



# St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

1182 Ashland St., Greensburg, PA 15601  
*Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
of North America.*

(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

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**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

*To all who are present with us this morning,  
Welcome! Thank you for being here.*

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

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**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 in our midst!" and responding, "He is and shall be!"

**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).

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*Sunday of  
All Saints*

## 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.

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### TONE 8

Arr: Basil Kazan.

From the heights Thou didst des-cend, O Com-pas -  
sion - ate One, and Thou didst sub - mit to  
the three - day bur - i - al, that Thou might de -  
li - ver us from pas - sion; Thou art our  
life and our re - sur - rec - - - tion: O  
Lord, 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](http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries_syria.aspx)

## Sunday, June 11, 2017

**Greeting:** Blessed Feast Day! **Response:** Thank You. Same to you!

*First Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday; Holy, Glorious Apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew; Barnabas of Basa in Cyprus and Barnabas of Vetluga; commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Athos and the revelation of the hymn "It is truly meet"*

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### **THE READING FROM**

*The Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2)*

**B**RETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*According to St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)*

**T**HE LORD SAID TO THIS DISCIPLES, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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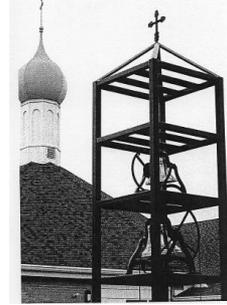
ONE CAT,



FIFTEEN DOGS,

**and 30 HUMAN PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS** were in attendance for our first pet blessing in many years here at Saint Michael's.

Keira and Mike Sisley, and Patty Conley organized and set up the 9 AM event yesterday morning. Prayers were prayed at the bells in thanksgiving and for the good health of our furry companions. Light food and fellowship followed.



God willing, this will become an annual event for us and our animals. Commemorative icon cards may be picked up at the ushers station outside the church entrance.

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**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017** is the date of our annual food fund-raiser which now has a name:

## **St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet**

Our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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### **Eastern Region Parish Life Conference 2017**

*June 28 thru July 2*

**Hosted by St. George Church, Little Falls, NJ**

*<http://antiochianevents.com/ny.html>*

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***St. Michael's parishioners*** volunteer their time and energy in the preparation, hosting and serving of a luncheon to help feed some hungry people at ***First Lutheran Church on South Main Street*** on the second Wednesday of every other month. If you are interested in joining us in this worthwhile community effort, please contact Michele Murray at 724-837-2244. ***The Volunteer sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall.***

**St. Michael's next hosted meal is:**

***this Wednesday, June 14th from 11:30-1:00PM***

***First Evangelical Lutheran Church***

***246 South Main St., Greensburg***



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.

*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.**

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***HAVE YOU NOTICED*** the ***TREE*** in the hallway  
with ***WHITE LEAVES (TAGS)?***

Please stop by and take a tag (or two) as a reminder of what you can contribute as a way of supporting Saint Michael's Mediterranean Buffet, which will be held on Sunday, September 10th.

It will be greatly appreciated by the wonderful cooks and bakers of St. Michael's, as they are preparing the food for the community fundraising event.



Bring your items and place them under the ***"Food Tree"!***

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**Ina Abraham**  
**Memorial Camp Scholarship**

Friends of Ina Abraham have indicated a desire to remember her with a memorial scholarship that would be given to a child to enjoy the blessings of Antiochian Village Camp. Such a remembrance and the logistical details that would be involved in establishing it are in the very early planning stage. If you would like be part of the work that will go into remembering Ina in such an appropriate way, talk to Connie Capar (724-838-8111).

***We are seeking more people who would be interested in learning how to prepare the Memorial Wheat and Holy Bread. We have a group of women who currently fulfill this important function and are willing to teach anyone who may be interested in becoming part of these ministry teams. For more information, contact Val Flizanes (724-863-4443) or call the church office.***

***THANK YOU to all who supported the  
Antiochian Women's annual Flea Market,  
Ethnic Food Bake Sale, Bake Sale,  
and Gyro Sale.***

Around \$2,600.00  
were raised for the General Fund of St. Michael's.

*One of our Parish Ministry Teams that is in need of a rebirth is the **D.own T.o E.arth** Team that served us by keeping our landscaping weed-free. On Sunday, July 9, we will restart that team and its vital (to our eyes) work.*



## be part of **DTE II**

On Sunday, July 9, following Divine Liturgy, we ask you to promenade outside around our church as Fellowship Hour for the day. The “flower beds” will be marked off in a fashion that will allow you, your family and church friends to volunteer to take care of sections of our landscaping.

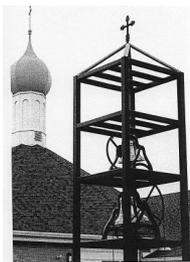


An immediate goal will be to have our grounds in presentable condition as soon as possible but certainly by the time our St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet takes place on Sunday, September 10.

### ***July “Food on the Hill” Lunch a week later (7/11).***

“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. The next “Food on the Hill” lunch is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 11, 2017** from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. *(That's a week later than usual because of the 4th of July holiday.)*

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





# Sunday, July 16

## St. Michael's Parish Picnic

Twin Lakes Park, Pavilion #3

??? 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at the Lake ???  
(*across the road from where we bless the waters*)  
followed by the picnic

(*The location of the picnic day Divine Liturgy is being reconsidered.  
We'll hold a straw poll today to see what we prefer.*)

Sign-up sheets may be found at our main entrance  
to help us plan what we need for the day.

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## QUESTIONS for each of us on ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance** the race that is set before us..." — Hebrews 12:1*

Am I running the spiritual race St. Paul describes above in the lives of the saints or are am I running the rat race of the world?

*"To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, **called to be saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." — the greeting of Paul to the Romans (1:7)*

Wherever Christ's Church is, there is the body of those called to be saints. Am I hearing and heeding that call?

*"**You and I are nothing but saints in the making.** We can exhibit whatever behavior we want, but life flows upward from the roots, not downward from the branches. On a spiritual basis, being good is never wrong. But in terms of sheer effectiveness — which means trying to wake up with the fewest delays, obstacles, and back-sliding — adopting the right belief is much more powerful." — (speaker's name not remembered)*

We Orthodox Christians make the claim to having the fullness of "right belief." Am I using this right belief to wake up or do I think that I *am* awake? Or perhaps I've hardly considered the matter?

*"To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are **sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints**, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord..." — another Pauline greeting (1 Cor 1:2)*

In our Orthodox baptismal service the priest declares, "**Thou are sanctified**, thou art washed..." By virtue of our sanctification in Christ something has been begun in us, the restoration and maturation of the image and likeness of God in us who are called to be saints. Am I working to be more than *merely* human but to be *truly* human as revealed to us in Christ and the Saints whom we remember today?

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

*Secretary Debbie  
will be out of the office this  
week and part of next.  
Father John will be in the  
office on Monday, Thurs. and  
Friday from 11 to 3.*

**June 11 thru June 17**

**Sunday, June 11 - All Saints Sunday**

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
- Meeting of P-C Prayer Team  
during Fellowship Hour

**Tuesday, June 13**

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
Aquilina of Byblos

**Wednesday, June 14**

- 11:30AM - Luncheon at First  
Lutheran Church, South Main St.
- 6:30PM - Mediterranean Buffet  
Planning Meeting

**Saturday, June 17**

- 5:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
- 7:30 PM - Elvis in Jeannette

**June 18 thru June 24**

**Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day**

- 8:45 AM - MATINS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
- Father's Day Luncheon

**Tuesday, June 20**

- 6:30 PM - Executive Board
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday, June 22**

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata

**Saturday, June 24**

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
Nativity of John the Baptist
- 10:30 AM - Antiochian MEN Meeting  
at Bean & Baguette
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS



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is  
ELVIS  
Tribute to the King**

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Jeannette American Legion  
109 S 5th Street, Jeannette PA

For  
Tickets

**June 17th  
Only \$15**

**Bella Mimi's  
Food Available  
Cash Bar  
Doors open at 6:00  
Show starts at 7:30**

See Ed Sam or call him at  
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at videomans@comcast.net