

Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 26, 2025

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This Week

Sunday, January 26th

 $8:45\ AM-Orthros$

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – January Memorial Prayers

12:00 PM - Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM - Inquirer's Class

Tuesday, January 28th

6:00 PM - Parish Council Mtg

Wednesday, January 29th

6:00 PM – Vespers (Confession Follows)

Thursday, January 30th Feast of the Three Hierarchs

8:45 AM – First Hour Prayers

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 1st

4:30 PM – Catechism Class 6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litia & Artoklasia for the Feast (Confession Follows)

Sunday, February 2nd Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

8:45 AM – Orthros 10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM – Church School

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 26, 2025

Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John, of Constantinople; Translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite

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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

LORD'S PRAYER in ENGLISH & ARABIC

EPISTLE — 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL - Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste

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

01/26 - Andrew Hahey

02/02 - All Altar Boys

02/09 - Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship - Clean Up Crew

01/26 – POTLUCK

02/02 – Gazal, Gunther, Bartholomew

02/09 - Memari, Sahawneh

Lock Up

01/26 - Gust Flizanes

02/02 – Valerie Flizanes

02/09 - Samar Khalil

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.

Intercessory Prayer List (Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. *Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks.*

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels will be placed in hospice care at their home.

DALE Ackerman (Mary Gazal's brother-in-law) who is dealing with health issues.

CARRI Reda (Ruba Nicola Reda's mother-in-law) recent cancer diagnosis.

GEORGE Kozar (Cousin of Connie Volchko) for health issues.

JOANNE Hasnauer recovering from medical procedure.

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. and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

January Memorials January 26, 2025

"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.

ZACHARIA Chaho, SHARON Albert, DORA Solomon, GEORGE M. Elias, WILLIAM Monsour, HELEN Koza, CATHY Abbott Wedel, BERTHA Isbir, Pr MICHAEL Totin, NETTIE Anton, GEORGE Pilipovich, WALTER Dydiw, GEORGE Hayden, STEPHEN Teplica, JAMES DiFlorio, PAUL Andreychek, ALEXANDRIA Tony, ROBERT J. Smolcic, MILDRED Pilipovich, DAVID Assard, PAULINE Panagis, RUTH Bober, JOHN Mirilovich, ANTHONY Flizanes, DOLORES Abbott, ANDREW Papinchak, DONALD Kushner, CHARLOTTE Mowry, JOSEPH Nicholas, JOANNE Chedrick



Theophany Home Blessings

A sign-up sheet is available in the window by the church office to have your home blessed by Fr. David. Home blessings will conclude at the beginning of Great Lent.



Valentine's Dance & Party

February 14, 2025 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Join us for our annual Valentine's Dance & Party. Musical entertainment is provided by the Wayne Macuga Quartet. Tickets are \$20/person

and will include coffee, water, and light snacks. You are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks for your table. Groups of 6-7 can reserve a table. Contact Raymounda Chaho (412-558-5877) to reserve your seat.

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. All are invited to attend.

Prayers of Oblation

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

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

FOCUS Offers Help Through the Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund

The recent fires in Los Angeles have left many people without homes, belongings, or even basic necessities. On Jan. 20, 2025, CBS News reported that "fires across the Los Angeles area have killed at least 27 people, destroyed more than 14,000 structures and charred some 60 square miles."



Families are facing unimaginable loss, and they need help. FOCUS North America is responding with love and action through the Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund. A donation to the Fund will directly provide:

- Gift cards for immediate needs,
- Essential items like food, clothing, and hygiene supplies and
- Rebuilding assistance to help families restore what was lost.

Support after these devastating fires is invaluable in this time of crisis. Through the Fire Relief Fund, families can begin to rebuild their lives and remember that they are not alone. This tangible expression of Christ's love can bring hope and relief to those in great need.

Donate at this link:

https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink /weblink.aspx?name=E334599&id=312

2024 Giving Statements to be Emailed this Week

On **Monday, January 27**th, an **email will be sent to your email address** with a link to download and print your 2024 St. Michael's Giving Statement. If you have difficulty opening your giving statement, please contact Fr. David (frdavidhyatt@gmail.com).

The purpose for keeping giving records is three-fold:

- Self-Accountability: It is beneficial for each of us to see what we have given, or haven't given, to support the life and ministry of the parish of St. Michael's. The best approach is to decide at the beginning of the year how you will give, then make your contribution as the first item when your paycheck is deposited. Check from time to time to make sure you haven't forgotten to give according to your plan by looking at your giving statement on your parish database account. Finally, do all of this with a joyful generosity!
- 2) Financial Accuracy: When we keep giving records it enables both you and our SM Financial Team to make sure that we are recording donations to the parish accurately. You can see your updated giving statement through your account in our parish database – Realm.
- 3) **Tax Deduction**: Some people itemize their deductions when preparing their taxes and need a giving statement for this purpose.

Thank you to all who have generously provided for the financial needs of the ministry and maintenance of our parish. The way that we relate to our money and possessions reflects our faith and love for God and one another. In the Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 12, we read,

"Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk. 12:41-44)

"Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all." St. John Chrysostom

Let us give with the right spirit, so that our gifts glorify our Father in Heaven!