



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

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This Week

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

Tuesday, December 31st

7:30 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litia
& Artoklasia

9:00 PM – New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, January 1st

Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

9:45 AM – First Hour Prayers

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 3rd

9:00 AM – Royal Hours

Saturday, January 4th

1:30 PM – Reda Baptism

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, January 5th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – Indoor Blessing of the Waters

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litia &

Artoklasia for the Feast of Theophany

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 29, 2024

After-feast of & Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King,
and James the brother of God

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

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. • Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

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.

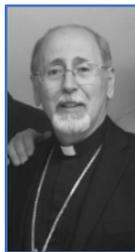
KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He Who existed before the ages as God.

EPISTLE — Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had

We welcome the **V. Rev. Fr. Christopher Davis**, retired pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Beaver Falls, PA. We are grateful for his kindness in serving the divine liturgy today as Fr. David Hyatt is serving at an ordination at St. George Church in Allentown, PA.



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

12/29 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

12/29 – POTLUCK

Lock Up

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.

called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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/ Litia & Artoklasia

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 Mother Mary Mirilovich whose birthday was 12/27 by Rich & Harriet Mirilovich

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!

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

Monday, January 6, 2025

Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

8:45 AM – Festal Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
w/ Baptisms & Chrismations

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.

THE TRADITION OF THE Theophany House Blessing

During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the "Jordan Water" for the traditional Theophany House Blessing. All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing.

In anticipation of the arrival of the Priest to the house, the lampada, hand-censer and incense in the family's icon corner should be prepared. (If there is no icon corner, a small table should be placed on the eastern wall of the main room of the dwelling; the table, covered with a white cloth, should be set with one or more icons standing upright, a candle in a candlestand, a hand-censer and incense). A small bowl along with several sprigs of evergreen bound together with a ribbon should also be placed in the icon corner (or on the table), along with a clearly printed list of the Baptismal names of the members of the household.

Upon the arrival of the Priest, he is to be greeted by all of the family members, each of whom asks the Priest's blessing and reverences his right hand. Then a family member lights the lampada (or candle) and hand-censer and turns off all televisions, radios, etc. in the home. Lights should be turned on in all the rooms of the house that are to be blessed. Then the entire family gathers with the Priest before the icon corner (or table) to begin the Theophany House Blessing.

The Priest, vested in cassock and exorasson and facing the icons, blesses and dons his epitrachelion saying the usual vesting prayer. He then places incense upon the lighted charcoal in the hand-censer and blesses it saying the usual prayer. He then places his hand-cross at the icon corner (or on the table) and, after pouring "Jordan Water" into the bowl provided by the family, he blesses himself while intoning the service.