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Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae September 6, 2020

Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion – Tone 4

O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech thee: by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee:// Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the commander of the Powers on high!

Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 2

O Michael, commander of God’s armies and minister of the divine glory, prince of the bodiless angels and guide of mankind; ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,// as the supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

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In Phrygia, not far from the city of Hieropolis, in a place called Cheretopos, there was a church named for the Archangel Michael, built over a miraculous spring.

This church was built by a certain inhabitant of the city of Laodicia in gratitude to God for healing his mute daughter. The holy Chief Commander Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl actually did receive healing and began to speak. After this miracle, the father and his daughter and all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built the church in honor of the holy Chief Commander Michael. Not only did Christians begin to come to the spring for healing, but also pagans. In so doing, many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to the faith in Christ.

At this church of the holy Chief Commander Michael, a certain pious man by the name of Archippus served for sixty years as church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his saintly life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. With the

general malice of that time towards Christians, and especially against Archippus, the pagans thought to destroy the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time kill Archippus.

Toward this end they made a confluence of the Lykokaperos and Kufos Rivers and directed its combined flow against the church. Saint Archippus prayed fervently to the Chief Commander Michael to ward off the danger. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared at the temple, and with a blow of his staff, opened a wide fissure in a rock and commanded the rushing torrents of water to flow into it. The temple remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in church glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael for the help. The place where the rivers plunged into the fissure received the name “Chonae”, which means “plunging.”

The Chudov (“of the Miracle”) monastery in Moscow is named for this Feast.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Service Schedule for the week of September 6 – services will be streamed live

Today – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday September 7 – 7:00 PM Vespers with Litya NATIVITY OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS **MASKS REQUIRED**

Tuesday September 8 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy NATIVITY OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS **MASKS REQUIRED**

Saturday September 12 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday September 13 – **MASKS REQUIRED** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

August 23 - 36 adults, 17 youth, \$4,941

August 30 – 45 adults, 15 youth, \$1,650

Parish Announcements

Upcoming service schedule (Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM):

Saturday September 5 – Masks required

Sunday September 6 – Masks not required

Saturday September 12 – Masks not required

Sunday September 13 – Masks required

Saturday September 19 – Masks required

Sunday September 20 – Masks not required

Saturday September 26 – Masks not required

Sunday September 27 – Masks required

Saturday October 3 – Masks required

Sunday October 4 – Masks not required

Saturday October 10 – Masks not required

Sunday October 11 – Masks required

Saturday October 17 – Masks required

Sunday October 18 – Masks not required

Saturday October 24 – Masks not required

Sunday October 25 – Masks required

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM in Daria Hall.

In order to prevent the spread of germs, the Communion prosphora and prosphora after Divine Liturgy will be handed out by an Altar server. We ask that you receive the prosphora in your hand and not reach for the prosphora on the tray or bowl.

When venerating the icons, please only bow your head and refrain from kissing the icons in order to avoid the spreading of germs, which may transmit to a fellow parishioner and cause illness.

Receiving of Holy Communion:

Please keep your social distance while waiting to approach the Chalice.

Father will tilt the spoon into your mouth so there is no contact with your lips.

Do not wipe your mouth on the cloth.

Do not kiss the Chalice, but you may bow your head.

The church has been set up for appropriate social distance seating. However, if you are feeling ill, please stay home. Also, those age 65 and over are still considered high risk and should make careful decisions about attending services. Father Volodymyr will continue to stream live Vespers and Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Thank you for your monetary contributions to the church on a regular basis! We pray for everyone's continued health and well-being!