

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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7 November 2021 / 7530 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene. Our Venerable Father Lazarus, the Wonder-Worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Nov. 06 17:00 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Suffrages for +Joan Boytim – Marge Hulyk

Sun. Nov. 07 10:30 **24th Sunday after Pentecost** *Suffrages pro populo*

Mon. Nov. 08 18:30 **The Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers** *Suffrages for +Joan Boytim – Fred & Elizabeth Becker*

Sat. Nov. 13 17:00 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Suffrages for +Joan Boytim – Marge Hulyk

Sun. Nov. 14 10:30 **25th Sunday after Pentecost** *Suffrages pro populo*





SHE TOUCHED THE TASSELS OF HIS GARMENT: «The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel, and bid them to make **TASSELS** on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put upon the **TASSEL** of each corner a cord of blue; and it shall be to you a **TASSEL** to look upon and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to go after wantonly. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.» (Numbers 15:38-40)



God commands Israel to put fringes on the corner of their clothes so that they will remember to do the commands of Torah. As the Hebrew mind focuses on the concrete, God uses physical things as reminders and associations for non-physical things. In this case the fringes are reminders of the commands. The Hebrew word for *tassel* is derived from the word for a **BLOSSOM**. A blossom is a flower that grows on a tree and is the beginning of the **FRUIT**.

Just as the blossom turns into a fruit, the fringes are also there to bring about fruit in the sense of doing the commands.

HEBREW FOR CHRISTIANS: «More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim...» In hymns to the Virgin and during the Anaphora, the names of these two groups of angels are frequently mentioned: the Cherubim (sing. cherub), the Seraphim (sing. seraph). The first mention of a cherub comes early in the Book of Genesis. After Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden, God places a cherub, fiery sword in hand, at the entrance to the garden to prevent the rebellious pair from returning to paradise and eating from the Tree of Life.



Cherubim also serve as guardians in the mishkan (tabernacle), God's portable sanctuary, and later in the Jerusalem Temple, God's permanent home. In the Book of Exodus, God commands that the ark of the covenant, the golden box that houses the Ten Commandments, should be topped by two cherubim sculpted from solid gold, wings extended toward one another and wingtips touching. Cherubim are also embroidered into the curtain that covers the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle. The etymology of the word "cherub" is uncertain but some scholars think it comes from the Akkadian word *karābu* meaning *to bless* (an inversion of the same root, *baruch*, in Hebrew). Others have connected it to the Assyrian *kirubu* which is a name for a winged bull. Despite these indications that connote size and strength, there is a playful midrashic folk etymology — one that is certainly not correct in the historical sense — that connects the Hebrew word *keruv* (cherub) to the Aramaic expression *ke revaya* meaning *like a child* (according to a statement of Rabbi Abahu). Rashi agrees that the cherubim have child-like faces. This tradition is the origin of the idea that cherubim look like winged babies.



A **STUDY OF GENESIS**, guided by Saints Ephrem, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nyssa, will take place on the following **Wednesdays** in **November: the 10th**, and **17th** at **8:00 pm**! The Church Fathers call Christ the "New Adam," the one who restores the "old Adam" to his original glory. Placing Jesus' saving work in the broader biblical context of the stories of the Creation and the Fall, the Fathers presuppose our knowledge of the Book of Genesis as the foundation for the Gospel revelation of Jesus Christ. If interested in deepening your knowledge of Genesis, register at <https://godwithusonline.org/events/genesis>. The webinar is free, but you must register to participate.



~ Announcements ~

- ❖ **ETERNAL MEMORY!** The parish offers its sincerest condolences and prayers to Joanne Overdorff whose brother William A. Christie has fallen asleep in the Lord. *«In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant William and remember him forever. БѢЧНАА ПАМАТЬ!*
- ❖ The annual **ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION** is this week-end **November 6th – 7th**. This appeal provides funding for foreign and home missions, the Holy Land, retired religious, and various other worthy causes sponsored by our Archeparchy. There is a special envelope marked for this collection. Donations can be made throughout the month of November if you forgot to bring yours today.
- ❖ **ETERNAL MEMORY!** Our parish also offers its sincerest condolences and prayers to the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown whose pastor, the Very Reverend Ronald Larko fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday. *«In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant, the priest Ronald, and remember him forever. БѢЧНАА ПАМАТЬ!*