

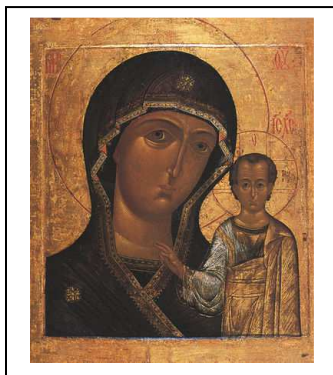
## Russian Orthodox Church of the Resurrection of Christ

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### Schedule for the Week of November 4 - 10, 2018

<b>Sunday Nov 4</b>	<b>Kazan Icon of the Theotokos Казанская Икона Б.М.</b>
Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil Nov 10	
<b>Sunday Nov 11</b>	<b>Martyr Anastasia / Преп. Муч. Анастасия Римлянин</b> <b>8:15 AM Nocturns, Hours, Confessions</b> <b>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>

#### Заступнице усердная



Будем вспоминать, что Матерь Божия «со тщанием», то есть с усердием, с поспешностью откликнувшись на призыв своей сродницы Елисаветы, отправилась к ней в нагорную страну ...

(см. Лк 1,39).

Это малое слово святого евангелиста – «со тщанием» -- для нас весьма важно, потому что вся наша жизнь христианская должна быть соткана из малого и большого, но постоянного тщания, усердия. И только тщательные, только старательные, только собирающие свою волю, тщаясь исполнить волю Божию, заслуживают права именоваться Христовыми учениками, потому что наш Спаситель есть Подвигоподолжник, а мы, по Божию замыслу, суть Его ученики и сподвижники.

И только употребляющие усилие входят в Царствие Небесное... В этот праздничный

день как хорошо обратиться к Богородице с Архангельским приветствием.

Молитва «Богородице Дево, радуйся...», несомненно, окрыляет всякую душу, со вниманием призывающую имя Пречистой Девы Марии. (Прот. Артемий Владимиров)

#### «Русский покров»

Наиболее почитаемые у нас иконы – Владимирская и Казанская. Их значение в жизни русского народа огромно. Они сладелись всенародной святыней и знаменем небесного покрова над Русской Церковью и нашим Отчеством.

Архиепископ Херсонский Иннокентий (Борисов) назвал Казанскую икону «русским покровом» -- покровом Пресвятой Богородицы над Россией.

В смутное время 1612 г. дружина Димитрия Пожарского несла список чудотворной Казанской иконы в своих рядах и изгнала из Москвы польских интервентов. В память этого события в 1649 г. было установлено всероссийское празднование Казанской иконе, совершаемое 22 октября. В 1709 г., накануне Полтавской битвы, Петр молился со своим войском перед Казанской иконою, и была одержана победа.

В 1812 г. этот же образ осенял русских воинов, отражавших нашествие Французов. И именно 22 октября русские войска нанесли противнику первое крупное поражение.

Во все трудные для России времена, во всех походах и войнах (не исключая и последнюю – Великую Отечественную войну) русские войска неизменно брали с собой иконы Божией Матери – Казанскую, Смоленскую, Донскую. И всегда страна наша ощущала помощь Заступницы

Усерной рода христианского (Архим. Иоанн Крестьянкин)

### **Commemoration of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God and the deliverance from the Poles (22 Oct/Nov 4)**

The Commemoration of the Deliverance of Moscow From the Poles by the Kazan Icon was established in gratitude for the deliverance of Moscow and all Russia from the incursion of the Polish in 1612. The end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth centuries is known in Russian history as "the Time of Troubles." The country suffered the onslaught of Polish armies, which succeeded in taking Moscow. In response to the appeal of His Holiness Patriarch Hermogenes, the Russian people rose up in defense of its native land. From Kazan, the wonderworking icon of the Mother of God was sent to the army headed by Prince Demetrius Pozharsky.

St. Demetrius of Rostov (September 21), in his Discourse on the Day of Appearance of the Icon of the Mother of God at Kazan (July 8), said:

*"The Mother of God delivered from misfortune and woe not only the righteous, but also sinners, but which sinners? those who turn themselves to the Heavenly Father like the Prodigal Son, they make lamentation beating their bosom, like the Publican, they weep at the feet of Christ, like the Sinful Woman washing His feet with her tears, and they offer forth confession of Him, like the Thief upon the Cross. It is such sinners whom the All-Pure Mother of God heeds and hastens to aid, delivering them from great misfortunes and woe."*

Knowing that they suffered such misfortunes for their sins, the whole nation and the militia imposed upon themselves a three-day fast. With prayer, they turned to the Lord and His All-Pure Mother for help. The Russian forces on October 22, 1612, liberated Moscow from the Polish usurpers. A celebration in honor of the Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos was established in 1649. Since from its own day this icon was especially revered by the Russian Orthodox nation.

### **About Fools, Wiser than the World**

*"We are fools for Christ's sake" (1 Cor. 4:10)*

Thus speaks the great Apostle Paul who in the beginning was guided by worldly wisdom, which is against Christ, until he recognizes the falsehood and decay of the wisdom of the world and the light and stability of the wisdom of Christ. Then, the holy

apostle did not become angry with the world because they called him "a fool for Christ's sake" neither did he, in defiance of the world, hesitate to be called by this name.

It is not of any value to us how the world is going to regard or call us. However, it is important, and extremely important, how the holy angels in the heavens will regard and call us when, after death, we meet with them. This is of crucial importance and everything else is nothing.

Either we are fools for the world because of Christ, or we are fools for Christ because of the world. O how short-lived is the sound of a word of the world! If the world would say to us "fool," the world will die and its word will die! What then is the value of its word? But if the heavenly, immortal ones say to us "fool," that will neither die nor is it removed from us as eternal condemnation.

Whoever does not believe in the Living God, nor in eternal life, nor in the incarnation of the Lord Christ, nor in Christ's Resurrection nor in the truth of the Gospel nor in God's eternal mercy and justice – is it any wonder if he considers that one a fool who does believe in all of this? O, may every one of us who cross ourselves with the Sign of the Cross not only find it easy to endure but with satisfaction receive the name of "fool" for Christ's sake! Let us rejoice and be glad if the non-believers call us such, for that means that we are close to Christ and far away from the non-believers. Let us rejoice and be glad and repeat with a powerful echo in the ears of the world: yes, yes, indeed we are fools for Christ's sake!  
(St. Nikolai Velimirovic)



[W]e must strive to remember more often these words of the Savior: *"Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will not by any means enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 18:3,4)...Be especially meek and patient in sickness and in other difficult situations, for, spoiled as we are by health, plenty, happiness and peace, we are particularly apt to become irritable at such times. Happy are those who do not passionately attach themselves to anything, for they are not bound by avarice. (St John of Kronstadt, *"My Life in Christ."*)