



St. Michael Youth Program

November, 2016

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 doing good deeds of service as ways of giving thanks, and understanding that in making sacrifices we also give God thanks.

St. Michael the Archangel: The victorious leader of the heavenly hosts of angels; 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. His Feast is the first Saturday of November (November 5th).

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 Body and Blood."

Calendar

November 5 - Feast of St. Raphael of Brooklyn

November 8 - Feast of St. Michael, who with Gabriel and Raphael are the Archangels of the hosts of angels and 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 - The 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 20 - The lesson (parable) of the "Rich Fool" reminds us how being "rich toward God" is not in the possession of things [Luke 12:16-21]

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day (USA)

November 27 - In the lesson (parable) of the "Rich Ruler" Jesus helps a rich young man to understand what is required to enter God's Kingdom and how in sacrificing we gain what is not perishable or can be taken away from us.

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

We give You thanks, O Christ our Go, 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

Saturday, November 5 - Teen Gathering, 2-6 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 - Parish Feast Day Luncheon

For Planning Ahead: Church School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 11; Rehearsal and Visit of St. Nicholas - Saturday, December 10 (10 a.m. to noon)