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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2, 2014

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary Healers

- RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION, Tone Four:
When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: death is overthrown, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.
- TROPARION OF THE UNMERCENARIES, Tone Eight:
O Holy Unmercenarys and wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely ye received, freely give to us.
- RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION, Tone Four:
My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb, and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hades, and as Master, He has risen on the third day.
- KONTAKION OF THE UNMERCENARIES, Tone Two:
Having received the grace of healing, yet extend health to those in need, O glorious and wonderworking physicians. hence, by your visitations, cast down the audacity of our enemies and by your miracles, heal the world.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Nov. 1: 3:30 PM, Catechism, *On Confession*
5 PM, Great Vespers, Confessions
- Sunday, Nov. 2: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal
12:45, Glendi Wrap-up staff Meeting

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2014 FALL RETREAT

The Divine Liturgy: at

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*"When we partake of
the Holy Eucharist
worthily and in faith,
we are united to
Christ and through
Him to one another."*

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WITH THE V. REV. FR.
STEPHAN MEHOLICK

Saturday, Nov. 15

Schedule

9 am Session 1

10:15 am Session 2

12:15 pm Akathist

1:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Session 3

3:30 pm Closing

Limited Capacity!

RSVP today!

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No fee

Suggested donation

\$30

- Tuesday, Nov. 4: **At Kazan Skete, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Fall Feast of the Monastery. Families and children are welcome**
- Wednesday, Nov. 5: 6 PM, Vespers
- Friday, Nov. 7: 6 PM, Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and all the Angels
- Saturday, Nov. 8: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast
3:30 PM, Catechism, *On the Priesthood*
5 PM, Great Vespers

- FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELS

On November 7 and 8 we will celebrate, as we do annually, the feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and all the angels. Vespers on Friday, November 7 at 6 PM, and the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 8 at 9 AM. We congratulate Archpriest Michael and all those named after the angels on their name day.

- YOUTH BBQ

The younger members of the St. Nicholas Church in San Anselmo will be coming here for a late afternoon BBQ on **Sunday, November 9, from 4–7 PM**. All our parish youth—of any age—and their parents are invited to attend. This is a potluck BBQ, so bring something to grill. Besides some fun activities, the youth from St. Nicholas have asked us to give them a little show-and-tell on the new frescos in the Church.

- CATECHISM REVISITED:

Father Lawrence would like to teach a “catechism for veterans” class, “Catechism Revisited,” on any day convenient to our parishioners, from 11 AM to Noon, or another time suggested. It is hoped that our retired, seniors and stay-at-home moms might like to attend. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to arrange for child care. Nothing has yet been scheduled. If you are interested, please let Father Lawrence know.

- TALKS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Father Deacon James Hughes, former headmaster of St. Michael’s Orthodox School in Santa Rosa, will be giving two presentations here. November 19 and 26 following the 6 PM Vespers and the lenten food

potluck. This lecture, followed by a brief question and answer period, will address aspects of education of children in the Orthodox Church.

- THE HOLY UNMERCENARY HEALERS:

“He who believes in me shall do the works that I do.” (John 14:12) This is why we address the saints not simply as intercessors and intermediaries but also as having within themselves the power to heal. They can do so because they have been deified through grace and have become participants in divine Life and Power. We pray especially to the Mother of God, the first human being to have been fully deified and glorified, “the comfort of the afflicted the healing of the sick,” “the hope of the hopeless,” “the strength of those who are struggling,” “unquenchable and inexhaustible treasure of healing,” (Prayers of the *Supplicatory Canon*) from “whom marvels spring forth and healing flows out.” (from *Holy Unction*). As they bear divine energies within their entire being, the saints often convey them to those who in faith touch their body (cf. Acts 20:9–10), or their clothes (Acts 19:12), or even their shadow (cf. Acts 5:15). After leaving this world, they continue to convey those energies to those who call upon them. They may do so directly or indirectly by means of their relics, which are suffused with and radiate these energies, or through their icons which are the visible manifestations, representations of their deified humanity that bring into contact with them those who venerate them. —*J.C. Larchet, The Theology of Illness, pg. 89.*

Names of some of the Holy Unmercenary Healers: Sts. Kosmas and Damian of Asia Minor, Sts. Kosmas and Damian of Rome, Sts. Kosmas, Damian, Leontios, Anthimos, and Eutropios of Arabia, Sts. Cyrus and John, St. Tryphon, St. Julianos, St. Mokios, St. Thallaleos, St. Sampson the Innkeeper, St. Ermolaos, St. Panteleimon the Great-martyr, Sts. Anikitos and Photios, St. Diomedis, St. Luke the Apostle, Evangelist and Physician, St. Luke Archbishop of Simferopol the Surgeon, Sts. Hermione, Zenais and Philonilla, the Daughters of St. Philip the Deacon, St. Paul the Physician of Corinth, Sts. Carpos and Papylos the Martyrs of Pergamus, St. Orestes the Physician and Martyr of Cappadocia, St. Sophia the Physician and Martyr, St. Agapit the Righteous Unmercenary of the Kiev Caves, St. Hypatius the Healer of the Kiev Caves, St. Moses the Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves, St. Pimen the Much-ailing of the Kiev Caves, St. Damian the Healer of the Kiev Caves, St. Joseph the Much-ailing of the Kiev Caves, St. Angelis the Physician and New Martyr, St. Antipas the Hieromartyr, St. Charalambos, St. Blaise (Vlassios) healer of throat ailments, St. Spyridon the protector of