

# 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, November 11, 2018

*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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## **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.**

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### **TROPARIA FOR THE RESURRECTION**

#### **TONE 7**

Arr: Basil Kazan.

Thou didst shat - ter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst  
o - pen Pa - ra - dise to the thief; Thou didst  
turn the sad - - - ness of the oint - ment bear - ing  
wo - men in - to joy, and didst bid Thine A -  
pos - tles pro - claim a war - - - ning that  
Thou hast ri - sen, O Christ, grant - ing  
to the world the great mer - - - cy.

### **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, November 11, 2018

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

**Tone:** 7      **Eothinon:** 2

*Holy Martyr Menas of Egypt & Eighth Sunday of Luke; Martyrs Victor and Stephanie in Damascus; Martyr Vincent of Spain; Venerable Theodore the Studite; Blessed Maximos the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Stephen of Dechani, king of Serbia, Stephen Urosh and Princess Milica; Martin the merciful, bishop of Tours.*

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## **THE EPISTLE READING**

*St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:6-15)*

**B**RETHREN, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*According to St. Luke (10:25-37)*

**A**T THAT TIME, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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*The 2019 Antiochian Women's*  
**Post-Holiday Brunch**



*will be held on*

**Sunday, January 13th at 12:00 noon**

*at*

**The Waterworks in South Greensburg.**

**The cost will be approximately \$20.**

*(We will pay individually on the day of the brunch.)*

**Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

*Saturday, December 15th*

*9:00 AM to 2:00 PM*

**St. Michael's Multi-Purpose room**



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

***Sarris Candy Christmas Fundraiser***

*to benefit the Church School Program*

***Orders and Payment Due: Sunday, November 18th***

***Delivery: Sunday, December 16th***

*Order forms available at the church office,  
or in the Fellowship Hall or church hallway.*

***Questions? Contact Fotini Wetzel - (724) 757-6929***



## ***Gratitude Graffiti Wall—What are you grateful for?***

The Gratitude Graffiti Wall project is a 30 day practice (*November, Thanksgiving Month*) of purposeful appreciation of one's life thru interactive art. The project is to engage parishioners and visitors to contemplate a source of gratitude in their lives and provide an outlet to express that thought of thankfulness in an open setting. When parishioners and visitors participate, they are no longer "spectators" of art, they become fully engaged in creating art that expresses their gratitude.

Washable paint markers will be available close to the interactive art display in the front entrance of the church at the glass windows and door. This accessible outlet acts as a reminder or a "gratitude stop," where anyone walking by can mentally note something they are grateful for or to take it a step further and write on the wall (window) what they are grateful for that day.

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## **SCRIP Gift Card Program**

*'Easy Money' for Our Church*

Thinking of buying gift cards for your Christmas shopping? Or to give as Christmas gifts? Why not purchase them through St. Michael's? Our Church earns money on every gift card purchased. You can purchase gift cards for your everyday shopping like gas, groceries and eating out; as well as giving the cards as birthday or Christmas gifts. Some of the gift cards available are: Giant Eagle, Dick's Sporting Goods, Macy's, Texas Road House, Panera Bread, Sheetz, Dunkin Donuts, Starbuck's, Old Navy, Chipotle, Red Robin, Eat 'n Park, Lowe's, Home Depot, Wendy's, Subway, Olive Garden, Denny's, IHOP, GFS, Visa Gift Card, Sam's Club, Walmart, and many more!

Go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> to review the complete list of retailers.

We submit everyone's orders together to Great Lakes. The gift cards will arrive at the Church anywhere from 7-10 days after an order is placed. We will notify you when they are available for pick-up in the office. You do not have to order each time. You choose the order dates that work best for you.

Our next gift card order will be placed **Sunday, December 2** after Divine Liturgy. Bring your check book to pay for your gift cards — checks need to be made out to St. Michael's; payment must be made when you order. Thank you for supporting St. Michael's through the SCRIP Program and Happy Shopping! Any questions, see Fotini.

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## **2018 Christmas Crèche Show**

All are invited free of charge!

Refreshments and Children's Activities

*First United Methodist Church*

*15 East Second Street*

*Greensburg, PA*

**Thursday, December 6th 4 pm to 8 pm**

**Friday, December 7th 4 pm to 8 pm**

**Saturday, December 8th 11 am to 3 pm**

Come and welcome the season of peace, hope and love!

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### ***"Treasures for Children"***

Salvation Army Christmas Program

***Please return gifts by December 13th.***

*Pick a White Tag from  
the Tree in the hallway across from Bookstore.*

Address questions to Michele Murray.



### ***Antiochian Village Camp Dates to Note —***

- *Winter Family Camp — January 18-21, 2019*
  - *Winter Camp (Grades 7-12) — February 15-18, 2019*
  - *Summer Camp Registration opens December 11, 2018.*
  - *Visit [AVCAMP.ORG](http://AVCAMP.ORG) to register today!*
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***Our Annual General Parish Meeting and  
election for 2019 Parish Council members is  
Sunday, December 2.***

***Next Sunday, November 18 is IOCC Sunday:  
A DAY OF SHARING***

Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Orthodox faithful across the US thank God for the privilege of serving the least of our brethren through IOCC. On this day, we consider IOCC's global work and the ways you sustain it. ***Please consider giving a gift of compassion next Sunday, 11/18, when Pete Papas will be taking a special collection for IOCC relief efforts.*** Or, you may go online to make your donation:

**[iocc.org/DayofSharing](http://iocc.org/DayofSharing)**

Over the past six years, the net proceeds of the IOCC Pittsburgh Syrian Relief Dinners has resulted in \$2,122,015 in aid sent to Syria!

**Advent Mini-Retreat for Women and Men**  
**Establishing Godly Priorities  
in a Changing World**

Presented by Sisters of the  
Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration

*“Remaining Christ-Centered” — Mother Paula*  
*“Keeping Our Faith” — Mother Seraphima*

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

9:30 am – Coffee and Registration

10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Lunch will be served.)

RSVP by November 25th – (724) 834-1311  
(leave a message; church office)

*Sponsored by  
the Antiochian Women  
of St. Michael's*



## **A few HIGHLIGHTS of UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11** - Decorate Advent (then Christmas) Tree

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17** - Workshop at St. George Cathedral  
“Becoming Truly Human” (more info coming)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18** - IOCC Day of Sharing (special collection)  
- Sarris Candy Order Due

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1** - Antiochian Women (and Men) Retreat  
9:30am to 3:00pm (includes lunch).

**SUNDAY, DEC. 2** - - Annual General Parish Meeting w/ Elections  
- Shop with Scrip Order Due

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4** - Food on the Hill

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5** - 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy;  
St. Nicholas Day; Pasta Dinner;  
Visit from St. Nicholas

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8** - Remember to pick up your Christmas  
Bake Sale order from 10am to 1pm.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12** - Lutheran Luncheon—Sign up in FH.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 16** - Women and Church School Bake Holy Bread

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13** - 12:00pm Ladies’ Brunch at Waterworks in  
South Greensburg. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Cost is  
approximately \$20 paid at time of event.

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

*Debbie will be in the office on  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
from 9 am to 3 pm.*

**November 11 thru November 17**

**Sunday, November 11**

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
  - Church School 'Assembly'  
with Fr. John (all welcome)
  - Advent Tree Set-Up
  - Ministry Team Sign-Ups
- 4:00 PM - Holiday Project Mtg

**Tuesday, November 13**

- 8:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
John Chrysostom  
Archbishop of Constantinople
- 9:15 AM - Stewardship Team Mtg.

**Wednesday, November 14**

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
Apostle Philip of the 12

**Thurs., Nov. 15 - Advent Fast begins**

- 9:00 AM Ladies making nut  
rolls or grape leaves.
- 9:00 to 12:00 - CONFESSIONS
- 6:00 PM - Nativity PARAKLESIS
- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 16 (wine & oil ok)**

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
Evangelist Matthew
- 10:15 A to 12 P - CONFESSIONS

**Saturday, Nov. 17 (fish, wine & oil ok)**

- "Becoming Truly Human" W' shop  
St. George, Oakland
- **NO** Great Vespers

**November 18 thru November 24**

**Sunday, Nov. 18 (fish, wine & oil ok)**

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
(Church School Sermon)
  - Ministry Team Sign-Ups
- 12:30 PM - Abortion Prayers

**Monday, Nov. 19 (fish, wine & oil ok)**

- 9:00 AM to 12 - CONFESSIONS
- 6 PM to 9 PM - CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, Nov. 20 (fish, wine & oil ok)**

- 5:00 PM - FESTAL MATINS
- 6:00 PM - FESTAL DIV LIT'GY  
Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple

**Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving**

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Friday, Nov. 23 (strict fast)**

- 9:00 AM to 12 - CONFESSIONS

**Saturday, Nov. 24 (fish, wine & oil ok)**

- 9:00 AM to 12 - CONFESSIONS
- 5:00 PM - Nativity PARAKLESIS
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPER

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***Dec 6th – One Day Only!***

\$199 "Early Bird" Event Package for  
Archdiocese Convention 2019!  
Grand Rapids, MI July 21-28, 2019

**AC2019GR.ORG**

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*Returned your Pledge Card yet?*

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**The Outreach Committee  
and the AntiochianMEN** will be  
spearheading the planning of a 2018  
SM's Holiday Project that all are invited  
to join in the planning of. We will meet  
at 4:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room  
to discover and create this event.

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**NOVEMBER is  
MINISTRY TEAM MONTH**

This month we take the particular  
opportunity to focus on our  
participation in the life of our church  
and how we might contribute to our  
communal health in the coming year.  
Various options are displayed on  
tables in the Fellowship Hall today.

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