



St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America.

(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

Sunday, May 22, 2016

*To all who are present with us this morning,
Welcome! Christ is risen!*

*Please join us for the Church School Luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.*

You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy beginning on the bottom page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5" x 11" large, spiral-bound booklet.

At the Kiss of Peace our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the seasonal Christian greeting, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "Indeed, He is risen!"

Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means 'in place' of the gifts) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

Being mindful we are in church, let us always remember to...

...be quiet and attentive. Let us sing, pray, stand, sit, kneel and respond where responses are indicated. Let us not talk, look around, text message, play games, etc. Especially let us work at this in the Communion line and when in line to venerate the Cross and depart. If we cannot hear the post-Communion prayers being chanted during our church departure, we are way too noisy.

...refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum. (most obviously and especially if you will be receiving Holy Communion).

...stay put. Except in rare cases, there are few of us who cannot stay in one location for two hours (actually less, for most of us).

The Mission of Our Church



The mission of St Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church is to tend the flock of our Lord Jesus Christ and to spread the Good News of Christ to those outside the flock. This mission is to be accomplished by a) living a full liturgical and sacramental life, b) proclaiming the Orthodox Christian faith to all people, c) providing effective charitable and social programs, and d) establishing strong spiritual leadership and resources.

TONE 3

Arr: Basil Kazan.

Let the hea - vens re-joice and the earth be glad;
For the Lord hath done a migh-ty act with His own arm;
He hath tram-pled down death by death, and be - came the first
born from the dead; He hath de - liv - ered us from the
depths of Ha - des, gran - ting the world the great mer - cy.

SYRIAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF

As the Syrian crisis continues, we continue to accept *donations* to do what we can to help ease the suffering there. Checks may be written to “St. Michael’s” with the note “Syrian Relief.” The following is a link to International Orthodox Christian Charities ((IOCC) “Response to the Crisis in Syria” page, with more information on what you can do to help:

http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries_syria.aspx

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Greeting: Christ is risen! **Response:** Indeed, He is risen!

Tone: 3 **Eothinon:** 5

Fourth Sunday of Pascha; Sunday of the Paralytic, Martyr Basiliskos, Bishop of Comana; John Vladimir the Wonderworker, King of Serbia; Venerable Martyr Paul of the Great Lavra and the Russian monastery on Athos

THE READING FROM THE ACTS

of the Sainly and Pure Apostles (9:32-42)

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. John (5:1-15)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the

Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

Spring cleaning is in full swing!
Bring the treasures you are discarding to church for our...

***Annual Flea Market / Ethnic Food/Bake Sale /
Used Book Sale / Gyro (Meat or Fish) Sale***
(wow! that's a mouthful)

on

Saturday, August 6th from 9 AM to 2 PM

We have a lot of room downstairs to store your items. You may also want to rent a table for \$10 to sell your things.

NO CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED. Come and help or just enjoy the day with us. Donations of baked goods will also be greatly appreciated. Any questions please ask Mary Haiden or Valerie Flizanes.

(Yes, this is on the Great Feast of Transfiguration. The events calendar had its demands this year. Let us all be sure to gather on the evening of Friday, August 5, to celebrate the Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast, especially given the 'irregularity' of this events scheduling.)

Attention anyone who may be interested in participating in a tutoring session for Microsoft Publisher, which is the program that is used to produce our weekly church bulletin.

We are hoping there may be some interest in learning about the program, in the event we need back up coverage in the office. Please contact Debbie in the church office at (724) 834-1311 or email at secretary@stmichaels.comcastbiz.net.

*St. Michael's Bookstore
Pascha to Pentecost
SALE!*

*20% off
Resurrection icons
and basket covers*

*25% off
Pascha egg sleeves*

***Stock up for
next year!***

25) Abba Anthony said, "A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying, "Your are mad, you are not like us."

St. Anthony the Great (251-356)

*As for me and
my house, we
will serve the
Lord."*



***IRWIN ETHNIC FOOD
STREET SALE***

Plan on being in Irwin on Saturday, June 11, to support our church's participation in an Ethnic Food Sale in Downtown Irwin. As of right now, the plan is for us to be selling Syrian bread, hummus, baklava, symboosic, and maybe some lamb shish-ka-bob. Besides the profit on the food, this is an excellent opportunity to put the name of our church out there in public.

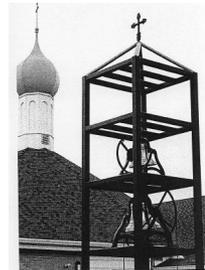
"Food on the Hill" Lunch Ministry

"Food on the Hill" is the name that has been attached to the lunch for those in need that will be prepared and served free of charge on the first Tuesday of each month. Our Men's Fellowship has continued to take on the work of providing a bit of "daily" bread to those who can benefit from it. At the most recent luncheon, we served 28 meals to members of the community.

The next "Food on the Hill" lunch is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 2016** from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.

Anyone who would like to support "Food on the Hill" in any capacity you would like, should contact Gust Flizanes. Please make checks out to "St. Michael's Church" with "Food on the Hill" on the memo line.

(The "Food on the Hill" Team would be greatly augmented by the addition of one or two people willing to give rides to and from the church to people who want to be here, but have no transportation. For more information talk to Gus.)





Two of the most immediately important actions we can take right now for the good of the upcoming Parish Life Conference we are cosponsoring have to do with 1) our registering and 2) our participation in the ad book (which is the main way we fund the Conference and perhaps even reap a modest profit).

- 1) To register (*everyone who participates is required to register, even commuters and people only attending a few services or workshops*) go to antiochianevents.com/ny.html.
 - 2) To participate in the souvenir journal/ad book, pick up a form as you exit church this morning, fill it out, and return it with your donation.
- Both of these actions may be accomplished in "hard copy" format by picking up the appropriate forms as you leave church this morning or reporting to the office right after church!*

**Summer
Saturday
Scripture
Study**



**The Holy Gospel
According to St. John**

most **Saturday Mornings**
at **9:00 AM**

(or right after Divine Liturgy)

Session 1 - Saturday, May 28
9:00 AM

Session 2 - Saturday, June 4
9:00 AM

Contact Dianne Anton if you have ideas for this year's (September 11) major fund raiser, and/or a willingness to take a leadership role in the event. Creativity welcome.

**JUNE
IS
PLC MONTH**

*"As for me and my house,
We will serve the Lord."*

Joshua 24:15

Idewild Church Picnic

Saturday June 4th (*gates open 10 AM; rides begin 11:30 AM*)

- Tickets are \$20.50 each (regular price? \$42.99!; that includes a voucher for **one meal** at **one** of three park eating places and an “in-our-pavilion” Ice Cream Bar from 2:00 to 3:00 PM)
 - Children under 2 years old get in for free!
 - ***Yes, we will have our own pavilion all day!***
 - Please contact Keira Conley or Fotini Wetzel and checks can be made payable to St. Michael’s Church School.
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A note received from the Hospitals & Institutions Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Thank you so much for the use of your church and your kitchen for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Meeting. It would not be possible without you! God bless.

From “A GUIDE TO PARISH ETIQUETTE” (*Department of Marriage and Parish Family Ministry*) - Refrain from socializing during the Liturgy. Save your greetings and conversations for the Fellowship Hall. We are in the Liturgy to greet God with our prayers and worship, not to distract others. (page 6)

St. Michael’s Annual Pirates Baseball Game Thursday July 21, 7:05PM



(Fireworks Night @ PNC Park)

Pirates vs Milwaukee Brewers

Cost: \$34 per ticket

**Deadline to pay for tickets is
Sunday, May 29th.**

Sign up on bulletin board by kitchen.

*(Bus rental was cost prohibitive.
All arrange their own transportation.)*

See Michelle Gajewski for details
and to make payment!

REMEMBER, the *Second Week* on this schedule *May Change*.
ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN!

May 22 thru 28

Christ is Risen!

Sunday, May 22 - The Paralytic

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Church School
 - Recognition Sunday
- 5:00 PM - Choir Party in the Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, May 25 - Mid-Pentecost

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Thursday, May 26

- 9:00AM - Ladies' Cooking Session for 2016 Feast

Saturday, May 28

- 9:00 AM - Summer Saturday Scripture Study
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

The new leader of our Good Samaritan Team is Michele

Murray. The first meeting of the team that she will convene will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 5, at Walnut Ridge on South Main St. (Rte. 119) and Willow Crossing Road, Greensburg (above the Speedway on the corner).

More details will follow regarding this meeting and the work of the Good Samaritan Team.

“O Christ God, Who came to heal the sick; Who made the paralytic stand, Who healed the woman with the issue of blood, Who had mercy on the daughter of the Canaanite woman and Who did not deny the Centurian, heal me also, the unworthy one, of my spiritual and physical maladies and save me.”

May 29 thru June 4

Christ is Risen!

Sunday, May 29 - The Samaritan Woman

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- 4:00 PM - Wedding -
 - Samer & Hiba

Monday, May 30

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Macrina, g'mother of Basil the Gt.
- 6:30 - Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 1

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Justin the Philosopher

Saturday, June 4

- 9:00 AM - Summer Saturday Scripture Study
- 10:00 AM - *Idlewild Park Day!*
 - See opposite page for details.*
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

Now that the Great Lent is complete and the Feast of Feasts has been celebrated, our next parish focus is on our co-hosting (with St. Mary Church, Johnstown) the **2016 Eastern Region Parish Life Conference (Wednesday, June 29 thru Sunday, July 3.)**

St. Michael's will be closed on Sunday, July 3, so that we may all gather, worship and commune with our brothers and sisters of the dual Dioceses. Please pray for the success of our efforts and be ready to be invited to work in behalf of those efforts.

Contact Chairperson Stephanie Zarras (724-989-7614) to volunteer and find out how you may serve.
