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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode. Pl. 1.

Let us worship the Word, Who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 4.

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.11,1

*The Lord will give strength to his people.
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.*

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body

through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



The Gospel According to Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could

not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once;

and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Word of the week – Reflection
On Guardian Angels
St. Nikolai Velimirovich**

St. Anastasios of Sinai teaches: "To every Christian is given an angel [Guardian Angel] from God to guard him all his life unless someone through evil deeds drives him away. But as the snake drives away bees and evil smell drives away pigeons, thus our sins drive away the guardian angel of our life: drunkenness, adultery, anger and so forth. The angel of every faithful man leads him to every good deed, while the demons exert to scandalize the faithful ones and to deprive them of the Kingdom of Heaven."

The angels are close to men and that they take care of men, the whole of Holy Scripture attests to this, but especially the New Testament.

Besides this, there exists in the Orthodox Church numerous traditions of saintly men and women, who witness to that which St. Athanasius confirms, i.e. that is that each one of us in this world is accompanied by a gentle and mighty [herald] messenger of God, a soldier

of the King of Heaven, the angel of light.

Who, except an insane person drives a good friend away from himself? In truth, only the insane and the extremely ignorant, drive away their best friend, their guardian angel by their sins.

There is a nice book written by an English priest, Father Cyril Angelikos. This priest is our contemporary, reposing not long ago. He served in a church in London dedicated to the Holy Archangels. And he often had visions of angels. We will refer here to two cases where we do not have visions, but the voice and action of the angels. Father Cyril spent all his time in the Services, or in the ministry to the sick and the poor. At one point he stood in front of his home and was thinking about which house to visit now. Then he heard a voice - the voice of a Guardian Angel: "Go see the grandmother at so and so." He immediately obeyed and went. When he came into that woman's house, she cried out from the bed how shortly before she had prayed to the Angel of God to bring to her Father Cyril. "See," she said, "I'm sick and I have no one to send to call for you. Here in the side room a woman gave birth and the newborn is dying. Hurry, Father!" Father Cyril rushed to baptize the child before he died.



Liturgical Schedule for this week

Sunday <i>November 8</i>	6:00 pm	Vespers – St. Nectarios
Monday <i>November 9</i>	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy – St. Nectarios
Wednesday <i>November 11</i>	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy – St. Menas Paraklesis
Saturday <i>November 14</i>	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (Apostle Philip & St. Gregory Palamas) & Memorial Vespers
Sunday <i>November 15</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am	Matins Divine Liturgy



Announcements:

- **Happy name day** to Michael Boilard, Michael Pitsillides, Michael Rapsomanikis and Michael Ferreira (Nov. 8th – Archangel Michael) and Gregory Downie (Nov. 14th – St. Gregory Palamas)
- **Happy birthday** to Sam Yanka (Nov. 9th), Tom Dowling (Nov. 10th), Max Yanka (Nov. 11th), and Brett Thomo (Nov. 12th).
- **The Nativity Fast** begins Sunday, November 15. Please see the calendar for the fasting rules.
- **Bible study on Revelations:** Thursday at 7pm. Please contact Fr. John for the Zoom link.

