ANNUNCION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 — 13th Sunday of Matthew
Miracle at Colossae; Martyr Calodote
Orthros Mode: Fourth
Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:1-8
Liturgy Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

The Miracle of the Holy Chief Commander Archangel Michael at Colossae.

In Phrygia, not far from the city of Hierapolis, in a place called Chretetos, there was a church named for the Archangel Michael, built over a miraculous spring.

This church was built by a certain inhabitant of the city of Laodicea in gratitude to God for healing his mute daughter. The holy Chief Commander Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl actually did receive healing and began to speak. After this miracle, the father and his daughter and all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built the church in honor of the holy Chief Commander Michael. Not only did Christians begin to come to the spring for healing, but also pagans. In so doing, many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to the faith in Christ.

At this church of the holy Chief Commander Michael, a certain pious man by the name of Archippus served for sixty years as church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his saintly life he served for sixty years as church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his saintly life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. With the general malice of that time towards Christians, and especially against Archippus, the pagans thought to destroy the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time kill Archippus.

Toward this end they made a confluence of the Lykokaperos and Kufos Rivers and directed its combined flow against the church. St Archippus prayed fervently to the Chief Commander Michael to ward off the danger. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared at the temple, and with a blow of his staff, opened a wide fissure in a rock and commanded the rushing torrents of water to flow into it. The temple remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in church glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael. Not only did Christians begin to come to the spring for healing, but also pagans. In so doing, many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to the faith in Christ.

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* Wednesday Live Stream Book Study
In person or follow on Live Stream

**Pilgrimage to Kardiotissa
Myrr-Streaming Icon in Taylor, PA
Saturday, September 12th
Paraklesis at 11:30 AM
St. George's Orthodox Church
745 S. Keyser Avenue, Taylor, PA 18517
Each person and family is responsible for their own transportation. Masks and social distancing are required in the church.
Please call the church office to reserve your family.

Parish Family Picnic & GOYA Kick Off
Sunday, September 13th
4:00-8:00 PM - Neffsville Park, Lititz
Please bring your lawn chairs and food/drink! Come enjoy the fellowship!

Sunday, September 6th
Memorials: Marianthi Soukas (3mo), Paul Vouloplos (2 yrs), Georgia and Andrew Karpouzis, Nicholas Karpouzis, Despina Patoounas, Christofilia and Haralambos Gregorades, Elias Georgallis, Maria Sofillas, Kydonia Monahas, Panagiotis Topoulos (15 yrs), Athanasios Topoulos, Vasilios Gerosvassis, Mihai Chaknos, Michael J. Valudes, Constantine Canias, James Gehas, Vasa Simpson.
8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Monday, September 7th
Labor Day—Office closed

Tuesday, September 8th
Nativity of The Theotokos
8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
7:30 PM OCYFA meeting

Wednesday, September 9th
6:00 PM * Live Stream Book Study * w/ Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

Thursday, September 10th
9:30-11:30 AM Relief Box Distribution & Delivery

Friday, September 11th
9:00 AM Paraklesis to The Theotokos

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11:30 AM ** Pilgrimage to Kardiotissa
(Taylor, PA)
7:00 PM Vespers

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Please help IOCC supply Hygiene Kits for Victims of Lebanon Blast and Hurricane Laura
(Please carefully follow these instructions)
Fill a one-gallon zip top plastic bag with the following items:
- (1) cotton hand towel (15"x28" to 16"x32"—no fingertip, bath, dish, or microfiber)
- (1) cotton washcloth (no microfiber)
- (1) wide-tooth comb without packaging
- (1) fingernail or toenail clipper with packaging
- (1) bathroom bar of soap in its wrapper
- (1) toothbrush in its package
- (10) standard size Band-Aids

Bring completed kits to Annunciation church office or drop off in box down the stairs from Narthex. Donations will be accepted through the end of September.
For monetary donations please send you check made payable to:
I.O.C.C.
110 West Road, Suite 360
Baltimore, MD 21204

Liturgical Reminders
Antidoron
At the end of Liturgy you may receive a piece of antidoron from the tray at the back of the church. This is how we will distribute antidoron until clergy receive the episcopal blessing to once again distribute the antidoron in the customary manner.

We ask that you do not congregate in the Narthex at the dismissal of the services.

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Welcome to all Visitors
We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor's Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palksa, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
www.annunciationorthodox.org
The Epistle 1 Cor. 16:13-24
Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, 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 Prisca, together with the church in their house, sending greetings to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one 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.

1. RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION (Fourth Mode)
Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples said to the Apostles triumphantly:
Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

2. APOLYTIKION TOI ARXAGELHOU (Ὑχ. 5′)
Tον σάρωσιν των αἵματος Αρχαστράτηγην, δυσμοποιοῦσιν σε αἱ ἡμέραι αἱ ἀνάδοχες, ἵνα ταῖς αἰσθήσεως τῆς ζωῆς, σκέπη τῶν πτερύγων, ἀνέπαυσαν γὰρ τὸ ἐμὸν πνεῦμα καὶ τὸ ὑμῶν. Ἐπιγινώσκετε οὖν τοὺς τοιούτους, κατάσχωμεν τὴν θυσίαν σαρκὸς ὑμῶν, ἐπεὶ ἀνέπαυσαν γάρ τὸ ἐμὸν πνεῦμα καὶ τὸ ὑμῶν. Προκαταλήψονται τὸν Χριστόν ἰδέαν πνευμάτων ἀγίων ἀνεχόμενοι τὸ κράξος τοῦ Οὐρανοῦ, ἀνεξαρτήτως τῆς ζωῆς καὶ τῆς ἀναγέννησις.