



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

1182 Ashland Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

www.stmichaelsgreensburgpa.org

Rev. Fr. David Hyatt, Pastor

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Office Hours:

By Appointment

Office Telephone:

(724) 834-1311

Church Office Email:

admin@stmichaels.comcastbiz.net

Fr. David Hyatt – Cell Phone:

(218) 576-8324

Fr. David Hyatt:

frdavidhyatt@gmail.com

This Week

Sunday, April 14th

Sunday of St. John Climacus

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

11:30 AM – Church School

12:00 AM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 AM – Inquirer's Class

Monday, April 15th

6:00 PM – Great Compline

Wednesday, April 17th

6:00 PM – Full Canon of St. Andrew & Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Please note the change this week of the Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday! This is correct.

Thursday, April 18th

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 PM – Lenten Soup Supper

Friday, April 19th

6:00 PM – Akathist & Little Compline

Saturday, April 20th

The Akathist Hymn

8:00 AM – Orthros

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

NO Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

7:00 PM – Paths of Righteousness

Informational Meeting

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 14, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of “The Ladder”

Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT

(AND AKATHIST SATURDAY) IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

EPISTLE — Hebrews 6:13-20

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL – Mark 9:7-13

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and

Sunday, April 21st

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

11:30 AM – April Memorials

11:30 AM – Church School

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

4/14 – Breccan Daniels

4/21 – Noor Sahawneh

4/28 – Palm Sunday (All Jr. Altar Boys)

Fellowship Hosts

4/14 – Bernadette McNichol, Michele

Murray, Mat. Marsha Smolcic

4/21 – Hala & Ayman Aboud, Safaa

& Layth Sahawneh, and Rihab &

Milad Daoud

4/28 – Palm Sunday Fish Dinner – Sign up to bring a side dish

Lock Up

4/14 – Andrew Cuff

4/21 – Carolyn Hill

4/28 – Gust Flizanes

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA

Ministry Opportunity

Throughout the year, but especially during Great Lent, we are in need of men and women to **volunteer to serve our parish as an USHER**. Gust Flizanes, Head Usher, is willing to train you, so no experience is necessary. You can reach Gust Flizanes at 724-863-4443.

Inquirer's Class – 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month

Are you new to the Orthodox Church? Not sure what this is all about? Join us for the Inquirer's Class after the Divine Liturgy for an opportunity to learn more about the Orthodox Church, the historic Christian faith. We meet in the large classroom at the end of the education hallway. Questions? Contact Fr. David at 218-576-8324.

becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Diana Roberts and Irene Papas by Dina Papas

...in memory of Connie Kudlik by Charles Kudlik

...in memory of Adel Armanious by Steve & Diana Lammert, Mathew & Christina Hahey, John Krouse, Brenda Bevan, Kevin & Noel Nowe, Dr. Thomas & Penny Gessner, Zollie Wolford, Dr. Greg Grabiak, Rebecca Brean, Susan & Jeff Leonard, Janet & Steve Mills, James McHugh, Michael & Leonard Yanossy, Caryl Geary, Barbara Nakles, James & Donna Jean Breisinger, Gary & Max Taylor, Dr. Robert & Dottie Staffen, Joana & Hugh Conley, James & Julia DePre, Lilian & Magdi Awad, GLSD SHS Faculty & Staff, GLEA, Felicia & Richard King, Mary Joe & Doug Clark, Roberta Wisz, Dr. Nawaf & Helene Nseir, Louise Mucci, Richard & Vicki Shaheen, Dr. James & Karen Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. S.P. Mellon, Charlene Hudson Diagnostic Associates, Derry Medical – Drs. Sillaman, Meyers, Gavin & Davoli, Excelsa Health Medical Staff, Sara Armanious, Rich & Harriet Mirilovich, Kevin & Mary Jane Firment, Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Peters, John & Marie Peoples, Shari & Edward Kolling, Donald & Joan Haas, Larry & Suzanne Rumbaugh, Joanne Kreke Bassilios, Mary Newhams, John Kreke, Robert Kreke, Joseph Kreke, Sharlane Firmstone, David & Mary Ellen Wyszomierski, Thomas & Donna McClure, The Ollyar Family – Stephen, Lori, Stephanie & Matthew, Adam Quatrini, Mark Armanious, Dr. Sam & Diane Flannagan, Dr. Gerald & Georgette Katz, Christine Mohler-King, Lefty & Jean Pistentis, Sherrie & Ryan Busch, Carolyn Hill, Nancy Dreskler, Adam P & Adrienne M Szymokowiak

Going forward, on the Sunday of the 40-Day Memorial, we will acknowledge those who have made donations "in memory" of a member of our parish, rather than listing them one at a time in the Prayers of Oblation section of the bulletin.

Clean Up... A gentle reminder that clean up hands are needed for every Fellowship Coffee Hour and all meals served in the social hall. Thank you!

Catechumens at St. Michael's

Please keep in your prayers our catechumens who are preparing to be received as members of the Orthodox Church.

1. Bob Gunther
2. Dave Bartholomew
3. Stacey Bartholomew
4. Ryan Bartholomew
5. Victoria Gray
6. Mat Hahey
7. Pamela Johnson
8. Garrett Kalinowski
9. Nicholas Lehman
10. Brandon Miele
11. Debbie Paulus
12. Riley Polomoscanik
13. Brooke Williams

Deadline: All reservations for the Ladies' Luncheon are due by April 28th. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen as soon as possible!

LONG TERM CALENDAR

*(Upcoming Dates to Remember)
See the website for the full calendar*

Tuesday, April 23rd

6:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Friday, April 26th

9:00 AM – Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 PM – Compline &
Canon of Lazarus

Saturday, April 27th

Lazarus Saturday

8:00 AM – Orthros
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
*Decorating the Church for Palm Sunday
after the Divine Liturgy*
NO Catechism Class
6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litia &
Artoklasia for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 28th

Palm Sunday

8:45 AM – Orthros
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Palm Sunday Procession
NO Church School
Fish Dinner – Palm Sunday
NO Inquirer's Class
6:00 PM – Bridegroom Orthros
for Holy Monday

Intercessory Prayer List

(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. ***Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks.*** Please contact Fr. David to add a name for prayer.

PAULETTE Weiss (*Recovering from Cancer Surgery*)

STEPHEN Boyle (*Mental Health Concerns*) Nephew of Joseph Gazal

BENJAMIN Hockin (*Recent Diagnosis of Cancer*) Nephew of Carolyn Hill, also pray for his wife Rebecca and their adult twin sons.

FIKRE' Andemeskel (*Cancer Treatment*) Sister of Aster Andemeskel

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels (*Healing of Leg Pain*)

Fasting Rules as Followed in our Antiochian Archdiocese

Saturdays and Sundays of Great Lent

Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs.

(Shellfish/Shrimp Allowed)

Monday through Friday of Great Lent

Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs, alcohol, oil.

(Shellfish/Shrimp Allowed)

Palm Sunday

Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs. Fish is allowed.

(Shellfish/Shrimp Allowed)



Pick up your Food for Hungry People Collection ALMS Box today!

*(Boxes are available outside of the Church
Office)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ instructs us to make our own the needs of others, especially the needy of the world. Help us to recognize that needy are all around us: men, women, children, the elderly, the sick, the suffering, families and individuals, next door neighbors and those in all corners of the world.

During Great Lent we remember those who need us the most and proclaim we are here to help. Almsgiving goes together with Prayer and Fasting, and the Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach program has become synonymous with Great Lent. For almost five decades we have aided our loved ones, our families, and our friends. We have assisted our parishioners, our parishes, and those in our local communities.

We are here to help those who cannot help themselves. We are here to lend a hand, and we are here to offer ourselves that others might share in our blessings.

Robin Lynn Nicholas – Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach





Volunteers Needed!

Twelve dozen Red PASCHA eggs are needed for our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen and bring your red eggs on Friday evening to the Lamentations service. They will be collected and prepared for Pascha night. If you have questions or need instruction on how to die the eggs, please talk with Christine Mansour (724-331-6127).

Egg dye, as well as Pascha greeting cards are for sale in the bookstore!



April 28, 2024

8:45 AM - Orthros

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy with Palm Sunday Procession

12:00 PM - Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

Please sign up to bring a side dish to the Palm Sunday Dinner

(Fish is provided by the parish)

Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

6:00 PM - Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday



Everyone is needed to help clean up after the Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

- men, women, and teens - spray tables, empty coffee pots, wash dishes, remove trash, sweep & vacuum the floors...

*Clean up help is needed every Sunday after Fellowship.
Please don't leave your table dirty!*

Paths of Righteousness

"He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."





Psalm 23:3

Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched at St.

Michael's in 2019 under the leadership of Pete Papas and Fr. Sam Smolicic, is eagerly planning their 2024 hiking season! This pan-Orthodox hiking group will again embark on wilderness hikes of 5 to 7 mile length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana, and Cambria counties. Fr. Sam has extensive experience on these trails and will be choosing routes of easy to moderate difficulty. He has 25 different hikes in this region in his repertoire, all of which inspire praise to our Lord, "whose Name is majestic in all the earth," Psalm 8:9. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. Also, hikers with First Aid experience will be cordially welcomed to participate. Hikes will take place approximately once every 4 - 6 weeks and will run from May to September. A preliminary schedule of the Hikes is as follows: (1) **May 18**; (2) **June 15**; (3) **July 13**; (4) **August 17**; and (5) **September 28**. All dates though firm, may also be changed or cancelled subject to weather forecasts. The 2024 Hikes have been carefully scheduled to avoid civil or Church holidays. Please contact Pete Papas in person, by phone (412) 558-1246, or by email at pnpapas@verizon.net if you are interested in becoming a part of this outdoor fellowship of those who are moved to "praise the Lord from the heavens (and) praise Him in the heights," Psalm 148:1. **An orientation is scheduled for April 20th at 7:00 PM (after Vespers).**

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



ST. MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

2024 HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 28th

6:00pm - Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday

Holy Monday, April 29th

9:00am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00pm - Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Tuesday

Holy Tuesday, April 30th

9:00am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00pm - Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Wednesday

Holy Wednesday, May 1st

5:00pm - Orthros for Holy Thursday

6:00pm - Holy Unction

Holy Thursday, May 2nd

9:00am - Vespers Divine Liturgy of Institution

10:30am - The Rite of the Washing of Feet

6:00pm - Orthros with the Twelve Passion Gospels
for Holy Friday

Holy Friday, May 3rd

9:00am - Great & Royal Hours with Typica

3:00pm - Vespers of Unnailing

6:00pm - Lamentations for Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday, May 4th

9:00am - Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the
Great, the First Resurrectional Liturgy

10:00pm - Midnight Office, Rush Service, Matins
& Paschal Liturgy (Feast to follow)

Glory to Jesus Christ!

As we draw near to Holy Week and the celebration of PASCHA, I encourage you to do your best to take time off of work - including taking your children out of school - so that you all can attend as many of the services as possible. Together, we journey with our Lord to the cross, the grave, and the third day Resurrection. For Orthodox Christians, these are the most holy of days and there is no greater spiritual joy than to come together as a parish to observe them. Also, please note that we will be praying, cleaning up, and enjoying a cookout on Bright Monday. You won't want to miss it! May God grant us the strength to finish the Fast well.

Together with you,
Fr. David

PASCHA, May 5th

2:00pm - Agape Vespers

(Egg Hunt to Follow)

Bright Monday, May 6th

9:00am - Paschal Orthros

10:00am - Paschal Liturgy

11:30am - Bright Monday

Clean-Up &

Cookout Luncheon