

ON THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN

O undefiled, in your birth Joachim and Anna
Were freed from the reproach of barrenness,
And Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.
We your people celebrate
Being redeemed from the penalty of sins, and we cry to you:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God, and nurse of our life.”

Formerly Joachim brought gifts to the Temple, but they were not received;
The priests did not wish to accept them,
Since they were from a childless man, scorned by all,
But at the proper time, he and Anna brought in the Virgin,
With gifts of thanksgiving, rejoice with them:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God, and nurse of our life.”

When the tribes of Israel heard that Anna had given birth to the pure Virgin,
They rejoiced with great gladness.
Joachim held a great feast and celebrated in splendor,
And when he came to prayer he summoned the priests and levites,
He placed Mary in their midst to be magnified:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God, and nurse of our life.”

She who causes the streams of life to gush forth for us will go to the Temple,
To be reared and receive nourishment from the angels,
She will become the temple and tabernacle of the Lord.
Virgins with lamps will lead the Virgin, who will bear the divine Sun,
And these glorious things will come to pass because,
“The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God, and nurse of our life.”

**From the Kontakion
on the Nativity of the Virgin
by St. Romanos**



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossæ
Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius; St. Archippus of Herapolis;
Martyr Romulus, and with him many others; Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna;
Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Presbyter, Abibas the Deacon, and 11 others, at Alexandria;
St. David of Hermopolis in Egypt; Hieromartyr Priest Maksym of Carpatho-Rus';
The "ARÁPETSKAYA" and "KIEVO-BRÁTSKAYA" Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos*

"You are the first among archangels, O Spirit leader, Michael, and you unceasingly pray for us to the King on high, while routing the insolence of tyrants here below. Since you always enjoy a hearing before that awesome and divine Tribunal, never forget us here below."

Kondakion, Tone II

THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, September 8

"Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled all the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God. He destroyed the curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-42

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 7	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Tuesday, September 8	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - The Nativity of the Theotokos
Saturday, September 5	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 7	II Corinthians 12:10-19	Mark 4:10-23
	II Corinthians 12:20-13:2	Mark 4:24-34
Tuesday, September 8	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Wednesday, September 9	II Corinthians 13:3-14	Mark 4:35-41
Thursday, September 10	Galatians 1:1-10,20-2:5	Mark 5:1-20
Friday, September 11	Galatians 2:6-10	Mark 5:22-24,35-6:1
	I Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 23:1-12
Saturday, September 12	I Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 10:37-11:1
(Theotokos)	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

COMING EVENTS

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| 9, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi |
| 12, Saturday | 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at St. Matthew Church in North Royalton |
| 16, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi |
| 23, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi |
| 27, Sunday | “S.O.S. Sunday” Support Our Seminarians |
| 30, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi |

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS:

September is the month designated for financial support to our diocesan seminarians. Please be generous and send in your donations to: Diocese of the Midwest; 5037 W. 83rd St.; Burbank, IL 60459. Or donate online at: domoca.org/donate-online
All funds will be given directly to our seminarians!

EOWG:

The Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild will meet Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., at St. Matthew Church, 10383 Albion Rd. in North Royalton. New members are welcome! The meeting will include installation of officers and the IOCC School Kit Service Project.

TRINTARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Claudia Virosteck, with prayers for all those named Mary or who have Mary as their Patron Saint, as we celebrate the Nativity of the Virgin Mary on Tuesday.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Please remember the ongoing Church School program presented on the OCA website. High School meets Tuesdays at 3:30; Grades 3-5 meet on Wednesdays at 3:30; and Grades 6-8 meet on Thursdays at 3:30. No registration is required.

BISHOP PAUL’S VIDEO:

His Eminence Archbishop Paul has prepared a video in which he discusses the current state of the Diocese of the Midwest. It can be viewed on the Diocesan website domoca.org Go to the section: “Archbishop Paul gives update on diocesan life.”

CHAIRS AVAILABLE!

There are several hundred steel folding chairs in the basement of our Fellowship Hall that are no longer of any use here. Perhaps some parishioners can use a couple of such chairs at your home. They are available for the asking, but a nominal donation is appreciated.

ALL IS WELL

That’s a good thought, but actually as we see, things are not well. But ALL IS WELL is the title of a book by Dr. Al Rossi, who teaches pastoral theology and spirituality at St. Vladimir’s Seminary. His thoughtful and inspiring book was planned before the pandemic, but seems to be just right for these times. We have copies of it to sell here, and we also have the option to listen online to Dr. Rossi on four Wednesday evenings, September 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 7:00 p.m. Father Alexander will be sending out directions for joining these online seminars via email. If you are not yet on the HTOC email list, please contact the church office on Monday morning at 216-524-4859, and we will add you.

Copies of ALL IS WELL are available in church after the Divine Liturgy for \$10.00. (If writing a check, please make it payable to “La Coupole.”)

THE SAINTS AMONG US --
ST. ARCHIPPUS OF HIEROPOLIS

Of the many saints depicted on the walls of our church, most are famous and well known. Forming the single largest group would be the Apostles and Prophets, that is, those who are mentioned by name in the Bible. Other saints are famous men and women in Orthodox Christian history. One who is not well known, and who is rarely depicted in churches, is St. Archippus of Hieropolis. He is commemorated today, September 6. In fact, he is remembered on the same day as the Feast with which he is associated, the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Chonae, also called the Miracle at Colossae.

St. Archippus was born in the 4th century, of devout parents in the city of Hieropolis. From a young age he showed great faith and piety. He frequently went to pray at the Church dedicated to the Archangel Michael. The church was in Colossae, near Hieropolis. It was built by a benefactor in honor of the healing of his deaf daughter. The man had received a vision of the Archangel Michael, who directed him to take his daughter to partake of and anoint herself with water from a miraculous spring. In gratitude for the healing, the Church at the spring was dedicated to the Archangel.

St. Archippus grew in wisdom and sanctity, becoming the caretaker of the Church of the Archangel Michael. A model of fasting and prayer, he was comforter and guide to many people who came to pray and to drink of the miraculous waters. Most were Christians, but pagans were also attracted to the holy site. St. Archippus welcomed them, teaching and guiding them to the truth of Jesus Christ. Many of the pagans came to be baptized through his efforts.

The popularity of the church and the spring provoked the jealousy and ire of local pagans. They concocted a devious plan to destroy the Church of the Archangel. They brought together the streams of two smaller rivers, which when combined became a significant river flowing with great power and capable of overcoming and destroying people and property. The pagans hoped to destroy the church and to kill St. Archippus. But knowing of these evil plans, St. Archippus began praying earnestly to the Archangel. The Chief Commander of the Heavenly Hosts heard the prayers of the righteous Saint. The Archangel appeared and, thrusting his staff with his mighty hand, broke open a large rock near the church into which the waters of the combined rivers miraculously flowed. Neither the church nor St. Archippus were harmed.

The Miracle of St. Michael at Chonae is considered a minor feast in the Orthodox Church. Our parish is fortunate to have the icon of the feast. It is at the back of the church, on the left side, next to the side door. It depicts the Archangel in his miraculous act, breaking the rock as the waters of the rivers flow into it. Opposite the Archangel, honoring and praying to him, is St. Archippus. The liturgical hymns of the day echo the Saint's prayers.

O Michael, first of the Angels, fiery is your appearance and miraculous your beauty! You traverse creation by your immaterial nature, fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all. Because of your powers, you are known as mighty, and you have made the church, honored to bear your holy name, to be a source of healings.

Father Alexander Garklaus