



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

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This Week

Sunday, December 22nd

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – December Memorial Prayers

Tuesday, December 24th

(Church Office Close)

Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

9:00 AM – Royal Hours of the Nativity

6:00 PM – Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Wednesday, December 25th

(Church Office Close)

Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

8:45 AM – Festal Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 28th

NO Catechism Class

NO Great Vespers

Sunday, December 29th

NO Orthros

9:45 AM – First Hour Prayers

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – No Church School

POTLUCK to Follow

Fr. Christopher Davis from New Castle, PA, will be serving DL on the 29th.

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 22, 2024

Forefeast of & Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (The Genealogy) Great-martyr Anastasia the deliverer from potions and her teacher the Martyr Chrysogonos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforesaid.

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 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 THE PREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS IN TONE THREE

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message with the angels and shepherds give glory to him who shall appear by his own will as a young child, he who is from eternity 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

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

12/22 – Andrew Hahey

Christmas Eve & Day – All Boys

12/29 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

12/22 – Dave & Stacie Bartholomew,

Mat & Christina Hahey

12/29 – POTLUCK

Lock Up

12/22 – Andrew Cuff

12/29 – Gust Flizanes

Fellowship Hour Clean Up

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

Year-End Giving Opportunity

Some of our parishioners and friends look for opportunities to make financial donations at the end of the fiscal year. If this is the case for you, please consider making an additional contribution to either the St. Michael's "**Capital Improvement Fund**" or the "**Beautification Fund.**" The Capital Improvement Fund goes towards the long-term maintenance and improvement of our building and property. And the Beautification Fund goes towards long-term improvements to the church temple. For additional information, please talk with Fr. David.

Free: Former Bishop's Chair

The former bishop's chair that is sitting in the corner of the church by the choir, is free to whomever would like to have it. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. David.

Deadline: January 1, 2025

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—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.

2025 Parish Council Officers

Chair – Valerie Flizanes, Vice Chair – Sara Armanious
Treasurer – Samar Khalil, Recording Secretary – Carolyn Hill,
Corresponding Secretary – Mercedes Michetti

Nativity Fast Confessions

During the Nativity Fast, it is an appropriate time to come to Holy Confession. As we prepare for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, we want to free ourselves from the sins that weigh us down so that our souls are a suitable manger for the Lord. Fr. David hears confessions after Wednesday and Saturday Vespers, and at other times as needed.

Inquirer's Class

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

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Diana Roberts and Irene Papas by Dina Papas
...in memory of Nancy Horvath, sister of Rich & Harriet Mirilovich, on the day of her birth, Dec. 22nd.

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.

SAMAR Khalil recovering from a fall.

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

All those affected by events in Syria, Lebanon, 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.

**Registration for Antiochian Village
Camp opens January 5th @ 5pm!**

December Memorials

December 22, 2024

"Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants..."

We pray the prayers for the departed on the last Sunday of each month remembering all those from our parish (and their immediate Orthodox family members) who have fallen asleep in the Lord during that month, both current and past years.

OMAR Ayoub, GEORGE Charabaty, LOUIS Charley, OLGA DiFlorio, MARY Drylie, Mat. JOSEPHINE Flenechak, VERONICA Fennell, CHRISTINA Gudzan, FOUAD Jabbour, YVONNE Jacobs, GEORGE Koury, ROSE Koury, ARTEMIS Manos, ELEANOR Mansour, FRANK Nataros, MARIAN Nicholas, RONALD Plate, ROBERT Wagner, BARBARA Weaver, DOLLY Maruschock

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!

New Year's Day / Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord January 1, 2025

8:45 AM – First Hour / 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Theophany Service Schedule

Friday, January 3, 2025

9:00 AM – Royal Hours

Saturday, January 4, 2025

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Eve of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Followed by the Indoor Service of the Blessing of Waters

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Lita & Artoklasia

Monday, January 6, 2025

Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

8:45 AM – Festal Orthros

10:00 AM – Baptismal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Fellowship Meal to Follow

2:00 PM – Outdoor Blessing of Waters (Twin Lakes Park)

Theophany Home Blessings

A **sign-up sheet** is available in the **window by the church office** to have your home blessed by Fr. David during the Theophany season. Preparation instructions will be included in the bulletin after Christmas.



St. Michael's Bookstore Review

Get your last-minute Christmas gifts at the Bookstore. New children's books and coloring books just arrived!



How You Can Support the Ministry The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

We are not merely to call ourselves Christians;
we are asked to be Christians through our deeds.
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Your Unconditional Gift Changes People's Lives

Knight & Dame

- \$500 Annually
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- Ages 18-26 Only
- \$300 Annually
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Life

- \$15,000 Total Gift
- 100% Lump Sum or \$5,000 Over 3 Consecutive Years
- Life Upgrade*

Metropolitan

- \$30,000 Total Gift
- 100% Lump Sum or \$10,000 Over 3 Consecutive Years
- Metropolitan Upgrade**

Life and Metropolitan gifts are invested in an endowment and only the earnings are spent each year making it a gift that will live on into perpetuity.

***Life Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 5 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Life Member for \$10,000 paid over a two-year period.

****Metropolitan Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for at least 10 years (active/good Standing members); or any Knight/Dame Commander, who has been a member for at least 5 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Metropolitan level for \$20,000 paid over a three-year period. Life members who have fulfilled their initial Life member gift may upgrade to the Metropolitan level for \$10,000 paid over a 2-year period.



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Saint Ignatius
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Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch