



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, January 12, 2025

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This Week

Sunday, January 12th

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

2:00 PM – Outdoor Blessing of Water –
Twin Lakes Park, Parking Lot D

Tuesday, January 14th

9:30 AM – SM Historical Society

Wednesday, January 15th

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Friday, January 17th

Feast of St. Anthony the Great

8:45 AM – First Hour Prayers

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 18th

10:00 AM – Baptism: Caden Hill

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, January 19th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women Mtg

Orthodox Christians for Life Information

Display in the Social Hall

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 12, 2025

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ Martyr Tatiana of Rome
and those with her; Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine

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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee. 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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

EPISTLE — Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Live-Streaming Services

Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Ellwood City, PA

Holy Cross Monastery

Wayne, WV

St. Tikhon's Monastery

Waymart, PA

Outdoor Blessing of Water

Today, Sunday, January 12th @ 2pm

Twin Lakes Park

We will be gathering at Twin Lakes Park, Parking Lot D at 2pm Sunday afternoon for the Outdoor Blessing of Water. All are invited to pray with us!

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

01/12 – Noor Sahawneh

01/19 – Breccan Daniels

01/26 – Andrew Hahey

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

01/12 – Mark & Kathy Bleibtrey

01/19 – Tom & Paulette Sproch

01/26 – Still Needed

Lock Up

01/12 – Sara Armanious

01/19 – Raymounda Chaho

01/26 – 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.

Prayers of Oblation

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

...in memory of Joseph Abraham by the Badals, Abrahams, Rollins, Bartons, Wallens.

...in memory of Fr. Michael Totin who fell asleep in the Lord on Jan. 10, 2015, by the Totin Family.

Inquirer's Class

Join us the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for our Inquirer's Class, Journey to Fullness. We meet in the multi-purpose classroom at the end of the education hallway.

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."



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.

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.

St. Michael's Bookstore



Shop at the Bookstore for your House Blessing supplies: incensers, incense, incense boxes and spoons, beeswax votives, charcoal, and icons.

Also, available are many children's books to help children learn what the season means. May your Theophany season be blessed!

**Installation of the Parish Council
Sunday, January 12th**

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we will be installing our 2025 Parish Council at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Valerie Flizanes (Chair)
Sara Armanious (Vice-Chair)
Samar Khalil (Treasurer)
Carolyn Hill (Recording Secretary)
Mercedes Michetti (Corres. Secretary)
Raymounda Chaho
Gust Flizanes
Elias Memari
Barli Ross
Thomas Sproch
Donald Yoder

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 fighting the effects of congestive heart failure and respiratory illness.

The NEWLY ILLUMINED members of our parish: Victoria (Victoria of Carthage) Gray, Bob (Robert of Salzburg) Gunther, Mat (Evangelist Matthew) Hahey, Pamela (Genevive of Paris) Johnson, Garrett (Raphael of Brooklyn) Kalinowski, Nick (Nicholas of Myra) Lehman, Atreus (Great Martyr George) Miele, Brandon (Brenden the Navigator) Miele, Guiliana (Juliana of Lazarevo) Reda.

All those suffering with illness and disease, both acute and chronic.

All those affected by events in Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, and throughout the world.

CATECHUMENS at St. Michael: DAVE Bartholomew, STACIE Bartholomew, RYAN Bartholomew, DEBBIE Paulus, DOUG Gilliland, ROSCO (ROBERT) Ross.



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
DEPENDS ON YOU**

Do you know who picks up your trash
and washes your table?

Do you know who washes out the coffee pot,
and cleans the kitchen?

Do you know who takes the bags of garbage
out to the dumpster?

The answer is **NO ONE**, that is, unless **YOU** sign up to help.

Each week we enjoy time together, welcoming visitors, catching up with fellow parishioners, and enjoying a lite snack after fasting in preparation to receive the Holy Communion. While we all enjoy this weekly opportunity, we are not all sharing in the basic tasks of cleaning up. In order to continue Fellowship Hour, **we need everyone to sign up to clean up.** Please sign up today!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

**SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE**

**Total number of abortions in US
(1973 – 2020):
63.6 million+**

**Number of abortions in US
(2020):
930,160**

**Abortions per day:
2,548**

**Abortions per hour:
106**

**1 Abortion every
34 seconds!**

Information from [All American Life League](#)