

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### *The Holy Angels*

“Do not be surprised that you fall every day, do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm, it is easy to heal; but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect become incurable, but with God all things are possible.” (*St. John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent*)

“The angel who is always near us is by nothing so distressed and made indignant as when, without being constrained by some necessity, we deprive ourselves of the ministration of the Holy Mysteries and of reception of Holy Communion, which grants remission of sins. For at that hour the priest offers up the sacrifice of the Body of Him Who gives us life, and the Holy Spirit descends and consecrates the Body and

Blood and grants remission to creation. The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the angels stand with great awe, fear, and joy. They rejoice over the Holy Mysteries while experiencing inexpressible astonishment. The angel who is always by us is consoled, because he also partakes in that dread spectacle and is not deprived of that perfect intercourse.” *St. Isaac the Syrian*

“When you close the doors to your dwelling and are alone you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man. ... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God, who is in every place; for there is no place and nothing material in which God is not, since He is greater than all things and holds all men in His hand.”

*St. Anthony the Great*



*Icon of Saint Michael and all the Angels -- November 8th*



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**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!**

**Reader Great Vespers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 5:00pm**

**Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am**

**Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2025 – 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 4); MARTYRS  
 AKINDINOS, PEGASIAS, APHTHONIOS, ELPIDIPHOROS & ANEMPODIST OF PERSIA**

**GIVING REPORT** - The in-pew collection for Oct 26 was \$1,498.01. E-giving received through tithe.ly for October 2025 totaled \$3,862.42.

*On November 1, we made our 60<sup>th</sup> mortgage payment. We now have a balance of \$250,312.17 at a rate of 3%. Thank you for your support! Our final payment is set for Nov 1, 2035.*

**WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY** - Join us for the Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, November 5, 6:00pm**. Confession is available at 5:30pm.

**SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN** - Join us for Divine Liturgy on the eve of this great feast: **Friday, November 7, 6:00pm**.

**CHRISTMAS ON MAIN PARADE** - If anyone is interested in volunteering to coordinate our parish's possible entry in Front Royal's Christmas on Main Parade (Dec 6, 4:00pm), please contact Elizabeth: mrsewallace@gmail.com

Catechesis on the Bodiless Powers from *Christ Our Pascha Catechism* (114-117):



Angels, the heavenly incorporeal beings (spirits) “have their being by the will of the Father, [they] are brought into being by the work of the Son, and are perfected by the presence of the Spirit.” God, as the highest Intelligence, fashioned the angelic intellects. He made them partakers of his inexpressible glory and formed their incorruptible essence. The angels are beacons, who reflect the Light of God. Since they have received eternal life from the Origin of Life, and because they contemplate the eternal Glory and Wisdom, they are like mirrors filled with light.

The existence of the invisible angelic realm attests to the wealth and diversity of the world created by God. Both the visible and invisible belong to one creation, which God looks upon as good. Human beings and angels, as persons, have the opportunity to build personal and spiritual relationships with God and with one another: “Today things above keep feast with things below, and things below commune with things above.”

The Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great mentions nine angelic orders. We read: “Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you; around you stand the Seraphim.” The angelic orders are called “choirs” because of their communion with God and with one another. Unceasingly, the angels offer “praise to God” as they abide in the light of God’s glory.

In Holy Scripture, angels manifest the presence of God in the world, announcing to human beings the will of God. Holy Scripture refers to some of them by name: Michael (see Rev 12:7; Jude 1:9), Raphael (see Tob 12:15), Gabriel (see Lk 1:19, 26). Angels assist human beings in their spiritual growth (see Heb 1:14). The Tradition of the Church teaches that God grants every human being a guardian angel: “You appointed angels as guardians.” The unity of the visible and invisible creation—human beings and angels—becomes manifest in the Divine Liturgy, where the earthly expresses the heavenly, and humans serve together with angels: “Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the life giving Trinity...” and “Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlina Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoa-*

## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*Tone 4 propers, p. 341-344*

**Troparion, Tone 4.** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy.

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

**Kontakion, Tone 4.** My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave\* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth\* and shattered the gates of Hades;\* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Theotokion, Tone 4.** By your birth, O immaculate one,\* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,\* and Adam and Eve\* from the corruption of death.\* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,\* celebrate as they cry out to you:\* “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God\* and nourisher of our life.”

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4.** How great are Your works, O Lord\* You have made all things in wisdom. *verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

**Epistle: Galatians 2:16–20.** Brothers and Sisters, we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law,

so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Alleluia, Tone 4.** *verse 1.* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. *verse 2.* You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

**Gospel Luke 8:5–15.** The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

**Communion Verse.** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.