and "God-bearer" is offered and presented in the Temple by her parents, Joachim & Anna.

November 22 - The lesson (parable) of the "Rich Fool" reminds us how being "rich toward God" is not in the possession of things

November 29 - in healing the crippled woman on the Sabbath, Jesus taught against hypocrisy.

Memory Verse

"I will offer [to God] the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the Name of the Lord." (Psalm 166:17)

Hymn of the Holy Archangel Michael

O ye foremost of the Heavenly Hosts, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy; pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of thine unearthly glory; preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly: deliver us from oppression since ye are the prince of the Highest Powers.

Activity

Share by participating in saying a simple prayer at mealtime in your home such as in using one of the following prayers:

We give You thanks, O Christ our God, for the food we are about to receive and ask your blessing for our good health for You are Holy, now and to all ages. Amen.

Bless us, O Lord, and these gifts we are about to receive, for You are blessed and to You do we give glory, now and to all ages. Amen.

Begin and end each day by naming one person and one thing you are thankful for in your morning and nighttime prayers.

Count how many times the words "thank," "give thanks," and "thankful" appear in the service book of The Divine Liturgy.

Special Events

Sunday, November 8 - Parish Family Buffet Luncheon

Thanksgiving Day, November 26

For Planning Ahead: Church School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 13; Rehearsal and Visit of St. Nicholas - Saturday, December 12 (10 a.m. to noon)