



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Sunday, February 2, 2025

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This Week

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

Wednesday, February 5th

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Saturday, February 8th

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, February 9th

Triodion Begins

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

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 2, 2025

Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord Jesus Christ

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN)

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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.

MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE

O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee. In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

EPISTLE — Hebrews 7:7-17

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

02/02 – All Altar Boys

02/09 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

02/02 – Gazal, Gunther, Bartholomew

02/09 – Memari, Sahawneh

Lock Up

02/02 – Valerie Flizanes

02/09 – Samar Khalil

How to Prepare to Receive Holy Communion

- Confession Regularly
- Pray the Pre-Communion Prayers
- Reconciliation with others
- Correcting our bad habits
- Fast from food and drink from midnight (12am) the night before or 8 hours before an evening liturgy
- Arriving on time (before Gospel)

“Adherence to these instructions is essential and important in order to partake of the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord in a worthy manner, that is, with proper preparation.”

Metropolitan SABA

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/1919>

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.

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.

2024 Giving Statements Emailed Last Week

On **Monday, January 27th**, an **email was 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.

of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, “Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:22-40

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel.” And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.



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.

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.

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.***

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels 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) cancer treatment.

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

JOANNE Hasnauer recovering from medical procedure.

Subdeacon JOSEPH Gazal recovering from a medical procedure.

KATHY Kartalija (Sister of Carolyn Hill) who has dementia.

FOUAD & JOANNE Bassilios (Extended Family of Armanious Family) Fouad was recently hospitalized with heart failure and Joanne is battling uterine cancer on chemotherapy.

ANDREW Grobe (Friend of the Armanious Family) who is on life support with a very slim possibility of recovery.

QUENTIN Guy (Grandson of friends of Fr. David & Kh. BethAnn) who died unexpectedly on Wednesday night.

SOULS of the departed during the airline crash in Washington, D.C. this week, and all of their loved ones.

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

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

Commemorated on February 2

The Meeting of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is described in the third Gospel (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the Divine Child was brought to the Temple at Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord.

According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of the time of her purification, the mother went to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb, two turtledoves, or pigeons to the Lord as a sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity. Out of humility, however, she fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he beheld the promised Messiah. By divine inspiration, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the Law.

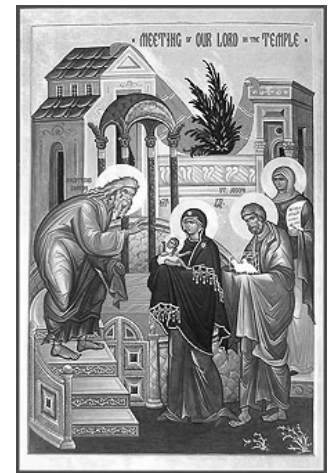
Saint Simeon received the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was an 84-year-old widow, Saint Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day." She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the Divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, the righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous persons of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet Him in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons by the holy bishops Methodios of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilokhios of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the VI century.

Source: OCA.org



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, Matthew Valenti, and SHANE Winters.

Free Items

The former padded cloth chairs that were in church are available to parishioners at no cost. Two sample chairs will be in the social hall for viewing. Also available is a small pool table, and a foosball table. Contact Sara Armanious for details. 724-875-0345

Church Doors Locked During Church

During the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, our ushers lock the outside doors of the church, except for the double glass doors right outside the entrance to the church temple. We acknowledge that this might be an inconvenience for those who arrive late, but it is a means to securing the building during the service for the safety of all. It is always best to arrange your travel to arrive before 10am so that you can participate in prayer during the entire Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your understanding. ~ Fr. David

Mediterranean Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, September 13th

Our annual food fundraiser has been approved by the Parish Council and scheduled for Saturday, September 13th. Valerie Flizanes and Sara Armanious will once again be our Coordinators. In order to have a successful event, we will need everyone to be involved. Please mark your calendars to be sure to enjoy this day of serving together as a parish family!

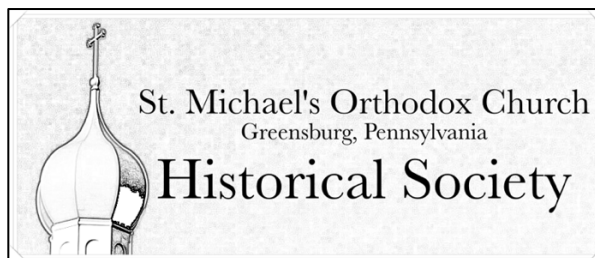
Caleb's Cupboard & Food on the Hill

St. Michael's parishioners can support FOOD ON THE HILL and the GREATER THINGS RESOURCE CENTER by financial donations to Food on the Hill. Make checks payable to St. Michael's church and designate in memo space for Food on the Hill.

Also, there is a need for these items as well. Donations of children and baby clothing, diapers, and personal hygiene products. Most useful food items: canned food, especially tuna, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, soups, etc. Only non-perishable food items please. Any questions see Gust Flizanes.

Church School Children's Library

This Sunday, February 2nd, Church School is opening our lending library for Church School children and youth. Currently we have 35-40 books from Orthodox publishers and hope to continue adding to the library. The library is located in the classroom at the end of the Church School wing (near the outside door to the parking lot). *The library will be opened on the first Sunday of each month and each child may check out one book for one month.* The teachers will be there to assist the children to select a book and record the names on the check-out list. The Prek-1st grade class will be going with the teachers during their class time to offer them more assistance and the other classes will be able to go to the library after class. Parents, grandparents, and anyone interested are invited to visit the library. God willing, we will be adding more of the wonderful books available to help the children both learn and deepen their faith by reading about the Saints, the Holy Scripture and all the truths of the Holy Orthodox Faith. The library will be open again on Sunday, March 2nd and every first Sunday thereafter.



Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the Month

The St. Michael's Historical Society is hard at work curating a wide variety of artifacts from this life of our parish. There are many photographs that we could use help in identifying all the people pictured. If you are interested in helping us, or if you have historical records, photos, memorabilia related to the history of St. Michael's, please come to one of our meetings. Everyone is invited to help! Direct your questions to Petros Papas or Don Yoder.

70th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, November 8th

We will be joined by our Father in Christ, Metropolitan SABA, and His Grace Bishop THOMAS for this monumental event marking the grace of God in the founding of our parish. Mark your calendars and make plans to help prepare and to attend the weekend events. More info coming soon!