



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, February 23, 2025

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This Week

Sunday, February 23rd

Judgment Sunday/Meatfare

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – February Memorial Prayers

12:00 PM – Potluck (Meatfare) Fellowship

12:00 PM – A-MEN Gathering

Tuesday, February 25th

9:00 AM – SM Historical Society Mtg

Wednesday, February 26th

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Thursday, February 27th

12:00 PM – Food on the Hill

Friday, February 28th

9:30 AM – 70th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 1st

9:00 AM – Orthodox Christians for Life Prayer & Learning

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

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Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 23, 2025

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare) Hieromartyr

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna; Venerable Gorgonia,
sister of Gregory the Theologian

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 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 FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

English & Arabic Lord's Prayer

EPISTLE — 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a

Sunday, March 2nd

Forgiveness Sunday

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

1:00 PM – Forgiveness Vespers

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

02/23 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

02/23 – POTLUCK – Stewart & Gajewski

03/02 – Hyatt

03/09 – Still Needed

Lock Up

02/23 – Mercedes Michetti

03/02 – Barli Ross

03/09 – Thomas Sproch

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 Matushka Martha (Mother who reposed 2/20/09) by the Totin Family

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.

BARBARA Deavers (sister of Michelle Gajewski) is having major surgery this week.

shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was Liturgy Variables 1 The Last Judgment February 23, 2025 a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Arabic Liturgy Books are located on the shelf above Usher's table in the narthex. Please return after the liturgy.

The Triodion Sundays

Sunday of Judgement (Meatfare Sunday) (Matthew 25:31-46)

On this Sunday, we read the Gospel of Judgment, just as Jesus Christ describes His Second Coming in the Gospel of Matthew. He compares the humans whom He created to cattle, because the image of the shepherd is common about God in the Old Testament, and it is also a common image of priests (see the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel 34:11).

In the New Testament, Christ likens himself to the Shepherd, knowing that it is also the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. Since He suffered for our sake, only His love can judge the ingratitude of the world.

This gospel on Meatfare Sunday is meant to make us realize the importance of true love towards others because our neighbor is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself; it is as we are standing before Him.

One is his own judge; all his actions are revealed plainly before God's righteous judgment.

St Jerome (4th century) says: Remember Christ each time you stretch your hand to give... The true temple of Christ is the believer's soul; adorn this, clothe it, offer gifts to it, welcome Christ in it. What use are walls blazing with jewels when Christ in His poor Matthew 25:40 is in danger of perishing from hunger?

St Cyprian of Carthage highlights the importance of adhering to Christ with all our life, says: "But it may be, dearest brethren, that Christ himself is the kingdom of God, for whose coming we daily ask. For since He is our resurrection since in him we rise again, so also the kingdom of God may be understood to be himself since it is in him that we shall reign".

LISA Stewart health concerns.

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, Matthew Valenti, and SHANE Winters.

How to Prepare to Receive Holy Communion

“For Orthodox Christians who have prepared...”

- 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>

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. Items will be removed soon, so let us know if you are interested.



**A-MEN: Antiochian Men's Ministry
Today @ 12pm**

The Antiochian Men's Ministry is being reignited with our first gathering on Sunday, February 23rd after the divine liturgy. Led by Dr. Nick Senuta and Petros Papas, we will have a time of getting to know one another to relaunch this important ministry for our adult men. Join us this Sunday!

On this Sunday **we stop eating meat** to enter little by little the peaceful condition of the kingdom of God like the first humans before the Fall.

Kontakion for Meatfare Sunday (First Mode)

When Thou comest, O God, upon the earth with glory, the whole world will tremble. The river of fire will bring men before Thy judgment seat, the books will be opened and the secrets disclosed. Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand on Thy right hand, Judge most righteous.

February Memorials February 23, 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.

ADELE Abraham, AFIFA Kanjo, DIANE McCarthy, CHARLES Drylie, SAMUEL Koury, THOMAS Andrews, FRANK Kulik, ALEXANDER Romanus, WILLIAM Smolcic, GEORGE Zakhary, GEORGI ANNE Tony, LEON Mowry, TEKLA Hlywa, DAVID Koury, HELEN Porembka, GEORGE Saloom, JEANNE Anton, ROSE Anton, MARKO Matovich, IAN Sellers, EMELENE Hanna, SUKAR Mansour, SIMON PETER Smolcic, SAM ALBERT, GEORGE FARRAH, JAMES CAROSELLA, LILLIAN CHERAN, HENRY JOSEPH, JOSEPHINE SLYMAN MORSE, LOUISE SMOLCIC

Letter from the V. Rev. Fr. John Nosal

Dear friends at St. Michael's,

I feel as though I could be the focus of one of those "Whatever Happened to...?" segments available on the available media formats. "Whatever happened to Fr. John Nosal?"



Well, he's still alive and age-appropriately well for an old man (not to be confused with old, old men). July of 2023 (when I retired and joined Kh. Juliana and Papa Gammill in South Carolina) seems like yesterday. At the same time, being a man of short memory, it seems like I've always lived here. Of course, neither of those experienced perspectives satisfactorily explain how I've not been in contact with most of you who I lived with for almost half of my life up there in Western PA. In any case, I am sorry for my thoughtless and unkind non-contact. Please, forgive me (especially those of you who have tried to get ahold of me). I'll try to do better moving forward.

But whether I do better or not, God bless all of you at St. Michael's with prosperity, peace, health, salvation, visitation and many years!

In Christ,
Fr. John Nosal

AW Women's Safety Class
Saturday, March 29th
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

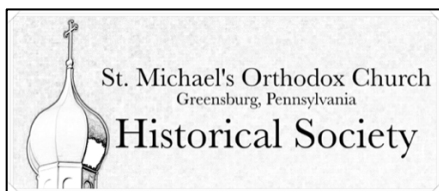
Warrior Women is a personal violence prevention class that teaches women & girls (age 14 & up) techniques to limit potentially dangerous situations.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall by March 23rd & see additional info. Class is Saturday, March 29 at St. Michael's. Cost is \$10/person. Contact Michelle G. for questions.

Soup's On!

Please sign up to provide Lenten (vegan) soup or bread on Wednesday evenings after Presanctified Liturgy during Great Lent. Each week we need 2 people to make soup (8 quarts each), and 2 people to bring bread (2 loaves each). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Contact Valerie Flizanes with questions.

Thank You to all who helped make this year's Valentine's Dance a great success. The Wayne Macuga Band, our special guest singer, Lucas Hyatt, all who helped set up and decorate, Raymounda, Fotini, Paulette, all the ladies who donated for the baskets, and all who attended. May all grow in love for God and each other.



Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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.

Update: Scam Text Messages Notice

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Michael's Orthodox Church,

I wanted to update you on what we discovered regarding the scam text and emails that were received by many of you on February 19, 2025. We discovered what happened, which was an **initial scam** that enabled the scammer to gain access to a 2023 copy of the Church Directory. This was deceptive in nature by the scammer who misrepresented themselves as a parishioner. I want to be clear...**our new database was NOT hacked...** neither were our office computers. You can continue to trust our Realm database system which has professional cybersecurity protocols managed by the parent company ACS Technologies. Again, our database was not hacked, neither were our office computers.

The information that was gained from the directory was the same kind of information that anyone can look up for free on the Internet (name, address, telephone, email, date of birth). **What is unique is that the scammer had a list of names of people who might trust me (Fr David) when asked for financial help.** The person was hoping that someone would think it was me asking them to buy Apple gift cards that I could use to help another parishioner. This was a scam! As I have expressed before, **I will never ask a parishioner for financial help via text message or email. Never.** So, if you ever get a message like this in the future you can be confident that it is not from me (Fr David) and should not be responded to. If this happens, please contact me right away to verify before doing anything.

An **Incident Report was filed with the South Greensburg Police** regarding the scam to gain access to an old directory, and the scam texts / emails misrepresenting themselves as Fr. David. While many of our parishioners were disturbed by these texts/emails, which we regret, we are not aware at this time of anyone who sent the scammers any money. The Parish Council was briefed on this at our meeting last night.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience and concern caused by this incident. May God grant us peace of mind and loving embrace of one another as we enter the upcoming Great Fast.

In Christ,

Fr. David Hyatt (the real one)



Bookstore Update

Newly published **Arabic Bibles with References** and the book titled, **A Life Testimony** (Metropolitan SABA's autobiography), in both English and Arabic, are available in the bookstore. New icons, books, and resources are added frequently. Stop by frequently to see what is available!

Note: As referenced in the AWE February 6, 2025, email, Met. SABA will be discussing his book via the AWE's March 16, 2025, zoom meeting. Grab your copy now to get ready to join the conversation.