



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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This Week

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

Monday, April 7th

6:00 PM – Great Compline

Tuesday, April 8th

10:00 AM – Nutroll Making

Wednesday, April 9th

5:30 PM – Ninth Hour & Typica

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy
(Lenten Soup Supper to Follow)

Thursday, April 10th

5:30 PM – Overview Board Mtg

Friday, April 11th

6:00 PM – Little Compline & Canon of Lazarus

Saturday, April 12th

Lazarus Saturday

8:00 AM – Orthros

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM – Outdoor Spring Cleanup

3:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Lita &

Artoklasia for Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent Commemoration of our Righteous Mother

Mary of Egypt; Eutychios, patriarch of Constantinople;

Venerable Platonida of Nisibis in Syria

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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.

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

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

NO Church School

Palm Sunday Procession

Fish Dinner following Procession

6:00 PM – Bridegroom Orthros

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

04/06 – Still Needed

04/13 – Palm Sunday, Everyone cleans!

04/20 – PASCHA, Everyone cleans!

04/27 – Still Needed

Lock Up

04/06 – Gust Flizanes

04/13 – Valerie Flizanes

04/20 – Carolyn Hill

04/27 – 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.



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).

Thank you to all the Women of St. Michael's who served during the month of March – Antiochian Women's Month!

EPISTLE – Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

THE GOSPEL – Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Before entering Holy Week, the Church presents to our hearts the image of this repentant figure, biographed by Saint Sophrony of Jerusalem in hope that we return to Jesus before Pascha, to be able to grasp the light of His face on the Cross. The Church would like to say that the life of this saint, helps us realize how we can wash away our sins with tears, otherwise, our good deeds and fasting will remain a fake appearance.

Mary lived as a prostitute since her adolescence in Alexandria in the 4th century. But as she crossed the threshold of the church in Jerusalem, God prevented her, so she stood aghast and burst into tears. She did not know at the time that these tears were a new baptism, a new resurrection, and a new life. She took off the garment of sin, and headed to the desert, to live as an ascetic for forty-seven years. The result of this long ascetic life was becoming an angelic being. At the end of her life, she partook of Holy Communion by the hand of priest Zosimas and reposed in peace. Thus she became a living book for generations to learn faith, patience, spiritual struggle and repentance.

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

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.***

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.

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

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.

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.**

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>



Update from the St. Michael's Bookstore

Matuska Sophie was the “St. Michael’s Bookstore number one customer in 2024”. She always needed to buy something for someone special. We were all special in Sophie’s eyes. She exuded Christ’s  love. Honor her by buying something for someone special.

Here are a few choices:

- Psanky Egg Kits for adults and kids
- The Miracle of the Red Egg

Books:

- The Great Lent
- Ascetics in the World Vol. I & II. (One of Sophie’s favorites)
- The Orthodox Church
- The Orthodox Way
- Welcome to the Orthodox Church
- Wounded by Love (Fr. David’s personal favorite)
- How to Read the Holy Father’s
- Know the Faith
- Arise O God
- At the Corner of East and Now
- Blessed is the Kingdom (reflections of the Divine Liturg)

Lots of New Children’s Books:

- Basil’s Dream,
- North Star
- A Child’s Bible
- Beautiful Pascha coloring book
- (Lots of activity and coloring books)
- Every Time I Do My Cross

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped to make the Viewing of Matushka Sophia Daniels on Wednesday evening a beautiful send off and support for the Daniels family. Many hosted, served, cook, cleaned, and more... May Mat. Sophie’s memory be eternal.

Bright Monday Sign Up

With His Grace Bp. THOMAS

April 21, 2025

Please make plans to join us on Bright Monday (Monday after PASCHA) for Orthros and Liturgy, followed by an hour of clean up around the church property. Then we will enjoy a cookout! There is a **PINK Sign Up Sheet** on the bulletin board by the kitchen – please let us know how many from your family will be coming, and what you would like to bring to share.

Bright Monday Grave Blessings

Monday afternoon, following our cookout, Fr. David will be visiting area cemeteries to bless the graves. **Please email Fr. David** if you would like your family members’ graves blessed with the *name of the cemetery* and *name of your departed loved one*. He will put together a schedule/order based on the responses.

**Lazarus Saturday – Church Decorating
Saturday, April 12, 2025**

After divine liturgy on Saturday, April 12th, **Help is Needed** for decorating the church for Palm Sunday and making the palm crosses. We will need many hands for these two projects!

**Palm Sunday Celebration & Special Collection
Next Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Join us as we celebrate our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on his way to the cross, grave, third day resurrection, and ascension! Following the Palm Sunday procession (outside), we will enjoy a Fish Dinner together. A **special collection** will be taken to support our beloved **Patriarch JOHN X**.

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 – Vespers 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 – Vespers 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

With His Grace Bp. THOMAS

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

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

(PINK Sign-up Sheet is available on the bulletin board by the kitchen)

2:00 PM – Grave Blessings at Area Cemeteries (Email Fr David to Schedule)

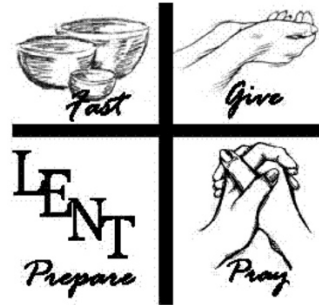
GREAT LENT

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.