



St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher

9:15 – 3rd Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 (6th Sunday of Luke)

Panachida for +Evalyn T. Brudnak (1-year),

+Francis (Smoley) Zatorsky (1-year), +George

Puhac (40-day), and the newly departed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9-10:30am Church open for personal prayer

(enter from the side door)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 Morning Moleben to St. Nectarios

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Synaxis

of the Leader of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel

Michael, and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Hosts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Nectarios

9:15 – 3rd Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 (7th Sunday of Luke)

Tone 7; Liturgical Color: **Gold**

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Our Cathedral's Online Services can be viewed at: www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

"To suffer less from passionate thoughts,
it is necessary to remove oneself from occasions
that arouse them."

- Abba Poemen

BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wed.)

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Thank You for your prayers! My friend's husband, Sean Carey, went home this past Wednesday after 130 days in the hospital due to Covid. Thanks be to God, he received the okay to go home as he continues to recover and gain his strength back. Thank you again for your prayers! WTAE covered it here:

<http://a.msn.com/02/en-us/BB1aXdSN?ocid=se>

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A Few Reminders:

- ✓ If you are going to have surgery or having flu-like symptoms, please contact Father Dave
- ✓ Sunday Divine Liturgy Services **ARE OPEN** with 23 "spots" for those of the same household to sit at. Plenty of room to safe-distance at this time!
- ✓ "Reservations" are NOT requested.
- ✓ If you are not comfortable at this time to return to church, we understand, *but* please let Father Dave know.
- ✓ A facemask covering your mouth *and* nose must be worn in the church.
- ✓ Candles should be lit with a lighter that you bring from home. (It is a pious Orthodox tradition to say your prayer (intention) when lighting your candle for the living and your candle for the departed.)

Please continue to pray along with the cathedral services when you are not able to attend. Through God's strength and guidance we will get through this together!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

(responded with: **Glory be forever!**)

Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava na viki!)

We are happy that you have joined us today! It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop again soon! **If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.



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Sr. ACRY NEWS

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Lots-O-Luck Calendars – The National ACRY Lots-O-Luck Calendars are available. \$25 per ticket for a year's worth of prizes totaling \$10,000! Please see Theresa Sharpless.

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2021 Yearbook, A.C.R.Y. Annual - If you would like to include a patron, booster, or memorial listing in this Year Book of the activities of our God-saved Diocese, a sign-up sheet has been placed in the Church Hall. Patron & Memorial listings are \$6, and Booster listings are \$3. Please see Theresa Sharpless with any questions.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship:	\$ 360
Candles/Eternal Lamp Offerings:	\$ 99
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 457
Total Collections:	\$ 916
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 95
Relocation Fund:	\$ 70

We must give in trust that God will use it to produce fruit: "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your sowing (resources) and increase the harvest of your righteousness (benevolence)." - 2 Cor. 9:10

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Joanne Nelson; Shuster Family; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Mirilovich Family; Mary Jane Hudak; Eleanor Sanger; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis

BULLETIN IS OFFERED:

If you wish to sponsor a bulletin *In Honor of* (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or *In Memory of* someone, please do so by signing up on the sheet in the church hall or by contacting Fr. Dave (*email, text, or call*). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

"I am the light of the world;

he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

The **Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Cindy Pavilonis, in Memory of her Grandfather, +George Huron. May His Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Weekly Offerings to God – During this time, if you are not coming to the church, we request that all weekly donations be mailed to Tim Martin (2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143) For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

✠ **Thursday, November 26** – 9:30 am Moleben of Thanksgiving

✠ **Saturday, November 28** – Start of the Nativity Fast (Philip's Fast / Filipovka) / Advent

ORTHODOXY AROUND THE 'BURGH AND OUR DIOCESE

17th Annual Cookie Walk – "Virtually!"

Experience the "Virtual Walk" in the comfort of your own home! Order Cookies and Pay Online. Being held now through **TODAY, November 15**. "No in-person orders." Cookie Pickup: Saturday, December 12, 9am – 12 Noon at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall (220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie, PA.) For Questions, Contact: Rachel at 412-877-9878 OR Sherri at 412-874-4190! Sponsored by St. Matrona Ladies Society.



SPF50 (Scripture, Prayer, Family): A Diocese Family Ministry - The 4th Issue of SPF50 is available! (If you are already participating, please contact Fr. Dave.) If you did not start with us on March 1, consider joining now. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. (Please contact Fr Dave to fill out the Commitment Card.) Visit the Diocesan SPF50 web page at www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50 to find out more about SPF50 and how to help your family read Scripture and Pray together at home.

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“Journey of Hope & Resilience” Open House – The Neighborhood Resilience Project has a 3-night open house scheduled **November 17-19 from 6-9pm** each night at 2038 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Come take a trip through the new facility, see the chapel for St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church, learn about their programs, and meet the people who make the work possible. It will also include a walk through and discussion of how the trauma response vehicle is used to bring Hope and Resilience to the community. The event is **FREE** to attend, (donations are requested). Sign up at <https://neighborhoodresilience.org/join-the-movement/journey-of-hope-and-resilience/>

There are also sponsorship opportunities available. The sponsorship levels vary and those interested should contact Fr. Dave for more info.

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Parenting Workshop: “Raising Believing Children” - The next Diocesan workshop will be on **Saturday, December 5th** from 10am-12:30pm and will feature presentations by His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory and Fr. Stephen Loposky, small group discussions, and Q&A sessions. The workshops are designed to help parents learn more about the “craft” of

parenting and help them raise their children in the Faith. The workshop’s focus on the ways parents can help their children stay faithful to Christ and His Church in a world that is filled with doubt and most often works against their Faith. The workshop is for parents of any age – you’re never too old to be a parent! Register for the free workshop at: [Parenting Workshop - 12-5-20](http://ParentingWorkshop-12-5-20) Registration closes on 12/2. More information is available www.acrod.org (Look for the Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series logo.)

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The next **“The Vine and the Branches”** online Diocesan Youth event for youth ages 5-18 (K to 12th Grade) will be **Sunday, December 6** from 6p-7:30p for ages 5-12 and from 7p-8:30p for ages 13-18. His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory is calling all our youth to once again come together online in order to strengthen their faith and connect with their peers around the Diocese. This will be a special Christmas Version: Cocoa will be “served”, a special Christmas performance will be offered, and there may even be a special Christmas Fireplace Scene! Registration is at:

[The Vine and the Branches - 12/6/20](http://TheVineandtheBranches-12/6/20)

Registration closes on Thursday, December 3.

This next Vine and Branches Event won’t be until March 2021, so don’t miss out on this one! His Eminence is looking forward to seeing all of you!!

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Christmas Food Festival at Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church (214 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie, Pennsylvania 15106) will be on December 12th. Order in advance for pick-up only between 10a – 2p in the rear of the Church. Order at: <https://hvroc.org/foodfestival>

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VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
 Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
 FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
 Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
 YouTube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— 9 not because of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

26 Then they arrived at the country of the Ger’asenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me.” 29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Ger’asenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS



Akindinos, Pegasias, Anempodistis

Commemorated on November 15/2 The Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphonius, Elpidophorus, Anempodistis, & their companions lived in the 4th Century. They were courtiers of the King and were secretly Christians. King Sapor II began an official persecution of Christians, at which time Acindynus

and his companions were all sold out by those envious of their positions, their secrets told. King Sapor ordered many tortures of them but they refused to renounce their Faith. The King refused their burials, burning them but they were found miraculously unharmed.

FEAST DAY FEATURE



The Celebration of the Sobor (Assemblage) of the Leader of the Heavenly Hosts Michael, and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Hosts

Commemorated on Nov. 21/8

The Celebration of the Synaxis / Sobor / Assemblage of the Leader of the Heavenly Hosts Michael, and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Hosts was established at the beginning of the IV Century at the local Laodician Council, which occurred several years before the First OEcumenical Council. The Laodician Council by its 35th Canon condemned and renounced as heretical the worship of angels as creators and rulers of the world and it affirmed their proper Orthodox veneration. A feastday was established in November – the ninth month from March (with which month the year began in ancient times) – in accordance with the 9 Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was decreed for the intended Sobor (Assemblage) of all the Heavenly Powers – in conjunction with the Day of the Dread Last-Judgement of God, which the holy fathers called the "Eighth Day", – since after this age in which the seven days [of Creation] have elapsed will come the "Eighth Day", – and then "shalt come the Son of Man in His Glory and all the holy Angels together with Him" (Mt. 25: 31). The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: – highest, middle, and lowest. In the Highest Hierarchy are included the three Ranks: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. Closest of all to the MostHoly Trinity stand the six-winged Seraphim (Flaming, and Fiery) (Is. 6: 12). They blaze with love for God and impel others to it. After the Seraphim there stand before the Lord the many-eyed Cherubim (Gen. 3: 24). Their name means: outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment, since through them, – radiating with the light of Divine-knowledge and understanding of the mysteries of God, there is sent down wisdom and enlightenment for true Divine-knowledge. After the Cherubim – stand God-bearing through grace given them for their service, the Thrones (Col. 1: 16), mysteriously and incomprehensibly upholding God. They serve the uprightness of God's justice. The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities. Dominions (Col. 1: 16) hold dominion over the

successive ranks of Angels. They instruct the earthly authorities, established from God, to wise governance. The Dominions influence rule by miracles, they quell sinful impulses, subordinate the flesh to the spirit, and provide mastery over the will to conquer temptation. Powers (1 Pet. 3: 22) fulfill the will of God. They work the miracles and send down the grace of wonderworking and perspicacity to saints pleasing to God. The Powers give assist to people in bearing obediences, encourage them in patience, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude. Authorities (1 Pet. 3: 22, Col. 1: 16) have authority to quell the power of the devil. They repel from people demonic temptations, uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil ponderings. In the Lowest Hierarchy are included the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. Principalities (Col. 1: 16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of Divine commands. To them are entrusted to direct the universe, and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render honour to everyone, as becomes their station. They teach those in authority to fulfill their necessary obligations, not for personal glory and gain, but out of respect for God and benefit for neighbour. Archangels (1 Thess. 4: 16) announce about the great and most holy, they reveal the mysteries of the faith, prophecy and understanding of the will of God, they intensify deep faith in people, enlightening their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel. Angels (1 Pet. 3: 22) are closest to all to people. They proclaim the intent of God, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They protect believers restraining them from falling, and they raise up the fallen; never do they abandon us and always they are prepared to help us, if we so desire. All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers have in common the name Angels – by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest of the Angels, and they in turn inform the others.

On icons the Archangels are depicted in accord with the trait of their service:
Michael – tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand – a spear with a white banner (or sometimes a fiery sword), on which is outlined a scarlet cross.
Gabriel – with a branch from paradise, presented by him to the MostHoly Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper – in his left.
Raphael – holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying the fish [for healing – Tobit 5-8].
Uriel – in raised right hand hold a bare sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand – "a fiery flame".
Selaphiel – in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded to the chest.
Jehudiel – in his right hand holds a golden crown, in his left – a whip of three red (or black) branches.
Barachiel – on his garb are a multitude of rose blossoms.
Jeremiel – holds in his hand balance-scales.

PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs
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A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name(s)*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her/them* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her/them* so that *he/she/they* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.
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For the Health of... Kristina, Georgia, Steve, Pañi Kathy D., Fr. Patrick C., Fr. George L., Brian, Douglas, Dacia, Sean, Julia, Theresa, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Lino, June, for all those battling viruses ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St.*

Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.
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For the Special Intentions of... Metropolitan Gregory, Matthew, Matthew, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Daniel, Dylan, Thomas, and Nicholas *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Lawrence, Matthew, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*
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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):
Makaela Kirish - Archangel Michael (11/21) *(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*
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Birthday Prayers for... Fr Michael Rustick (11/21) ...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years!*
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For our Catechumens & Inquirers...
Dustin, Stephen, Susan ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*
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For those preparing for Marriage... Lexi & Patrick, Lauren & Corey, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*
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For the souls of the newly departed...
+Olga Radick (11/4), +Metropolitan Maximos (11/2), +George Puhac (10/6) and those who have passed from the coronavirus ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal*

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Anniversary Prayers for...
...May God fill them with His grace that they may
continue to live in unity with Him!

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For Pregnant Mothers... Elaine (due in
November) ...through the prayers of St. Anna,
the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St. Irene
Chrysovalantou.
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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil
Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzadovsky and
Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St
George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.
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* This is to be used for the special intentions of
our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be
inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers.
Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make
additions or subtractions (*in the case of
answered prayers*) to our Parish List. The words
of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for
one another**. Let this be a place where we lay
out our concerns and beg the help of our
brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer list is
NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.*

“When I was young, I wanted to change the
world. I found it was difficult to change the
world, so I tried to change my nation. When I
found I couldn't change the nation, I began to
focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and
as an older man, I tried to change my family.
Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can
change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if
long ago I had changed myself, I could have
made an impact on my family. My family and I
could have made an impact on our town. Their
impact could have changed the nation and I could
indeed have changed the world.”
~ Unknown Orthodox Monk, 1100 AD

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**A Prayer to the Holy Spirit when
approaching sleep**
O Lord, Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit
of Truth, show compassion and have
mercy on me Thy sinful servant, and
loose me from mine unworthiness, and
forgive all wherein I have sinned against
Thee today as a man, and not only as a
man, but even worse than a beast, my
sins voluntary and involuntary, known
and unknown, whether from youth, and
from evil suggestion, or whether from
brazenness and despondency. If I have
sworn by Thy name, or blasphemed it in
my thought; or grieved anyone, or have
become angry about anything; or have
lied, or slept needlessly, or if a beggar
hath come to me and I disdained him; or
if I have grieved my brother, or have
quarreled, or have condemned anyone; or
if I have been boastful, or prideful, or
angry; if, as I stood at prayer, my mind
hath been distracted by the wiles of this
world, or by thoughts of depravity; or if I
have over eaten, or have drunk
excessively, or laughed frivolously; if I
have thought evil, seen the beauty of an
other and been wounded thereby in my
heart; if I have said improper things, or
derided my brother's sin when mine own
sins are countless; if I have been
neglectful of prayer, or have done some
other wrong that I do not remember, for
all of this and more than this have I done:
have mercy, O Master my Creator, me
Thy downcast and unworthy servant,
and loose me, and remit, and forgive me,
for Thou art good and the Lover of
mankind, so that, lustful, sinful, and
wretched as I am, I may lie down and
sleep and rest in peace. And I shall
worship, and hymn, and glorify Thy most
honorable name, together with the
Father and His Only-begotten Son, now
and ever, and unto the ages. Amen.