



St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America.

(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

Sunday, April 30, 2017

*To all who are present with us this morning,
Christ is risen! Thank you for being here!*

*Please join us for "coffee and..."
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.*

You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy beginning on the bottom of 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 Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

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 2

Arr: Basil Kazan.

When Thou didst sub - mit Thy - self - un - to death,
O Thou Death - less and Im - mor - - tal One, then Thou didst
de - stroy Hell with Thy God - ly pow'r; and when Thou didst
raise the dead from be - neath the earth, all the pow'rs of
Hea - ven did cry a - loud un - to Thee: O Christ
Thou Gi - ver of Life, glo - - - ry to Thee!

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

Sunday, April 30, 2017

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

Tone: 2

Eothinon: 4

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; Pious Joseph of Arimathea and Righteous Nicodemus.

THE EPISTLE READING

St. Paul to the Apostles (6:1-7)

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. Mark (15:43-16:8)

AT THAT TIME, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

— SAVE THESE DATES —

Saturday, June 10

Blessing of the Animals

9:00 AM in the Church Parking Lot

(Yes, this is the same date as day 2 of the Annual Flea Market; details on how each will enhance the other will be forthcoming.)

Sunday, July 16

St. Michael's Parish Picnic

Twin Lakes Park, Pavilion #3

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM at the Lake
followed by the picnic



St. Michael's Annual
**Pirates Baseball
Game**
Thursday,
August 17, 7:05PM
**Pirates vs St. Louis
Cardinals**

It is "FAITH NIGHT"!**

\$30 per ticket (which includes a \$10 food voucher)

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 by July 16th!

****At the end of the game, players and coaches will talk about their faith and how it relates to baseball.**

IF YOU ARE GRADUATING from any educational program or know someone from our church who is, let **Keira Conley** (our Church School Coordinator) know so that they may be acknowledged at our ***end of year program*** which will take place on ***Sunday, May 21.***

Attention tech-savvy people, we'd like your input —

In the Fellowship Hall today during Coffee Hour, there will be a designated table where people will be talking about how we might improve our use of the internet, Facebook, YouTube, etc.. Come join them (us) and share your experience and ideas.



The Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Women came to the tomb of Christ bringing with them myrrh oil and spices with which to anoint the body of our Lord. What they approached His tomb with signified their love for Him and also their downtrodden hopes that He was the promised Messiah who would save and liberate Israel. Their intent that day was to honor and minister to their Lord in death. What they left the empty tomb with is infinitely more significant than they could ever have imagined.

“Christ is risen!” was the message they brought back to the disbelieving apostles. And the apostles’ doubt was dispelled and replaced with faith by the Grace of God in the resurrected Christ’s appearances to them, and nothing has ever been the same.

Everywhere we go in our world we encounter tombs and death. A mere glimpse at history teaches us that we human beings are most accomplished at mistreating and killing each other. A glance at any day’s news is sufficient to imbed that idea so deeply in our psyches that we might even experience it as the final word on our times. It is easy for us to, at best, lament and mourn the situation or, at worst, to deny that it is the case; to turn away and pretend.

We Christians, however, are to be *in* the world but not *of* it. We, like the Women we remember today, go to the tomb and encounter there not dead flesh and decaying bones, not hopelessness and grief, but the risen Lord! Let us strive to remember everywhere we go, that we are to be bearers of the Good News to all we encounter that “Christ is risen!”

*Saint Sophia
Orthodox Christian Academy
and
“Syrian Relief Fund”
of the IOCC
(International Orthodox Christian Charities)*

ANNUAL SUPPORT DINNER

Sunday, May 21, 2017

3:00 P.M. — Hors D’oeuvres

4:00 P.M. — Dinner

Saint Mary’s Church Hall, 111 Alberta Ave, Johnstown 15905

Tickets:\$35.00 per person. (\$20.00 for children.)

for Tickets, contact:

Dan or Dee Tvarozna (814) 255-7732 or

Pat Fedorko (814) 736-3172

***Antiochian Women’s Annual Flea Market
- Ethnic Food / Bake Sale -
- Gyro (Meat or Fish) Sale -***

**Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10
9AM to 2PM**

Table rental \$10

Save and sort your “stuff” as you do your Spring cleaning!

(Sorry, 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 see Valerie Flizanes.

*Gyros, baked goods, ethnic foods will be sold both days,
as long as supplies last!*

This is a fundraiser for the General Fund of St. Michael’s.

WHAT WE KNOW — SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 is the date of our annual food fund-raiser.

(MARK THAT DOWN, PLEASE.) We know the menu. The food is being prepared and frozen. So, the most important basics, FOOD, are in place for a food event.

WHAT WE STILL NEED TO KNOW — Who will be leading (coordinating) our efforts? What are the planning/logistical details. What can we do to ensure that *hospitality reigns* on Sunday, September 10, for guests and hosts alike!

WHAT WE ASK YOU TO DO NOW — Think about and note your answers to the above questions and share them beginning at today's Fellowship Hour conversation.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION TRAINING

The Westmoreland County Drug Overdose Task Force has invited all area church parishioners to attend an **Overdose Prevention Training with Naloxone Kits** distributed free to members of Greensburg church congregations, thanks to the generosity of the members of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greensburg.

Monday, May 8th from 1:30 to 2:30pm

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church
246 S. Main Street, Greensburg*

RSVP is requested by May 3rd to 724-830-3111.

Knowledge is power—together we can save lives.



Bean & Baguette

Sat., May 13 9 AM

Eddie Steen
is
ELVIS
Tribute to the King

JBA (501c) Event Center at the
Jeannette American Legion
109 S 5th Street, Jeannette PA

June 17th
Only \$15
Bella Mimi's
Food Available
Cash Bar
Doors open at 6:00
Show starts at 7:30

For
Tickets

See Ed Sam or call him at
412-401-4725 or email him
at videomans@comcast.net

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

*Debbie, our secretary,
will be in the office this week
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm*

April 30 thru May 6

Sunday, Apr. 30 - Myrrh-Bearing Women

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
 - 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Memorial - Ed Sam, Sr. 10 yrs
 - Church School
 - Fellowship Hour —
“Town Hall” discussion
about our September
fund-raiser
 - 2:00 PM - Men’s Chorus
Choir Rehearsal
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church
Belle Vernon, PA

*(Fr. John will not be out of town
this week as previously posted.)*

Monday, May 1

- 6:00 PM - Fr. Maximos iPod
“Logismoi”
Taking Custody of Our Thoughts

Tuesday, May 2

- 12:00 noon - Food on the Hill

Thursday, May 4

- 9:00 AM - food preparation
- 6:00 PM - Church School Meeting
at Wetzel home

Friday, May 5

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
Great Martyr Irene

Saturday, May 6

- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
- Reaching Out book reading
and discussion follow

May 7 thru May 13

Sunday, May 7 - Blind Man

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Church School
 - Fellowship Hour

Monday, May 8

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
John the Theologian
- Fr. Maximos iPod follows
“Prayer in an Age of Distraction”
— Conclusion

Tuesday, May 9

- 6:00 PM - VESP. DIV. LITURGY
Mid-Pentecost

Thursday, May 11

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
Cyril & Methodios

Friday, May 12

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
Great Martyr Irene

Saturday, May 13

- 9:00 AM - Antiochian MEN Mtg
at the Bean & Baguette
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
- Reaching Out book reading
and discussion follow

SERVER REMINDERS

Next Sunday, May 7th

Ushers - Gust Flizanes

Dina Papas
Chuck Kudlik

Greeters - Helen Porembka

Frank Porembka

Lock Up - Veronica Fennell

Holy Bread - Paulette Sproch

Fellowship - Sara Armanious

- Michelle Gajewski
- Dolly Maruschock

Please return your
“Food for Hungry People” boxes.
