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NOVEMBER 22, 2015

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE  
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 22 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. *Remembrance of St. Michael and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven*  
Metropolitan Nectarios the Wonderworker of Aegina.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets  
Panachida: Pat Addio - 40 day commemoration by Bill & Beverly Thomas  
*Church School meets*  
*Adult Enrichment meets*  
***Brief Men's Club Meeting***  
***Brief Altar Society Meeting***

Tue., Nov. 24 Confessor Theodore the Studite.  
9:00 AM -> All Day: *Community Service at Scranton Cultural Center*. See Schedule on Hall Bulletin Board.

Wed., Nov. 25 Patriarch John the Merciful  
9:00 AM *Community Service at Scranton Cultural Center*.

**Thu., Nov. 26 Archbishop John Chrysostom.**  
***Happy Thanksgiving!***

Sat., Nov. 28 Martyrs Gurias et al.  
***FILIPOVKA (CHRISTMAS FAST) BEGINS!***

Sun., Nov. 29 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. *Holy Apostle Matthew*  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets

**Confessions:** Before Divine Liturgy

## FEASTING. . .

*St. Michael and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven.*  
We are celebrating this feast today instead of yesterday, basically because I inadvertently left it out of the bulletin last week and proofreading it did not catch it.

The ENTRANCE OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE is celebrated Fri., Dec. 4 (Nov. 21). This day celebrates the time when Holy Mary was dedicated to God's service by her parents Joachim and Anna.

## . . .AND FASTING

**Filipovka (Philip's Fast, or Christmas Lent)** begins on Saturday, November 15/28 and goes until Christmas Eve, Dec. 24/Jan. 6. It is called Philip's Fast because it begins the day after the Feast of St. Philip the Apostle on November 14/27.

- The **Traditional Fast** requires fasting from meat, eggs, dairy products, fish, oil, and wine. Fish, wine and oil are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, and oil and wine are allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fasting rules permit fish, and/or wine and oil on certain feast days that

occur during the course of the fast: Evangelist Matthew (Nov. 16/29), Apostle Andrew (Nov. 30/Dec. 13), Great-martyr Barbara (Dec. 4/17), St. Nicholas (Dec. 6/19), St. Spiridon and St. Herman (Dec. 12/25), St. Ignatius (Dec. 20/Jan. 2), etc. There is no fast on the Feast of the Entrance (Nov. 21/Dec. 4). The Nativity Fast is not as severe as Great Lent or the Dormition Fast.

- As always, persons who are ill, the very young or elderly, and pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt from fasting. Each individual is expected to confer with their confessor regarding any exemptions from the fasting rules, but should never place themselves in physical danger.
- The MINIMUM Diocesan Rule is no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. All are encouraged and expected to do more than the minimum.
- *CHRISTMAS EVE* is a Day of *Fasting from Meat and Dairy* in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord – this is why it is called the “Paramony,” a word which means “Preparation. On this day no solid food should be eaten until the first star is seen in the evening sky. That’s why the *Vilija* or *Holy Supper* traditionally begins when the first star is seen.
- In the past, dispensation from the Fast on Thanksgiving Day (if necessary) and the next day, Friday was given in the diocese. Until I receive new direction from Bishop Gregory, I am assuming that this remains the policy.
- No dispensation has been granted from fasting on Dec. 24, 25, 31, or Jan. 1 (civil calendar).

**Confessions:** All are reminded that fasting from food goes hand-in-hand with fasting from sin. This is why the Church encourages us to receive the Holy Mystery of Confession is given during the Christmas Fast period. During the Christmas Fast, Confessions are scheduled for Sunday morning 8:45 – 9:15.

**Almsgiving:** Also, giving to the poor and needy is the flip side of fasting. The parish offers opportunities to fulfill this duty. See below.

**PEOPLE STUFF**

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Edward Hawley. Pat Addio. Margie Pecuch.

*Living:* Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek.

Stephanie Bonk. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Mary Kneiss. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Rose Markiewicz. Dolores Naglak. Theresa Niester. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel.

*At Home:* Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. George & Anna Senich.

*Assisted Living Homes:* Julie Roberts. Kathryn Stocoski.

*Eternal Light:* Pat Addio by Bill & Beverly Thomas.

<b>YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS</b>	
<b>CHURCH</b>	
Nov. 15, 2015	
\$314.00	General Collection
81.00	7 Day Light
15.00	Holy Days
11.00	Taper Candles
<u>64.00</u>	Maintenance & Repairs
<b>\$485.00</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Renovation Fund:</i> \$1000 to date.	

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Thanksgiving Community Program:** Information on the many opportunities to participate in this worthwhile Community event is posted on the hall bulletin board. If you would like more information, please see Maryann Polanichka or Fr. Nik. Also, if any parishioner is interested in volunteering for the Thanksgiving preparations, you can see Maryann for more information as well as a St. Nicholas Parish apron to take with you to work in.

Please take this opportunity to do something meaningful for our community Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**A COLLECTION FOR ONE OF OUR OWN! On Sunday, December 6 at Divine Liturgy.** Many of you know that Sue Danchak suffered a major stroke a couple of months ago. She is, by the grace of God, slowly recovering and is currently in residence at Allied Rehab on Morgan Highway. Nevertheless, Sue’s

condition and her extended stay in hospital and now in rehab have placed a serious strain on Sue, her family and her finances.

Last Sunday, the Board unanimously passed a motion to take up a collection on Sue's behalf on Sunday, December 6. We ask everyone to give generously to this collection, to help one of our own parishioners who is in serious need. Whatever we collect will go directly to Sue to help her defray her ongoing expenses, medical and otherwise.

We ask everyone to continue to keep Sue in your prayers. She has repeatedly told me how much she misses church: the prayer, the Divine Liturgy and all of you people. We hope that Sue will recover soon and be able to join us here in the church in prayer. Many years!

### **Christmas Gift Tree for U.S. Veterans:**

*There are still gift stars available on the Veterans' Tree in the Church Hall.* Please stop in and select a star. Make a happier Christmas for a veteran who bravely faced danger to preserve the freedom that we all everyday enjoy. Let them know that we are thinking about them and thanking them for their service especially during these turbulent times.

*How?* Parishioners can select a veteran star, with a name and wish list from the tree. The Center requested that the gifts be wrapped with the Veteran's Star attached to the wrapping.

Please return the gifts to the Church Hall by Sunday, December 13th. Remembering our veterans during the Christmas season is a way of thanking them for their service to our country.

**Breadbasket of NEPA:** The collection bins are in the hall and filling up again! Please help support this ongoing charity by bringing in canned goods and dry goods to donate to those who need our help!

### **PARISH STUFF**

**Church School** meets today.

**Men's Club** will have a brief meeting today.

**Adult Enrichment** meets today in the Hall Meeting Room. Again, all are welcome to participate. I hope for another lively discussion!

**Fr. Nik** will be out of town to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family from Tuesday night, Nov. 24 to Monday morning, Nov. 30. If there is an emergency, please call Fr. Mark Leasure at 570-562-1170. You

will also be able to reach Fr. Nik on his cell phone.

### **RENOVATIONS PLANNED!**

The Rectory and the Parish Hall both are in need of some serious repairs and renovations. At the October meeting, the Parish Board voted to accept a bid from S&H Construction Co., to do the following work:

#### **Church Hall**

Replace *Front Double Doors* and *Basement Door* at the bottom of the stairs. Paint *all exterior doors*.

**Total cost: \$1644.**

*On hold* until funds are available: Painting of the *banquet hall* and *hallway*. Refinish the *wood floor*.

#### **Rectory**

Paint *all interior*. Refinish *wood floors on first floor, stairs and upstairs hall*. Install *paddle fan* in living room. **Total cost: \$4636.**

*On hold* unless funds are donated: replace *all vinyl shutters*, cost \$1128. We have an anonymous donor who will cover half the cost if the other half is also donated by parishioners.

If anyone wishes to donate toward any of these projects, please see Nick Polanichka or send your donation to the rectory.

**Stewardship Workshop Saturday, January 16.** Two Sobors ago, the diocese implemented a plan to develop and encourage a Stewardship Program on both the Diocesan level and the Parish level. Over the past few years, members of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee have been invited to parishes to explain and discuss what stewardship is, what it means, and what it means (hopefully) to you.

Instead of each of the parishes of the Pocono Deanery setting up their own workshop date, one Stewardship Workshop has been scheduled for all to attend. Please see the letter at the end of the bulletin for details.

All members of the parish are encouraged to attend (free lunch!). This is an issue that affects all Orthodox Christians. Hopefully, everyone in the parish will understand and make their participation in the life of parish one which comes out of this Stewardship model.

### **PARISH FUND RAISERS**

**PIROHI SALE!!!** Thanks to all who came to work this past week! Next Sale is Friday, December 4. We'll be working Wed, Dec. 2 and Thu., Dec. 3. Both days we

will start around 8 AM.

**Christmas Bake Sale!** *Friday, Dec. 18, 10 AM – 4 PM.* As in the past few years, we will be holding a Bake Sale in conjunction with the last Pirohi Sale of the Season. We are asking all our parishioners to donate items for the Sale. They don't have to be Cookies; all donations accepted. A Christmas-y theme would be nice but not necessary.

Please contact Carol Pugh to let her know what you are planning on bringing: 570-489-2321 or [toots638@comcast.net](mailto:toots638@comcast.net).

### FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

**Annual Harvest Dinner.** Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Sunday, November 22, 2015 - 12:30pm . St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under. Advance reservations close Sunday, November 15 - no tickets sold at the door. Take-outs available - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon. For reservations contact Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164.

**Advent Food Sale!** All Saints Orthodox Church 211 Willow Avenue 01yphant,PA 18447. Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 Noon - 5 pm. Pierogies: prepared-butter & onions. ALSO Pierogie: frozen by the dozen. Cabbage & Noodles: Bowl or Quart. Clam Chowder: Bowl or Quart. *Advanced orders are recommended!* To place an order, call 570-383-0785 or 570-561-8082. Thank You for your patronage!

INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB - St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. is having a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 10, 2015. This holiday meal is only \$20.00 per person. Seatings are at 5:30 and 6:30 and reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 before December 8th. The menu will start with a French Onion Tart (Caramelized onions and Gruyere Cheese in a Puffy Pastry Shell topped with Baby Greens in a Champagne Vinaigrette). The entree will be a Whiskey Glazed Stuffed Pork Tenderloin served with Maple Duchess Sweet Potato and Roasted Brussel Sprouts with Pecans, Cranberries and Bacon. The dessert will be a Red Wine Poached Pear served on a slice of Gingerbread Pound Cake and finished with Honey Mascarpone. Each meal will also be

served with our own Homemade Orange Cranberry bread. Coffee, tea or soda is included and a cash bar is available. Call today for this wonderful holiday meal!

### OCF'S WINTER BREAK COLLEGE CONFERENCE!

DECEMBER 28–31

As you will read below, this fantastic event will be offered free of charge to our Diocesan College Students (\$250 registration fee and a portion of their travel expenses up to a total of \$500)

All parish college students are urged to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity for fellowship with other Orthodox Christians their age. *This year, as in the past, full scholarships and partial reimbursement of travel expenses to College Conference East are being offered to our (ACROD) Diocesan Students on a first-come-first-serve basis to encourage more students to attend.* Students are urged to register online ASAP on the [www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net). For more details, go on the diocesan website, [acrod.org](http://acrod.org)., or see Fr. Nik.

### ST NECTARIOS OF AEGINA, THE METROPOLITAN OF PENTAPOLIS

November 9/22

Saint Nectarios, the great wonderworker of modern times, was born Anastasius Kephalas in Selebria, Thrace on October 1, 1846.

Since his family was poor, Anastasius went to Constantinople when he was fourteen in order to find work. Although he had no money, he asked the captain of a boat to take him. The captain told him to take a walk and then come back. Anastasius understood, and sadly walked away.

The captain gave the order to start the engines, but nothing happened. After several unsuccessful attempts, he looked up into the eyes of Anastasius who stood on the dock. Taking pity on the boy, the captain told him to come aboard. Immediately, the engines started and the boat began to move.

Anastasius found a job with a tobacco merchant in Constantinople, who did not pay him very much. In his desire to share useful information with others, Anastasius wrote down short maxims from spiritual books on the paper bags and packages of the tobacco shop. The customers would read them out of curiosity, and might perhaps derive some benefit from them.

The boy went about barefoot and in ragged clothing, but he trusted in God. Seeing that the merchant received many letters, Anastasius also wanted to write a letter. To whom could he write? Not to his parents, because there were no mail deliveries to his village. Not to his friends, because he had none. Therefore, he decided to write to Christ to tell Him of his needs.

“My little Christ,” he wrote. “I do not have an apron or shoes. You send them to me. You know how much I love you.”

Anastasius sealed the letter and wrote on the outside: “To the Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven.” On his way to mail the letter, he ran into the man who owned a shop opposite the one in which he worked.

The man asked him where he was going, and Anastasius whispered something in reply. Seeing the letter in his hands, the man offered to mail it for him, since he was on his way to the post office.

The merchant put the letter in his pocket and assured Anastasius that he would mail it with his own letters. The boy returned to the tobacco shop, filled with happiness. When he took the letter from his pocket to mail it, the merchant happened to notice the address. Astonished and curious, the man could not resist opening the letter to read it. Touched by the boy’s simple faith, the merchant placed some money in an envelope and sent it to him anonymously. Anastasius was filled with joy, and he gave thanks to God.

A few days later, seeing Anastasius dressed somewhat better than usual, his employer thought he had stolen money from him and began to beat him. Anastasius cried out, “I have never stolen anything. My little Christ sent me the money.”

Hearing the commotion, the other merchant came and took the tobacco seller aside and explained the situation to him.

When he was still a young man, Anastasius made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. During the voyage, the ship was in danger of sinking in a storm. Anastasius looked at the raging sea, and then at the captain. He went and stood beside the captain and took the helm, praying for God to save them. Then he took off the cross his grandmother had given him (containing a piece of the Cross of Christ) and tied it to his belt. Leaning over the side, he dipped the cross into the water three times and commanded the sea, “Silence!

Be still.” At once, the wind died down and the sea became calm.

Anastasius was saddened, however, because his cross had fallen into the sea and was lost. As the boat sailed on, sounds of knocking seemed to come from the hull below the water line. When the ship docked, the young man got off and started to walk away.

Suddenly, the captain began shouting, “Kephalas, Kephalas, come back here.” The captain had ordered some men into a small boat to examine the hull in order to discover the source of the knocking, and they discovered the cross stuck to the hull. Anastasius was elated to receive his “Treasure,” and always wore it from that time forward. There is a photograph taken many years later, showing the saint in his monastic skufia. The cross is clearly visible in the photo.

On November 7, 1875, Anastasius received monastic tonsure at the Nea Moni Monastery on Chios, and the new name Lazarus. Two years later, he was ordained a deacon. On that occasion, his name was changed to Nectarios.

Later, when he was a priest, Fr Nectarios left Chios and went to Egypt. There he was elected Metropolitan of Pentapolis. Some of his colleagues became jealous of him because of his great virtues, because of his inspiring sermons, and because of everything else which distinguished St Nectarios from them.

Other Metropolitans and bishops of the Patriarchate of Alexandria became filled with malice toward the saint, so they told Patriarch Sophronius that Nectarios was plotting to become patriarch himself. They told the patriarch that the Metropolitan of Pentapolis merely made an outward show of piety in order to win favor with the people. So the patriarch and his synod removed St Nectarios from his See. Patriarch Sophronius wrote an ambiguous letter of suspension which provoked scandal and speculation about the true reasons for the saint’s removal from his position.

St Nectarios was not deposed from his rank, however. He was still allowed to function as a bishop. If anyone invited him to perform a wedding or a baptism he could do so, as long as he obtained permission from the local bishop.

St Nectarios bore his trials with great patience, but those who loved him began to demand to know why he had been removed. Seeing that this was

causing a disturbance in the Church of Alexandria, he decided to go to Greece. He arrived in Athens to find that false rumors about him had already reached that city. His letter of suspension said only that he had been removed “for reasons known to the Patriarchate,” and so all the slanders about him were believed.

Since the state and ecclesiastical authorities would not give him a position, the former Metropolitan was left with no means of support, and no place to live. Every day he went to the Minister of Religion asking for assistance. They soon tired of him and began to mistreat him.

One day, as he was leaving the Minister’s office, St Nectarios met a friend whom he had known in Egypt. Surprised to find the beloved bishop in such a condition, the man spoke to the Minister of Religion and Education and asked that something be found for him. So, St Nectarios was appointed to be a humble preacher in the diocese of Vitinea and Euboea. The saint did not regard this as humiliating for him, even though a simple monk could have filled that position. He went to Euboea to preach in the churches, eagerly embracing his duties.

Yet even here, the rumors of scandal followed him. Sometimes, while he was preaching, people began to laugh and whisper. Therefore, the blameless one resigned his position and returned to Athens. By then some people had begun to realize that the rumors were untrue, because they saw nothing in his life or conversation to suggest that he was guilty of anything. With their help and influence, St Nectarios was appointed Director of the Rizarios Seminary in Athens on March 8, 1894. He was to remain in that position until December of 1908.

The saint celebrated the services in the seminary church, taught the students, and wrote several edifying and useful books. Since he was a quiet man, St Nectarios did not care for the noise and bustle of Athens. He wanted to retire somewhere where he could pray. On the island of Aegina he found an abandoned monastery dedicated to the Holy Trinity, which he began to repair with his own hands.

He gathered a community of nuns, appointing the blind nun Xenia as abbess, while he himself served as Father Confessor. Since he had a gift for spiritual direction, many people came to Aegina to confess to him. Eventually, the community grew to thirty nuns. He used to tell them, “I am building a lighthouse for

you, and God shall put a light in it that will shine forth to the world. Many will see this light and come to Aegina.” They did not understand what he was telling them, that he himself would be that beacon, and that people would come there to venerate his holy relics.

On September 20, 1920 the nun Euphemia brought an old man in black robes, who was obviously in pain, to the Aretaieion Hospital in Athens. This was a state hospital for the poor. The intern asked the nun for information about the patient.

“Is he a monk?” he asked.

“No, he is a bishop.”

The intern laughed and said, “Stop joking and tell me his name, Mother, so that I can enter it in the register.”

“He is indeed a bishop, my child. He is the Most Reverend Metropolitan of Pentapolis.”

The intern muttered, “For the first time in my life I see a bishop without a panagia or cross, and more significantly, without money.”

Then the nun showed the saint’s credentials to the astonished intern who then admitted him. For two months St Nectarios suffered from a disease of the bladder. At ten thirty on the evening of November 8, 1920, he surrendered his holy soul to God. He died in peace at the age of seventy-four.

In the bed next to St Nectarios was a man who was paralyzed. As soon as the saint had breathed his last, the nurse and the nun who sat with him began to dress him in clean clothing to prepare him for burial at Aegina. They removed his sweater and placed it on the paralyzed man’s bed. Immediately, the paralytic got up from his bed, glorifying God.

St Nectarios was buried at the Holy Trinity Monastery on Aegina. Several years later, his grave was opened to remove his bones (as is the custom in Greece). His body was found whole and incorrupt, as if he had been buried that very day.

Word was sent to the Archbishop of Athens, who came to see the relics for himself. Archbishop Chrysostomos told the nuns to leave them out in the sun for a few days, then to rebury them so that they would decay. A month or two after this, they opened the grave again and found the saint incorrupt. Then the relics were placed in a marble sarcophagus.

Several years later, the holy relics dissolved,

leaving only the bones. The saint's head was placed in a bishop's mitre, and the top was opened to allow people to kiss his head.

St Nectarios was glorified by God, since his whole life was a continuous doxology to the Lord.

Both during his life and after his death, St Nectarios has performed thousands of miracles, especially for those suffering from cancer. There are more churches dedicated to St Nectarios than to any other modern Orthodox saint.

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November 12, 2015  
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RE: Stewardship Workshop for the Pocono Deanery

Dear Father Nicholas and Parishioners of St. Nicholas's,

I would like to invite you to a Stewardship Workshop to be held at St. George's Orthodox Church (Taylor, PA) on January 16, 2016. Attendance is free, and the workshop is open to all clergy and parishioners in the Pocono Deanery. (Stewardship coordinators are especially encouraged to attend.) The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m., and a lunch will be provided.

The workshop will give attendees a greater understanding of what Stewardship means for Orthodoxy, and ways that it can be incorporated into our churches. Attendees are asked to RSVP by December 26th.

For those persons interested in attending, I may be contacted by phone (570-430-6749) or by e-mail at michael.shimko@me.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Shimko

**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST & 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**  
**SYNAXIS OF HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND**  
**ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN**  
November 9/22 2015

**Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 8** [*Music p. 102*]

You came to earth from heaven, O Gracious One. \* You allowed Yourself to be in the grave for three days, \* that we might be freed from our passions. \* O Lord, our Life and our Resurrection, glory to You.

**Tropar of the Angels - Tone 4**

O Leaders of the heavenly armies, \* although we are always unworthy we beseech you \* that with your prayers you may encircle us \* with the protection of the wings of your angelic glory. \* Watch over us as we bow low and earnestly cry out to you: \* "Deliver us from trouble, \* O Princes of the heavenly armies."

**Kondak of the Resurrection - Tone 8** [*Music p. 102*] [*Like the Paschal Kondak, "You descended into the grave"*]

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

You raised the dead when You arose from the grave. \* You restored Adam, and Eve rejoices in your resurrection. \* Since You have risen from the dead, O Merciful One, \* there is celebration throughout all the world.

**Kondak of the Angels - Tone 2**

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

O Leaders of the armies of God, \* and servants to the Divine Glory, \* guardians of men and leaders of the angels, \* intercede for us in all our needs, \* and obtain for us abundant mercy; \* for you are the leaders of the heavenly host.

**Prokimen of the Resurrection - Tone 8** [*Music p. 104*]

Pray and give glory, and give glory to the Lord our God.

*Reader:* In Judah God is known, His Name is great in Israel.

*Do not repeat above Prokimen*

**Prokimen of the Angels - Tone 4**

You made the winds your messengers and flaming fire your ministers.

*Reader:* Bless the Lord, O my soul! Lord God, how great You are!

**Epistles:**

*For Sunday:* Ephesians 4:1-6

*For the Angels:* Hebrews 2:2-10

**Alleluia of the Resurrection and of the Angels - Tone 8**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful sound to the rock of our salvation!

*Reader:* Let us come into his Presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful sound to Him with songs of praise!

*Reader:* Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise Him, all his hosts.

*Reader:* He commanded and they were made; He established them forever.

**Gospels:**

*For Sunday:* Luke 8:41-56

*For the Angels:* Luke 10:16-21

**Communion Hymns**

*For Sunday:* "Praise the Lord"

*For the Angels:* You made the winds your messengers and flaming fire your ministers. Alleluia!

*If I have learned one thing in this life, it is that  
God will not tie my shoes without me.  
- Doug Boyd*