



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, January 21, 2024

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This Week

Sunday, January 21st

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

Jr. Altar Boys

01/21 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship Hosts

01/21 – Still Needed

Lock Up

01/21 – Andrew Cuff

Monday, January 22nd

St. Timothy Apostle of the 70

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 24th

6:00 PM – Vespers (Confession Follows)

Saturday, January 27th

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, January 28th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Jr. Altar Boys

01/28 – Andrew Hahey

Fellowship Hosts

01/28 – POTLUCK

Lock Up

01/28 – Gust Flizanes

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 21, 2024

Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Venerable Maximos the Confessor; Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea;

Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR IN TONE EIGHT

Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity; O star of the universe and companion of the bishops, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

EPISTLE — Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA

Catechism Class Begins

Saturday, February 3rd

We will be starting a Catechism Class on Saturday, February 3rd. We will meet on **Saturdays at 4:30pm**, followed by Vespers. Our first class will be an explanation of what it means to be a catechumen, what the class will entail, and an explanation of the prayers to be prayed to become a catechumen in the Orthodox Church. Typically, the stage of being a catechumen is around one year (maybe more, maybe less) depending on each person's circumstances as guided by the parish priest. We will be reading a book titled, "[The Orthodox Faith, Worship, and Life](#)" by Hieromonk Gregorios and published by New Rome Press. The price of the book is \$26.00. If you cannot afford the book, assistance is available.

This class is for **Catechumens Only**. A catechumen is a person who is in the preparation process to enter the Orthodox Church through the sacraments of Holy Baptism and/or Holy Chrismation.

Gift Card – Fundraiser

Next Gift Card Order Date is Sunday, February 25th. Please bring your check book and order all of your gift cards from St. Michael's. There are 500+ gift cards to purchase with different amounts (www.raiseright.com).

The gift cards are NOT at the church, only what is purchased on Sunday, February 25th will be delivered. Please support your church and order all of your gifts card needs through us. *See Fotini if you have questions.*

Sign Up for Theophany House Blessings

January & February

Sign-up sheets are located on the shelf beneath the church office window.

If you have questions, contact Fr. David at frdavidhyatt@gmail.com or call / text 218-576-8324.

What to have prepared when Fr. David arrives to bless your home:

- Table space cleared & cleaned
- At least one icon (Christ, Virgin Mary, Patron Saint, etc.)
- Candle to be lit during prayers
- Small bowl (cereal bowl sized)
- List of family members who live in your home
- If desired, but not required: censer, charcoal and incense

After the blessing of your home, Fr. David would like to visit with you for a few minutes as a way to encourage you in your life of faith. A meal and refreshments are not necessary, but a nice cup of coffee or tea would be appreciated. May God grant us all a spiritually fruitful year to come!

New Plan for Fellowship Hour on Sundays



Due to the high price of food and the growing size of our parish, we are asking that **three (3) families** sign up to host each Sunday. We are asking that you **sign-up** for one of the weeks on the calendar – three months will be at a time. If three families do not sign up for a given week, we will only serve coffee. Additionally, the **last Sunday of every month** will be a **Potluck** – so bring what you are able to share! Questions? Talk with Raymounda Chaho, Fellowship Hour Coordinator, at laziza2002@hotmail.com or 412-558-5877.

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Father John Mirilovich (Jan. 22) by Rich & Harriet Mirilovich.
...in memory of Helen Ciavarra (Mother of Valerie Flizanes) by Christine Mansour.
...in memory of Diana Roberts and Irene Papas by Dina Papas
...in memory of Fr. Michael Totin by Mark Totin
...in memory of Adel Armanious by Tim Butler.

Intercessory Prayer List

(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. **Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed.** Please contact the church office to add a name for prayer. (admin@stmichaels.comcastbiz.net)

PAULETTE Weiss (*Ongoing Cancer Treatment*)

TOM & MARY Andrews

RICH & HARRIET Mirilovich

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels

SARA Thomas (Luann Johnson's God-Mother)

KRISTIN Zyvith (Janet Mochak's daughter recovering from surgery)

ROBERT Stupack (Janet Mochak's brother-in-law with Parkinson's)

MILANA (Mila) Beer (Granddaughter of Lewis & Michelle Gajewski who is having a heart procedure on January 31st)

Sarris Candy Easter Fundraiser has begun! Online only ordering directly from sarriscandiesfundraising.com. Please use the St. Michael's Group ID number 10-2891 for all orders placed online. There is a \$5 fee per address for online orders. The deadline for online orders is *Friday, March 22, 2024*.



Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Summer camp fills up quickly, so be sure to register your camper right away. Registration link:

<https://avcamp.org/programs/summer-camp/>

St. Michael's is offering, **need-based scholarships are available**. Please talk with Fr. David if interested.

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

02/04 – Noor Sahawneh

02/11 – Andrew Hahey

Fellowship Hosts

02/04 – Still Needed

02/11 – Christina Armanious, Sara Armanious & Violet Kharma

Lock Up

02/04 – Carolyn Hill

02/11 – Christina Armanious



Our venerable and God-bearing Father **Maximus the Confessor** (ca. 580-662) was an Orthodox Christian monk and ascetical writer known especially for his courageous fight against the heresy of Monothelitism. His feast days in the



New Church Database - Realm

This past week you should have received an email that contains an invitation to log in to the Realm website where our new church database is maintained. **Please follow in the link** provided in the email to create a user password and then log in to your profile and complete / update all of the information requested. **Please fill out all the fields provided**. This is very important. We need you not to skip a field, each one is important. If you have difficulties or questions, please contact either Fr. David Hyatt (frdavidhyatt@gmail.com) or Sara Armanious (marmani515@yahoo.com) and they will help you complete your profile. Thank you for helping us to have correct information for your family!



**ORTHODOX
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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

A new Ministry Team has started at St. Michael's in association with **Orthodox Christians for Life**. The purpose is to support at risk women, their children, and families, by collaborating with local organizations to strengthen their impact, and to create a culture of prayer, education, and acts of service around the supporting of life. Today, we have an information table set up in the Social Hall for those interested in learning more about this new Ministry Team. January is also the National Right to Life Month with many activities across the country including the National March for Life in Washington, D.C.

We also have an opportunity to support a local ministry, **Lifeway Family & Pregnancy Support** (www.lifewayfamilies.org), by taking and *filling a baby bottle with your spare change*. All funds collected go directly to Lifeway for counting and deposit. For more information, talk with Bernadette McNicol (bernadette McNicol@gmail.com), Paulette Sproch (pmssproch@comcast.net), or Kh. BethAnn Hyatt (khbethann@gmail.com).



Adult Choir to Restart Practices in February

Those who are interested in singing in the Adult Choir please be in touch with Kh. BethAnn (khbethann@gmail.com). Attendance at choir practices, **the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month after the Divine Liturgy**, is necessary to participate. Basic music reading instruction will be provided at each practice.

Nothing so arouses the soul, gives it wings, sets it free from the earth, releases it from the prison of the body, teaches it to love wisdom and to despise all the things of this life, as concordant melody and sacred song composed in rhythm.

+St. John Chrysostom (On Psalm 41)

The asceticism — the spiritual practice — of psalmody is an extremely important factor here. Singing is both a high-level cognitive skill and a complex motor skill, and as such involves our whole selves in a very deep way. The idea of channeling those immense human capacities into an act of prayer is definitely integral to explaining the importance of music in the church.

Benedict Sheehan

Church are celebrated on January 21 and, for the translation of his relics, on August 13.

Four Hundred Texts on Love

Foreword to Elpidios the Presbyter

In addition to my treatise on the ascetic life I am also sending you, Father Elpidios, this treatise on love divided, on the analogy of the four Gospels, into four centuries of chapters. It may not fulfill your expectations, but it is the best that I can do. Moreover, you should know, Father, that these chapters are not the products of my own mind. On the contrary, I have gone through the writings of the holy fathers and collected from them passages relevant to my subject, condensing much material into short paragraphs and in this way making it easy to remember and to assimilate.

First Century

1. Love is a holy state of the soul, disposing it to value knowledge of God above all created things. We cannot attain lasting possession of such love while we are still attached to anything worldly.
2. Dispassion engenders love, hope in God engenders dispassion, and patience and forbearance engender hope in God; these in turn are the product of complete self-control, which itself springs from fear of God. Fear of God is the result of faith in God.
3. If you have faith in the Lord you will fear punishment, and this fear will lead you to control the passions. Once you control the passions you will accept affliction patiently, and through such acceptance you will acquire hope in God. Hope in God separates the intellect from every worldly attachment, and when the intellect is detached in this way it will acquire love for God.
4. The person who loves God values knowledge of God more than anything created by God, and pursues such knowledge ardently and ceaselessly.

Read more from St. Maximos the Confessor in the Philokalia:

<https://www.holybooks.com/wp-content/uploads/Philokalia.pdf>

Valentine's Dance

Featuring the Big Band Sounds of the
Wayne Macuga Combo

Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:00 -10:00 pm

\$10 per person

Dessert table and coffee included with admission.

BYOB and table snacks

(if you wish)

For advance tickets or to reserve a table for 6 please call:

(724) 757 - 6929

Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Adults only please

Many Years to Owen Krueger who received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, January 20th. May God grant much spiritual fruit to Owen, his godparents, parents, and family!

LONG TERM CALENDAR

(Upcoming Dates to Remember)

Tuesday, January 30th

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, February 1st

The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple (Feb 2nd)

5:00 PM – Orthros

6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 3rd

4:30 PM – Catechism Class Begins (Catechumens Only)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 4th

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women's Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th

St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 11th

12:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Saturday, February 17th

St. Theodore the Tyro, Great Martyr

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

7:00 PM – Valentine's Dance

Tuesday, February 20th

6:00 PM – Parish Council