

**Sunday, November 8**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**St. Michael, the Archangel**

**Annual Day for the Promotion of the Redemptorist Missionary Vocation**

**Tropar, tone 6:** Angelic powers were upon Your tomb \* and the guards became like dead men; \* Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. \* You captured Hades without being overcome by it. \* You met the Virgin and granted life. \* O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

**Kondak, tone 6:** With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life, \* raised all the dead from the murky abyss \* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. \* He is for all the Savior, \* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

**Prokimen, tone 6:** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

**Epistle:** *A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (2: 4 - 10)*

Brothers and Sisters! God is rich in mercy; because of his great love for us he brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin. By this favor you were saved. Both with and in Christ Jesus he raised us up and gave us a place in the heavens, that in ages to come he might display his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. I repeat, it is owing to his favor that salvation is yours through faith. This is not your own doing, it is God's gift; neither is it a reward for anything you have accomplished, so let no one pride himself on it. We are truly his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

**Alleluia Verses:** He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

**Gospel: Luke 8: 26 - 39**

At that time, Jesus came into the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When he came to land, he was met by a man from the town who was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had not worn any clothes, he did not live in a house, but among the tombstones. On seeing Jesus, he began to shriek; then he fell at his feet and exclaimed at the top of his voice, "Jesus, Son of God Most High, why do you meddle with me? Do not torment me, I beg you." By now Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the man. This spirit had taken hold of him many a time. The man used to be tied with chains and fetters, but he would break his bonds and the demon would drive him into places of solitude. "What is your name?" Jesus demanded. "Legion," he answered, because the demons who had entered him were many. They pleaded with him not to order them back to the abyss. It happened that a large herd of swine was feeding nearby on the hillside, and the demons asked him to permit them to enter the swine. This he granted. The demons then came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd charged down the bluff into the lake, where they drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they took to their heels and brought the news to the town and country roundabout. The people went out to see for themselves what had happened. Coming on Jesus, they found the man from whom the devils had departed sitting at his feet dressed and in his full senses; this sight terrified them. They were told by witnesses how the possessed man had been cured. Shortly afterward, the entire population of the Gerasene territory asked Jesus to leave their neighborhood, for a great fear had seized them; so he got into the boat and went back across the lake. The man from whom the devils had departed asked to come with him, but he sent him away with the words, "Go back home and recount all that God has done for you." The man went all through the town making public what Jesus had done for him.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!