



# Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## Sunday, December 24, 2023

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### This Week

#### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Eve Day

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

(Blessing of New Liturgical Items Follows)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

#### *Jr. Altar Boys*

12/24 – Noor Sahawneh

#### *Fellowship Hosts*

12/24 – Christmas Eve: Kh. BethAnn  
& Lucas Hyatt

#### *Lock Up*

12/24 – Andrew Cuff

#### Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

9:00 AM – Festal Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

#### Tuesday – Friday

Church Office Closed

#### Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

#### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

(Installation of Parish Council Follows)

11:30 AM – 1 year Memorial for Dolly

Maruschock & December Memorial

*No Church School*

9:00 PM – New Year's Eve Party

### Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 24, 2023

*Sunday before Nativity of Christ (Sunday of the Genealogy),*

*Which Falls on Paramon (Eve) of Nativity of Christ*

*Venerable Martyr Eugenia of Rome and those with her*

#### 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 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

#### APOLYTIKION FOR THE PARAMON (EVE) OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, the time was come that she should bear her Child, but no place was found within the inn for them; yet the cave proved a delightful palace for the pure Lady and Queen of all. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

#### KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

#### **EPISTLE – Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40**

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who 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, and 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 killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—

*Jr. Altar Boys*

12/31 – Breccan Daniels

*Fellowship Hosts*

12/31 – One-Year Memorial for Dolly

Maruschock offered by friends of Dolly

*Lock Up*

12/31 – Carolyn Hill

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### **Live-Streaming Services**

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA



### **New Plan for Fellowship Hour on Sundays**

Beginning in January  
2024, we will be

implementing a new plan for scheduling hosts for Fellowship Hour on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Due to the high price of food and the growing size of our parish, we are asking that **three (3) families** sign up to host each Sunday. We are asking that you **sign-up** for one of the weeks on the calendar – three months will be at a time. If three families do not sign up for a given week, we will only serve coffee. Additionally, the **last Sunday of every month** will be a **Potluck** – so bring what you are able to share! Questions? Talk with Raymounda Chaho, Fellowship Hour Coordinator, at [laziza2002@hotmail.com](mailto:laziza2002@hotmail.com) or 412-558-5877.



ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE  
**CAMP**

### **Summer Camp Registrations Opens January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

Summer camp fills up quickly, so be sure to register your camper on January 7<sup>th</sup> for their desired session. Information will be coming soon regarding need-based scholarships through St. Michael's. Registration link:

<https://avcamp.org/programs/summer-camp/>

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.

### **THE GOSPEL – Matthew 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.



### **New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 9pm-Midnight**

All are invited to a New Year's Eve Party in the parish Social Hall beginning at 9:00 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share, and table games to play. If you have questions, contact Raymounda Chaho at [laziza2002@hotmail.com](mailto:laziza2002@hotmail.com) or 412-558-5877.

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**2024 Church Calendars are available for pick up at church!**

We will not be mailing them out this year.



**Theophany Outdoor  
Blessing of Water  
Twin Lakes Park  
January 6, 2024**

Following the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany, on January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to Twin Lakes Park for the Outdoor Blessing of Water service. All are invited to dress warmly and join us for this annual event!

*Idiomela*

The voice of the Lord upon the waters crieth aloud, saying: Come ye all, and receive the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of the fear of God, from Christ Who is made manifest.

Today the nature of the waters is sanctified, and the Jordan is parted in two; it holds back the stream of its own waters, seeing the Master wash Himself.

O Christ the King, thou hast come unto the river as a man, and in thy goodness thou dost make haste to receive the baptism of a servant at the hands of the Forerunner, for the sake of our sins, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

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**Theophany House Blessings**  
January & February

Beginning after Theophany, Fr. David will be scheduling House Blessings. Sign-up sheets will be available both online and in person on Sundays. Preparation instructions will be attached to the bulletin next weekend. If you have questions, contact Fr. David at [frdavidhyatt@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidhyatt@gmail.com) or call / text 218-576-8324.

**Prayers of Oblation**

...in memory of ADEL Armanious by Carol Reese.  
...in memory of Dr. Albert Saloom by Gloria Saloom.  
...in memory of Rose Koury by Granddaughter Rosemary Drylie.  
...in memory of DIANA Roberts and IRENE Papas by Dina Papas.  
...for Eternal Remembrance of Mother Mary Mirilovich on her birthday 12/27 by Rich and Harriet Mirilovich.

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**Intercessory Prayer List**  
(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. *Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed.* Please contact the church office to add a name for prayer. ([admin@stmichaels.comcastbiz.net](mailto:admin@stmichaels.comcastbiz.net))

PAULETTE Weiss (*Ongoing Cancer Treatment*)  
BETTY Berkey  
TOM & MARY Andrews  
HELEN Ciavarra (*Valerie Flizanes' Mother*)

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**2024 Parish Council Members & Officers**

*Congratulations to the newly elected / appointed Parish Council members – Samar Khalil, Thomas Sproch, Gust Flizanes, and Barli Ross. May God grant them many years of fruitful service to Christ and his Church!*

Term ending 12/2024

Raymounda Chaho  
Christina Armanious  
Lisa Stewart – Vice Chair  
Andrew Cuff\*  
Christine Mansour – Chair

Term ending 12/2026

Samar Khalil – Treasurer  
Thomas Sproch – Corresponding Secretary  
Gust Flizanes  
Barli Ross\*

\* Indicates Appointed by Pastor

Term ending 12/2025

Carolyn Hill – Recording Secretary  
Donald Yoder – Assistant Treasurer  
Elias Memari\*

*“And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)*

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**LONG TERM CALENDAR**  
(Upcoming Dates to Remember)

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**  
**Feast of St. Basil the Great**  
**Prayer for the New Year & Vasilopita**  
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM – Royal Hours & Typica  
6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litia & Artoklasia

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**  
8:30 AM – Festal Orthros  
9:30 AM – Great Blessing of Water (Inside)  
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy  
12:00 PM – Blessing of the Waters (Twin Lakes)  
6:00 PM – Great Vespers