

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, September 9, 2018

*To all who are present with us this morning,
Welcome! Happy New (Liturgical) Year!*

*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 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).



The mission of the members of St. Michael's Orthodox Church is to become completely loving people.

(see Lk 10:27) **This will occur by the Grace of God as we strive to live holy lives, using the tools He has given us for this endeavor: prayer, fasting, charitable works, and the constant remembrance of death.**

TONE 6

Arr: Basil Kazan.

When Ma - ry stood at Thy grave look - ing for Thy sa - cred Bo -
dy, an - gel - ic pow'rs shone a - bove Thy re - vered tomb,
and the sol - diers who were to keep guard be -
came as dead men. Thou led Ha - des cap - tive and was not
temp - ted there - by; Thou didst meet the Vir -
gin and didst give Life to the world; O Thou Who art
ri - sen from the dead, 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

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Greeting: Christ is in our midst! **Response:** He is and shall be!

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross and After-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos; Synaxis of ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; Great-martyr Severian of Sebastia; Holy Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council.

THE EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11-18)

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. John (3:13-17)

THE LORD SAID: "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

A BUFFET DAY REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS

Please remember that if you are of able body (especially legs) we request that you park somewhere other than in the church lot, thus leaving spaces closest to the building for our guests. Thank you.

Order of St. Ignatius Dinner

Saturday, September 15, 2018, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

St. George Orthodox Cathedral

3400 Dawson St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Hosted by: Archpriest Joshua Makoul
Mr. Roger David (Order Chair),
Mrs. Evelyn Koury (Order Ambassador),
and Order Members of St. George Cathedral

Benefits: 1) construction of new cabins
at Antiochian Village
2) Retired Clergy Housing Allowance Fund

Questions?: Evelyn Koury - (412) 489-5239 or
Zlata Ryan (Order Admin. Assistant)
(724) 238-2677 x410

Antiochian Village Adult Camp

Register online: <https://avcamp.org/other-programs/adult-camp/>

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

September 9 thru September 15

Sunday, September 9

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- 11 AM to 4 PM — St. Michael's
Mediterranean Buffet
- 4:00 PM - Buffet Clean-Up

*Weather permitting, the parking lot
will be closed for sealing on Tues.
and Wednesday (9/12 & 13).*

Thursday, September 13

- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
(location uncertain)

Friday, Sept. 14 - Elevation of the Cross

- 8:00 AM - FESTAL ORTHROS
- 9:00 AM - FEST. DIV. LIT'RGY
Elevation of the Cross

Sat., September 15

- (3:30 PM - non-parishioner
Wedding)
- **NO Great Vespers** tonight
at St. Michael's

**4:00 PM
TODAY
post-Buffer
Clean-Up
Please, come help.**

**School Kits need to be
returned by Sunday,
September 16**

*We are not certain when
Debbie will next be
in the office.*

September 16 thru September 22

Sunday, September 16

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- Church School
- 12:30 PM - Abortion Prayers

Monday, September 17

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
St. Sophia and her 3 Daughters

Tuesday, September 18

- 9:00 AM - Stewardship Team Mts
- 6:30 PM - Executive Board Mtg
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Sat., September 22

- 12:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 PM - Hill Wedding
- **NO Great Vespers** tonight
at St. Michael's

Thank you to
everyone who
worked extra hard
this week
*(in addition to
prior months)*
to produce our
Mediterranean
Buffet.