

missing just a few) and address updates from YOU this week. Thanks for your cooperation.

• THIRD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER PROJECT:

Help provide Thanksgiving dinner for 50 Sonoma County Families living in poverty. \$100.00 provides for a full Thanksgiving Dinner Food Box. If you, or your family, are not able to sponsor a full box, please consider sharing a box with other church members! In an effort to make this charity effort efficient we will be accepting monetary donations only (checks can be made out to St. Seraphim Church/charity). This effort is extremely appreciated and impactful. If you have any questions, you can contact Amy Ramirez Margitich at fosasquatch@gmail.com or Serge Anderson at s.anderson4990@sbcglobal.net.

• MYSTERY OF HOLY MATRIMONY:

Alexander DeMaar, a new parishioner in our community, and his fiancée Keri Quinn from LA, will be united by God in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, November 8 at 2 PM. All are welcome to attend. Consider the following:

...Each of the sacraments names and employs particular “natural” elements, reveals their epiphanic character, and employs their inherent capacity to serve God’s salvific purpose. Bread and wine are natural symbols of flesh and blood. Christ reveals them as symbols of His body and blood, in and through which He is verily present; and by consuming these translated elements, we enter into the most intimate communion with Him as one ecclesial [church] body. Male and female are the exclusive elements and symbols of transformation in the Sacrament of Marriage. Marriage brings male and female together as God originally intended them: as spouses and companions to each other, husband and wife, one Christic and ecclesial being (read Eph. 5:30–32). Through the sacrament, God seeks to heal our divided humanity at the primary source of its division, the alienation of male and female; He renders it whole once again; He restores male and female natures to their original unity and integrity... —*Vigen Guroian*
www.aoiusa.org/if-love-has-won-has-marriage-lost-an-orthodox-response-to-obergefell-v-hodges1/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=socialnetwork

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday ~ NOVEMBER 8, 2015
Archangel Michael and all the Hosts

• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Six:

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hades, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee.

• TROPARION OF ST. MICHAEL, Tone Four:

Supreme Commanders of the Heavenly armies, we, the unworthy do ever entreat you, that by your prayers ye surround us with the protection of the wings of your immaterial glory, preserving us who earnestly fall down before you and cry aloud: Deliver us from misfortunes, in that ye are the leaders of the hosts on high.

• KONTAKION OF ST. MICHAEL, Tone Two:

Supreme Commanders of God and ministers of the Divine glory, guides of men and leaders of the bodiless hosts: Ask for what is to our profit and for great mercy, since ye are Supreme Commanders of the bodiless hosts.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Nov. 7: 3:30 PM, Catechism “The True Human”
4:45 PM, Panikhida for Sarah Rohrmann
5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, Nov. 8: 9 AM, Matins / Confessions
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal
2 PM, Wedding of Alex D. and Keri Q.

- Tuesday, Nov. 10: 7 PM, Study of *The Epistle to the Hebrews* at McPherson home, Rohnert Park
- Wednesday, Nov. 11: 7 AM, Divine Liturgy
5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 PM, Vespers
- Thursday, Nov. 12: Noon, Senior/Retired Lunch (Turkey dinner)

- MANY YEARS:

Best wishes and Name Day greetings to Father Michael, Raymond Michael Basch, Michael Mwaniki, Michael Yuhas, Miguel Castillo, Michael Dovey, Michael Wysocki, Christina DeMichele (honorary “last name” mention), Gabriel Griovski, Gabriel Nicholson, Gabriel Scarborough, Gabriel Rossi. Apologies if a name was inadvertently missed.

The Feast day of the Archangels 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 eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31). 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 they all have their own names and positions by virtue of their service. The Lord. 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. **Translation of the names:** Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God. Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15) Uriel: the fire or light of

God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds. Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind. Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts. Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people. Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36) 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).

- THE REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK:

Distribution will take place on Wednesday, November 11. Volunteers: please arrive by 5 PM.

- SENIOR & RETIRED LUNCH:

To be held on Thursday, Nov 12th, at Noon. Matushka Esther Carr will serve an early (pre-Nativity Fast) Thanksgiving meal of turkey with chutney and mashed potatoes and mint peas. Please bring a side dish to share.

- BAPTISM

Theodore Joseph Rossi, newborn son of Gabriel and Maya Rossi, will be baptized in St. Seraphim Church on Saturday, November 14 at 10 AM.

- POTLUCK AND TALK:

Following Vespers on Saturday, November 14, there will be a potluck, and a talk by Fr. John Schettig on St. Paisius. Novice Vincent Andrew Rossi will be there to add some comments, since novices are not blessed to give talks. St. Paisius was the 18th century compiler of the Russian and Romanian editions of the *Philokalia*, the collection of writings on the virtues and prayer. November 14 is the last day before the Nativity Fast.

- CHRISTMAS FOOD FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR

Sts. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church on Stony Point will hold the 21st Annual Christmas Food Festival and Bazaar this weekend, Nov. 7th at 10 AM and Nov. 8th following the Divine Liturgy. Enjoy borscht, piroshki, cabbage rolls as well as Middle Eastern, and Eritrean specialties. The bazaar will feature Christmas decorations and crafts.

- PARISH PHOTO-DIRECTORY:

Bobbi and Fr. Lawrence are updating the Parish Photo-Directory, and hope to distribute it in a week or two, depending on if we get photos (we are