

## Russian Orthodox Church of the Resurrection of Christ

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### Schedule for the Week of November 15 - 21, 2015

Sunday Martyr Acindina (341)  
Nov 15

Friday Eve of St. Michael feast  
Nov 20 6:30 PM Vespers

Saturday St. Michael & all bodiless Hosts  
Nov 21 9:00 AM Service

**Sunday` Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius**  
**Nov 22 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions**  
**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия**

#### Архистратиг Михаил

Над всеми ангельскими чинами поставлен Архистратиг Михаил. Его имя означает «кто как Бог», он является верным служителем Божиим, ибо низринул с Неба возгордившегося Денницу.

По церковному преданию, Архистратиг Михаил принимал участие во многих ветхозаветных событиях, с древних времен прославлен чудесами и на Руси. Предстательства за города русские Пресвятой Богородицей всегда осуществлялись Ее явлением с Воинством Небесным под предводительством Архистратига Михаила.

В Киеве, сразу по принятии христианства, воздвигнут Архангельский храм и устроен монастырь. Архангельские соборы стоят в Смоленске, Нижнем Новгороде, Великом Устюге. Не было на Руси города, где не существовало бы храма или предела, посвященного Архистратигу Михаилу. Один из главнейших храмов города Москвы – храм усыпальница в Кремле – посвящен ему.

Многочисленны и иконы чиновника вышних сил и его собора. Одна из известнейших – икона «Благословенное Воинство» находится в Успенском Соборе Кремля.

#### The Holy Angels



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 eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgement 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).

In old Kiev at the time of the accepting of Christianity, a cathedral of the Archangel was built, and a monastery also was named for him. Archangel cathedrals are found at Smolensk, Nizhni Novgorod, Staritsa, at Great Ustiug (beginning of the thirteenth century), and a cathedral at Sviyazhsk. In Rus there was not a city, where there was not a church or chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael.

One of the chief temples of the city of Moscow, the burial church in the Kremlin, is dedicated to him. Numerous and beautiful icons of the Chief Commander of the Heavenly Hosts are also in his Cathedral. One of these, the Icon "Blessed Soldiery," was painted in the Dormition Cathedral of the Moscow Kremlin. The saintly soldiers, Russian princes, are depicted under the leadership of the Archangel Michael.

We invoke St. Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of

adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies.

Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels:

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).

### Ангелы

“После Троицы – светозарны невидимые Ангелы. Они свободно ходят вокруг великого престола – быстроходимые умы, пламень и Божественные духи – и усердно служат высоким велениям Бога. У них нет ни супружества, ни скорбей, их не разделяет друг от друга ни члены, ни обители. Они все единомысленны и каждый тождествен сам с собой: одно естество, одна мысль, одна любовь – вокруг великого Царя Бога. Они не ищут утешения ни в детях, ни в супругах, ни в том, чтобы для них нести сладостные труды. Не вожделенно им богатство, не вожделенны и те помышления на злое, какие смертным приносит земля. Они не плавают по морям, не сеют в угождение необузданному чреву, этому исходищу греха. У них одна совершеннейшая пища – насыщать ум величием Божиим и в Светлой Троице черпать безмерный свет. Они просты, духовны, проникнуты светом, не от плоти ведут начало и не обретают плоти, но пребывают такими, какими созданы. Для них в девстве уготован путь Богоподобия, ведущий к Богу, согласный с намерениями Бессмертного, Который премудро правит кормилом великого мира” (Свт. Григорий Богослов)

## God is Fire

### Saint John the Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco

God is a consuming fire. When an object touches fire, it is changed: either it is burned up, or it is tempered. So too, a man, in touching God, either perishes or is saved. Fire - always fire! But from contact with it either ashes or steel is obtained, depending on what is touched. So too does it happen with a man, and everything depends on what he brings to the divine Fire - in what state he touches God. If he keeps himself like iron, the power of the iron becomes steel. If he lets himself go to the point of the weakness of chaff - he will burn up. Each man, sooner or later, will inevitably touch God, and woe to him if he will not prepare for that meeting. Tolstoy carelessly, self-assuredly, and not in the fear of God, approached God, unworthily communicated and became an apostate.

The hour is coming, whether we like it or not, when contact with God's power will come. The winnowing-shovel is in the Lord's hand. Grain and chaff are tossed up by the winnowing-shovel, and the wind carries away the latter, while the grain falls at the feet of the husbandman and is gathered into the granary; the chaff is abandoned or is burned up.

The meeting with the Lord is unavoidable, and one must prepare for it.

Our sins are chaff, which is burned up at this meeting. One must pronounce judgement in advance upon oneself, and, preparing for that meeting, separate oneself from the chaff and burn up the chaff of sins by repentance.

Either they alone will be burned up, or the man who has given himself up to sin will himself burn with them. One must know about the Dread Judgement and regard that day and event as he ought. One must cleanse one's soul, one must pray.

One must regard that event clearly and consciously, and not like an animal that hides its head in order not to see the danger.

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