



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, March 30, 2025

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This Week

Sunday, March 30th

Sunday of St. John Climacus

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 PM – March Memorial Prayers

12:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Monday, March 31st

6:00 PM – Great Compline

Tuesday, April 1st

6:00 PM – Full Canon of St. Andrew & the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Wednesday, April 2nd

5:00 PM – Viewing & Trisagion Prayers for Mat. Sophie Daniels at St. Michael's

Thursday, April 3rd

Funeral for Mat. Sophie Daniels at the Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City

11:00 AM – Viewing

12:00 PM – Funeral, Interment & Repast

5:20 PM – Ninth Hour & Typica

6:00 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy (Lenten Soup Supper Follows)

Friday, April 4th

6:00 PM – Akathist & Little Compline

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Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of "The Ladder"

New Hieromartyr Zachariah, metropolitan of Corinth;

Sophronios, bishop of Irkutsk

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

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 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

English & Arabic Lord's Prayer

Saturday, April 5th

5th Saturday: The Akathist Hymn

8:50 AM – First Hour Prayers

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 6th

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women Mtg.

Live-Streaming Services

Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Ellwood City, PA

Holy Cross Monastery

Wayne, WV

St. Tikhon's Monastery

Waymart, PA

Serving Schedule

Altar Boys – All

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

03/30 – POTLUCK, Everyone Cleans!

Lock Up

03/30 – Raymounda Chaho

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

Prayers of Oblation

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

...in memory of Maria, Yakov, Sergei, Tatiana, Vasiley, Serafima, Ivan, Ludmila, Vadim, Evgeney, Oleg, Herb, Reba, Haze

...for the health of Tamara, Elena, Tatiana, Ryan, Aleksander, Sofia, Chad, Yekaterina, Aleksey, Daniil, Larissa, Tom

Intercessory Prayer List

(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

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

Pray for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, MAT. SOPHIE Daniels, who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, March 29th.

EPISTLE – Hebrews 6:13-20

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into "that which is within the veil," where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest "forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL – Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

The Sunday of St. John Climacus

On the first two Sundays of Great Lent, the Church stresses the importance of the right faith and sound doctrine. On the last two Sundays, it highlights the beauty of virtues through two great saints: Saint John Climacus, the teacher of monastics, and Saint Mary of Egypt, the exemplary hermits, and model of repentance.

In the Sunday of St. John Climacus, the Church calls our attention to the importance of spiritual life and spiritual labor.

This Sunday bears the name of a holy father from the 7th century A.D., who lived in Sinai and was an example of monastic life and a teacher of

BONNIE Koury recovering from a fractured hip at Transitions Healthcare North Huntingdon.

ALVIN Rhoades (Shane Winters' Grandfather) who is having a lot of heart problems.

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.

Food for Hungry People

During Great Lent, part of our fasting includes almsgiving. You may have received the Food For Hungry People (FFHP) mailer in your mailbox this week. Please take note of the request to direct your donation through our parish, St. Michael's.

To contribute, please write your check to St. Michael's and include a note referring to "Food For Hungry People" or FFHP. You can enclose your check in the FFHP envelope. It would also be helpful to write your envelope number on the FFHP envelope.

Thank you for your assistance. This will help our parish receive credit for our contribution to this worthy cause. May it be blessed!

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.

Confession During Great Lent

During Great Lent is an appropriate time for all Orthodox Christians to come to Holy Confession. **Contact Fr. David to schedule an appointment for confession.**

virtue. He wrote the book "The Ladder of Divine Ascent" after being urged by one of the abbots.

Saint John wrote, "The Ladder," after a famous ascetic struggle that lasted for about forty years. His book is still one of the most important spiritual and monastic writings that have inspired holy and faithful fathers throughout the centuries.

<https://www.antiochpatriarchate.org/en/page/the-triotion-period/973/>

March Memorials

March 30, 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.

Newly Departed Servant of God, Matushka SOPHIA Daniels, JOSEPH Smolcic, E. MICHAEL George, DONALD Chedrick, DIANA Roberts, JOHN Albert, JACQUELINE Topinka, ELIAS Slyman, SERGIUS Daniels, MARY Denezza, VIRGINIA Mansour, NATALIE Summers, BASSAM Kharma, MARY Mansour, ANDREW Bober, SOURAYA El Boushy, ISAAC Nicholas, EDWARD Sam, DAVID Dayoob



Antiochian Women's Month March 2025

In the Antiochian Archdiocese, **March is Women's Month**. Please read the attached letter from His Eminence Metropolitan SABA at the end of the bulletin. We are grateful to God for all the service our women contribute to the life of St. Michael's.

As part of this special month, the following are the schedules for service:

Epistle Readers

March 30 – Joyce Eger

Holy Bread (distribute)

March 30 – Donna Curry / Peterina Gunther

Offering Collection

March 30 – Nancy Mauer / Paulette Sproch / Sara Armanious

Communion Ushers

March 30 – Michele Murray / Paulette Weiss

Memorial Wheat (Koliva) Ushers

March 30 – Christine M, Pattie Senerius, Laura Simmons



Are you searching for the perfect gift for your child, grandchild, or godchild? Consider starting your shopping at the **St. Michael's Bookstore!** We have received a selection of new children's books in the past couple of months, and hopefully, you'll find exactly what you need. If you don't, please leave a note in the suggestion box. It's helpful if you include your name and contact number in case we have questions about your request. Thanks for your support!

Spinach Pie Sale

Spinach Pies are for sale, **6 for \$15.00**. Proceeds go to the AW project for Widowed Clergy Wives. Thank you to all who helped!

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>



Krista Fedorchak
The Orthodox Dietitian

Hello and Christ is Risen!

I'm Krista, an Orthodox Christian, a wife, and Registered Dietitian - most days, in that order! If you are looking for faith-based insights into caring for your body and soul alike, I hope you can find this corner of the internet helpful.

www.kristafedorchak.com

Inquirer's Class
Today after Liturgy
Multi-Purpose Room

All are invited to join us for a topical presentation on the Orthodox Church. A short video is viewed followed by the opportunity for questions.

Outdoor Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 12th – 10:30am – 3pm

Join us for the next outdoor Spring cleanup day as we prepare the outdoor property of the church for Spring and the coming Feast of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and PASCHA.



Please direct your questions to Barli Ross (410-924-6284).



Orthodox Christians for Life
National Orthodox Baby Shower

Thank you for your donations!

Together, we donated an SUV full of baby and child supplies for families in need in our community.

Upcoming Events

Mark calendar today for the following services and events during the upcoming **Palm Sunday – Holy Week – PASCHA – Bright Week**.

April 13th – Palm Sunday

8:45 AM – Orthros / 10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Procession at the end of the Liturgy

Fish Dinner to Follow

Special Collection for the Patriarchate of Antioch

April 13th-19th – Holy Week

Sunday, 13th – 6:00 PM – Bridegroom Orthros

Monday, 14th – 9:00 AM – Presanctified Liturgy

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Tuesday, 15th – 9:00 AM – Presanctified Liturgy

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Wednesday, 16th – 9:00 AM – Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, 16th – 6:00 PM – Holy Unction

Thursday, 17th – 8:00 AM – Orthros for Holy Thursday

Thursday, 17th – 9:00 AM – Vespersal Divine Liturgy of Institution

Thursday, 17th – 11:00 AM – Footwashing Service

Thursday, 17th – 6:00 PM – Orthros with the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, 18th – 9:00 AM – Royal Hours with Typica

Friday, 18th – 3:00 PM – Vespers of Un-nailing

Friday, 18th – 6:00 PM – Lamentations Service

Saturday, 19th – 9:00 AM – Vespersal Divine Liturgy of Pascha
w/ Reception of Converts

April 19/20 – PASCHA

Saturday, 19th – 10:00 PM – Paschal Services

Midnight Office, Rush Service, Matins & Paschal Liturgy

Pascha Feast to Follow – Bring your Baskets / Food to Share

Sunday, 20th – 2:00 PM – Agape Vespers / Easter Egg Hunt to Follow

April 21st – Bright Monday

9:00 AM – Festal Orthros / 10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30AM – Church Clean Up – Followed by a Cook-out

(Sign-up Sheet will be available on the bulletin board by the kitchen)

2:00 PM – Grave Blessings at Area Cemeteries

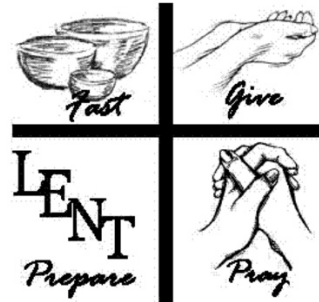
GREAT LENT

FASTING GUIDELINES ACCORDING TO THE HOLY CANONS

From sundown on Cheesefare Sunday to Pascha:

Abstinence of:

Meat and meat products
Dairy products and eggs
Fish with backbones
Olive Oil
Wine (all alcoholic beverages)



No abstinence of:

Shellfish
Fruit
Vegetables and vegetable products (includes grains: rice, wheat, flour, non-egg pasta, breads; tofu/bean curd; nuts)

No food should be eaten between meals. At meal time, smaller portions should be eaten.

Feast-Day Exceptions:

Annunciation (March 25) & Palm Sunday: Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted.

Exceptions on weekends:

On Saturdays* and Sundays, Olive Oil and Wine are permitted.
The quantity and number of times food may be consumed is not restricted.

**No exception on Great Saturday on which a strict fast is kept.*

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT FASTING IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

Fasting, to whatever extent, should be undertaken after consultation and with a blessing from your spiritual Father.

It can be good to reduce or eliminate TV, Facebook, and all other unnecessary media.

FASTING PRIOR TO COMMUNION (THROUGHOUT THE YEAR):

Complete fast from bedtime or midnight from all food and drink. For an evening Liturgy, a complete fast from all food and drink after lunch. Any breakfast and lunch meal should include fasting foods only.