



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.*

- His Eminence Metropolitan **JOSEPH**, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
- His Grace Bishop **THOMAS**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Middle Atlantic
- Archpriest **John Nosal**, Pastor

Sunday, February 9, 2020

*To all who are present with us this morning,
Christ is in our midst! Thank you for being here.
Please join us for “coffee and...”
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.*

A Video of the Epistle and Gospel Readings and the Sermon is recorded on most Sundays for posting to our website, stmgbg.org.

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.

TONE 1

Arr: Basil Kazan.

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the sol - diers were
guard - ing Thy most pure Bod - y, Thou didst a -
rise on the third day, O Sav - ior, grant - ing
life to the world; for which cause the heav - en - ly
pow'rs cried a - loud un - to Thee, O Giv - er of
Life: Glo - ry to Thy Re - sur - rec - tion, O Christ;
Glo - ry to Thy King - dom; Glo - ry to Thy Prov - i - dence,
O Thou Who a - lone art the Lov - er of man - kind!

I.O.C.C. 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!

Tone: 1 **Eothinon:** 1

*Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican & Leave-taking of
the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ.*

THE SUNDAY EPISTLE READING

Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15)

TIMOTHY MY SON, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to St. Luke (18:10-14)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered...

...by JEFF and LISA Stewart in memory of ZEKE Nicholas,
HOWARD and EVA Stewart, NORENE Alfieri, BARBARA
Weaver and NORMA Nicholas; and for the health of LAURA
Nicholas, LINDSEY Stewart, MATT Stewart, JACK, CHRISTY
and KENNEDY Nicholas, STEWART Walker, JOY Svitko, Fr.
JOHN and family and all the parishioners of St. Michael’s
Church.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR UPDATE & REQUEST

Many thanks to those in our community who have already offered hospitality to us in the form of Sunday Fellowship Hour refreshment in our 2019-2020 Church year!

Posted on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall is the schedule for hosting through May.

We are still in need of a few more hosts in June, July, and August to complete our cycle. **By Sunday, March 1st**, please let Barli Ross know (*410.924.6284—text message is preferred*) if you would be able to help with any of the following dates:

June 7 — 1 host needed

July 19 — 3 hosts needed

August 16 — 3 hosts needed

August 23 — 3 hosts needed

August 30 — 3 hosts needed

By the beginning of Great Lent, any blank spaces on the hosting schedule will mean that **there is no coffee hour planned for that Sunday**. It's ok. No one will starve here for lack of nutrition on those days, but this is a great opportunity for us to love our neighbors as ourselves (and, yes, even work together with someone we don't, yet, know!). So let's see if we can get this thing complete and start the Fast with our hospitality ducks in a row! 😊

We are looking for a successor to our current Head Usher, Gust Flizanes. If you wonder at all what the job entails, talk to Gust and Fr. John.

**Secretary Debbie will be in on
Mon, Tues, Fri; 9-3**

Sunday, February 9

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 9:20 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Church School
 - 40-day Memorial —
Mary Drylie (Jack & Chuck)
 - Antiochian Women's Mtg
- 4:00 PM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - of Monday; in Arabic;
Hieromartyr Haralambos
 - Fr. Meletios Zafaran celebrating

Wednesday, February 12

- 12:00 - Community Luncheon at
1st Lutheran Church, Gbg
- Sign up in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 15

- 6:30 AM - Spirit Day@Chick-Fil-A
Mention St. Michael's!
- 10:00 AM - 'Seniors' Fellowship
at Chick-Fil-A
- **NO** Great Vespers
- 4:00 PM - "The Great Divorce"
Byham Theatre, Pittsburgh

A Gentle Reminder to all of us who use the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour or any other activity —

Please, remember to 1) wash, dry and *put away* any dishes used; 2) wipe the counters clean; and, 3) take the garbage out (and replace with new bag). We are blessed to have this great community space and want to make sure that all who use it take care of it for the people that come next.

Thank You.

**ALWAYS USE THE MOST
CURRENT BULLETIN!**

Sunday, February 16

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 9:20 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Church School
- 4:00 PM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - of Monday; in Arabic;
Theodore of Tyro
 - Fr. Meletios Zafaran celebrating

Tuesday, February 18

- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
 - Leo the Great, Pope of Rome
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, February 20

- 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 22

- 9:00 AM - Soul Saturday
- ? 10:00 AM - 'Seniors' Fellowship?
- 5:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

**CHOIR REHEARSALS
TO RESUME**

Beginning this Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM, we will commence rehearsing for the 2020 Great Lent (and Pascha). The pre-Lenten rehearsals are as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - 6:30 PM

Thursday, Feb. 20 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - 6:30 PM

The possibility is being explored for a men's pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary. The trip will be for a long weekend (5 days/4 nights) which would include the celebration of the Great Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos.

If you are interested, please talk to Don Yoder.