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The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration. A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels.

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest. The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities. The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means "who is like unto God"), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, "Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!"

Each person has a guardian angel, and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10).

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Upcoming Services: Thursday, November 21 - Synaxis of the Archangel Michael Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Service 9:30am

Saturday, November 30th Vesper Service 5:30 pm

Advent Begins Thursday, November 28th Vespers Services will be held every Saturday during Advent followed by an adult bible study lecture/discussion.

Visits: Dan Radakovich, Ann Tukovich, Bessie Bratich, Mitch Vignovich, Sam Mellovich, Dolly Mistovich, Baby Girl Ada Grace Brnilovich - At Home

St. Elijah Fellowship and Ministry Committee will be **sending care packages to our college students** in November to encourage them during finals. We want to let them know their St. Elijah family is thinking of them. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost please see Nena Jovonovich or Diane Volitich Knapp after church. Make checks payable to St. Elijah Church add in memo "College Care Package". Thank you very much!!

St. Elijah-Harvest for the Hungry. The Fellowship and Ministry Committee, as part of their outreach, is organizing a **Food Drive** to benefit the *Faith Restoration Food Bank* in Monaca. Please bring your donated non-perishable item(s) to the designated table in the basement of the church between the dates on *October 27th ~ November 24th*. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for information regarding donated items needed. Thank you!

Once again, we the parishioners of St. Elijah are here to help the Beaver County's Children and Youth Services. Beaver County Children and Youth Services is a state-mandated agency that is a child-centered service dedicated to protecting children from abuse and neglect, while at the same time working to preserve the family unit. We have been given the names of 75 children who have been removed from their homes, and this gift from us will be an unexpected and welcomed brightness in what could be a child's bleakest time.

As in the past, the Advent trees will be adorned with ornaments, with a child's name and wishes, in the basement of the church. Please look over the tree and select a child that you would like to sponsor this year. Please ensure to keep the tag with the child's wishes, and complete the other tag and leave it under the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or at georgette.osman@comcast.net. **All gifts must be wrapped and in the church by Sunday, December 15th** so that we can deliver them to CYS for distribution.

Mother's Club will be having their annual Thanksgiving Pumpkin Roll sale on Sunday, November 24th. If you would like to order a pumpkin roll, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or at georgette.osman@comcast.net. The cost per roll is \$15.00.

St Elijah Choir News: The Choir is selling our Christmas Ornaments; we are also selling **ANDERSON CANDY** please see Diane Knapp for the ornaments and Cheryl Leydig to place a candy order. You may also order your Psenica kits starting this Sunday as well see Marlene Volitich.



Cupola Blessing Service will be held today following Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the Cemetery; please proceed to your cars following the service. Banquet will be held in the Center following the blessing. Thank you for joining us!