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24th Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of St. Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – 5:30 p.m. VESPERAL
DIVINE LITURGY



TUESDAY – Feast of **ST. MICHAEL**
AND ALL ANGELS

Email Please note Father Ed's new email address: **fredpeh@gmail.com**

Toys for Tots We are again collecting toys for needy children (new only) in conjunction with the Mon Valley Leathernecks.

There is a bin in the church vestibule. Deadline is Dec. 10th.

ACRY Dues are now being collected - \$15 per member. Deadline is Nov. 26. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT
DINNER CHOIR CONCERT

THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL is one of the most celebrated of the Angels and bodiless powers; he is called the *Archistrategos*, or chief commander, of all the bodiless powers. According to Holy Scripture and Tradition, he has interceded for humanity multiple times and continues to serve as the Defender of the Faith.

The name Michael means *"Who is like God?"* Michael first appears in the Old Testament in the book of Joshua's account of the fall of Jericho. Though Michael is not mentioned by name in the text, it is said that Joshua *"looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand."* When the still unaware Joshua asks which side of the fight the Archangel is on, Michael responds, *"neither...but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come"* (Joshua 5:13-14)

In the book of Daniel, Michael appears first to help the Archangel Gabriel defeat the Persians (10:13). In a later vision it is revealed to Daniel that *"at that time [the end times] Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then..."* Michael thus plays an important role as the protector of Israel and later of his chosen people, the Church.

The Bible describes Michael in Revelation 12:7-12 leading armies of angels that battle Satan and his demons during the world's last conflict. The Bible says Michael and angelic troops finally emerge victorious, which also mentions in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 that Michael will accompany Jesus Christ when he returns to Earth.



This feastday on Tuesday honors, with the Archangel Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, all the heavenly angels, many of whose names we do not know.