



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, December 1, 2024

NEW Office Hours:

Tuesday – 9am-12pm

Thursday – 9am – 4pm

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This Week

Sunday, December 1st

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

NO Church School

11:45 AM – Annual Parish Meeting
(Fellowship to Follow)

Tuesday, December 3rd

10:00 AM – Nutroll Baking

Wednesday, December 4th

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive (Social Hall)

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Thursday, December 5th

5:45 PM – Ninth Hour Prayers

6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy for the Feast
of St. Nicholas of Myra (Dec. 6)

Saturday, December 7th

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, December 8th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 1, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Luke
After-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos Clement, bishop of Rome;
Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ARCHANGELS IN TONE FOUR

O foremost of the Heav'nly Hosts we beseech thee, though we are unworthy. Pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of thine unearthly glory, preserving us, who kneel and cry endlessly. Deliver us from oppression since ye are the princes of the highest power.

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 — Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 18:35-43

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And

Live-Streaming Services

Holy Transfiguration Monastery
Ellwood City, PA
Holy Cross Monastery
Wayne, WV
St. Tikhon's Monastery
Waymart, PA

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

12/1 – Noor Sahawneh
12/8 – Breccan Daniels
12/15 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

12/1 – Still Needed
12/8 – Still Needed
12/15 – Still Needed

Lock Up

12/1 – Donald Yoder
12/8 – Christina Armanious
12/15 – Raymounda Chaho



Divine Service for the Feast of Saint Nicholas December 5, 2024

5:45 PM – Ninth Hour Prayers
6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy
(Fellowship Meal to Follow)

Fellowship Hour Clean Up

The **Signup Sheet** is on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. The cleanup guide and supplies is provided for your use, and Raymounda Chaho will provide guidance as needed.

Inquirer's Class

Join us the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for our Inquirer's Class, Journey to Fullness.

Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Annual Parish Meeting – December 1, 2024

2023 Minutes & 2024 Ministry Reports are attached to bulletin email.
On Sunday, December 1st, we will have our annual parish meeting during which we will be voting to elect new parish council members. This meeting will **immediately follow the Divine Liturgy in the church**. More information will be forthcoming according to the direction of our parish constitution. 2025 Giving Envelopes will be distributed at the meeting.



Salvation Army Angel Tree Project Deadline Today, December 1st

Today is the deadline to return all presents for the Angel Tree Project. Thank you to all who participated in this act of kindness to help make the holidays a little brighter for someone in our community. Thank you to Dr. Christina Armanious for helping to organize this outreach!

Register Today!

St. Michael's Blood Drive December 4, 2024 12 – 5pm

To sign up, call 1-800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter STMICHAELS to schedule your appointment.



New Year's Eve Parish Party December 31st

7:30 PM – Vespers / 9:00 PM – NYE's Party
\$10.00 for Adults and Free for Kids
Bring a Covered Dish to Share
RSVP with Raymounda Chaho, 412-558-5877
Games for Children & Adults are welcome for this family friendly event!

Mark your Calendar

Reception of Converts Feast of Theophany Monday, January 6th

Make plans to take the day off work / school to celebrate the Feast of Theophany on Monday, January 6th. We will have a baptismal liturgy in which we will receive eight (8) converts to the Orthodox Church. Following a fellowship meal, we will go to Twin Lakes Park for the outdoor blessing of waters. You won't want to miss this important day in the life of the Church!

Nut Roll Baking
Tuesday, December 3rd
10:00 AM

All are welcome to come help us bake
nut rolls to sell for the holidays!

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Diana Roberts and Irene
Papas by Dina Papas

Intercessory Prayer List
(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this
week. ***Names will remain on the list for
2 weeks.*** Please send an email to Fr.
David to add a name for prayer or write
your request down on a piece of paper
and put it in the offering plate. Please
include your name in case there is a need
for clarification. Thank you.

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels recovering from
stress fractures in her spine.
ELIZABETH Gazal (daughter of
Subdeacon Joseph and Mary Gazal)
recovering from surgery.

Those grieving the repose of loved ones,
especially during the holiday season.

All those affected by war in the Middle
East, Ukraine, Russia, and throughout
the world.

CATECHUMENS at St. Michael: BOB
Gunther, DAVE Bartholomew, STACIE
Bartholomew, RYAN Bartholomew,
VICTORIA Gray, MAT Hahey, PAMELA
Johnson, GARRETT Kalinowski,
NICHOLAS Lehman, BRANDON Miele,
DEBBIE Paulus, DOUG Gilliland,
ROSCO (ROBERT) Ross.

Antiochian Women of St. Michael
Annual Officer Elections
Sunday, December 15, 2024

Attention All Women of St. Michael's,

Elections are approaching for the Antiochian Women. PLEASE
CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY POSITION. We will plan to
hold elections at the next meeting in December (a date for the meeting has
not been determined). **All nominees must be an Active Voting Member
of St. Michael's.** Positions are for a 2-year term. Meetings are held once a
month on the first Sunday.

This is a very small commitment to our spiritual life. Perhaps you have new
ideas or suggestions for the management of church related projects and
activities. This is your opportunity to share. Do you have organizational,
financial, or computer skills? You are needed.

There is much gratification and so much to learn today via the Antiochian
Women of the East and the Antiochian Diocese of North America
websites, Newsletters, Facebook newsletters, etc. Become aware.

Offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary are needed. Our
Treasurer will remain through the upcoming 2025 Financial transition.

Thank You and God Bless.

Michele E. Murray
President

THE NATIVITY FAST - AN OUTLINE
November 15 – December 24

In cases of uncertainty each person should seek the advice of his or her
spiritual father. At all times it is essential to bear in mind that 'you are not
under the law but under grace' (Rom. 6:14), and that 'the letter kills, but the
spirit gives life' (2 Cor. 3:6). The rules of fasting, while they need to be
taken seriously, are not to be interpreted with dour and pedantic legalism:
'for the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom. 14:17).

Days: Sunday Monday Tuesday Thursday Saturday	Abstinence of: Meat & Meat products Dairy products	No Abstinence of: Fish Shellfish Olive Oil Vegetables & vegetable products Fruit Wine
Days: Wednesday Friday	Abstinence of: Meat & Meat products Dairy products Fish, Wine, & Oil	

St. Michael's Bookstore

Need a new Book or Icon? Shopping for fine jewelry, 14K gold, or Sterling Silver Crosses?
Give your St. Michael's Bookstore a chance to fulfill your needs. You may save yourself
some cash and make a few dollars for your church in the process. If you have questions,
contact Carolyn Hill at 724-832-8684.



Advent Retreat

**The Christ Child & the Queen Mother:
Seeing the Mystery of Christmas in the Psalms**

Saturday, December 14, 2024

9:00am - 12noon

Refreshments & Lenten Lunch Provided

Guest Speaker ~ Dr. Justin Gohl



Dr. Justin Gohl is the Professor of Old Testament at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. He specializes in the Psalms and Proverbs as interpreted by the Fathers of the Orthodox Church. Dr. Gohl also serves as a subdeacon and chanter at St. Philip Church in Souderton, Pennsylvania.

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