



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

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This Week

Sunday, December 31st

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

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

Monday, January 1st

Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy & New Year's

Prayers w/ Vasilopita

Wednesday, January 3rd

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Friday, January 5th

9:00 AM – Royal Hours of Theophany

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litia &

Artoklasia (Confession Follows)

Saturday, January 6th

8:30 AM – Festal Orthros w/ Great
Blessing of Water

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM – Blessing of the Waters
at Twin Lakes Park

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 31, 2023

Sunday before Theophany of Christ, Which Falls on the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Nativity of Christ Venerable Melania the Younger of Rome

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

EPISTLE – 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

THE GOSPEL – Mark 1:1-8

Mark. (1:1-8) The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send My messenger before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

6:00 PM – Great Vespers (Confession Follows)

Sunday, January 7th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

6:00 PM – AV Summer Camp

Registration Opens

Jr. Altar Boys

01/07 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship Hosts

01/07 – Still Needed

Lock Up

01/07 – Christine Mansour

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

We will not be mailing them out this year.

2024 Giving Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 Giving Envelopes at church. New envelopes numbers are being assigned as we continue to update our database to accurately reflect our parish community. Envelopes will not be mailed out unless specifically requested.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of St. Michael's Church!

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA

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 next Sunday. Preparation instructions will be attached to the bulletin next weekend. If you have questions, contact Fr. David at frdavidhyatt@gmail.com or call / text 218-576-8324.

Thank you to all from St. Michael's who so generously shared with us cards and gifts during the Feast of the Nativity. We are truly blessed to be with you, and look forward to many years to come, God willing!
Love, The Hyatts



New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31st – 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 or 412-558-5877.

**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 or 412-558-5877.



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)



Theophany (Outdoor) Blessing of Water

Twin Lakes Park

January 6, 2024 @ 12noon

Following the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany, on January 6th, 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!

“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.”



ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE
CAMP

Summer Camp Registrations

Opens January 7th
@ 6pm

Summer camp fills up quickly, so be sure to register your camper on January 7th 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/>

St. Michael's is not able to offer full scholarships for all campers this year due to the growing number of families in our parish. However, **need-based scholarships are available**. Please talk with Fr. David if interested.

Bookstore Highlights

Books for Children

- The Child's Guide to Prayer
- From God to You: The Icon's Journey to Your Heart
- H is for Holy: An Orthodox Christian Alphabet
- The Monk who Grew Prayer
- Beautiful Christmas: An Orthodox Coloring Book for Children

Books for Adults

- A Faith Encouraged
- Come Let Us Worship: A Practical Guide to the Divine Liturgy for Orthodox Laity
- Songs of Praise: A Psalter Devotional for Orthodox Women

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

01/14 – Breccan Daniels
01/21 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship Hosts

01/14 – Still Needed
01/21 – Still Needed

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of DAAS Abboud by Ruwaidah Munirji (*Ruwaidah's Father*)
...in memory of ADEL Armanious by George and Bernadette Farah

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)

PAULETTE Weiss (*Ongoing Cancer Treatment*)

TOM & MARY Andrews

LUANN Johnson

GEORGE Staley (*Surgery*)

BERNARD Danilchak (*Recent Hospitalization*)

GUST & VALERIE Flizanes (*Repose of Val's mom, Helen*)

NEW Online Church Calendar

We are transitioning to a Google Calendar for our online Church calendar. This will enable those of you use a Google calendar for your personal use to add the Church calendar to your own. All updates to the Church calendar will automatically be made on your calendar. Simply click on the + symbol at the bottom of the [Google Church calendar on our website](#) and it will guide through the process. If you have questions, please talk with Fr. David who will help you.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

OMAR Ayoub (12/8/1999)

GEORGE Charabaty (12/18/2011)

LOUIS Charley (12/30/99)

MARY CLAIRE Chouhaoury (12/14/20)

OLGA DiFlorio (12/6/2019)

MARY (Koury) Drylie (12/29/2019)

Mat. JOSEPHINE Felenchak (12/2/2001)

VERONICA Fennell (12/15/2020)

CHRISTINA Gudzan (12/28/2016)

WILLIAM Hazlett (12/28/1989)

FOUAD Jabbour (12/10/2022)

YVONNE Jacobs (12/7/2011)

GEORGE Koury (12/15/1987)

ROSE Koury (12/25/1977)

ARTEMIS Manos (12/7/2003)

ELEANOR Mansour (12/31/2014)

FRANK Nataros (12/25/2017)

MARIAN Nicholas (12/5/1997)

RONALD Plate (12/13/2015)

RONALD Ross (12/25/2020)

ISSA Shehem (12/4/2021)

Archpriest IGOR Soroka (12/18/2021)

DOLLY Maruschock (12/24/22)

ROBERT Wagner (12/30/2015)

BARBARA Weaver (12/31/2010)

EVANGELIA Vagianos (12/9/1967)