



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, January 7, 2024

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This Week

Sunday, January 7th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women's Meeting

6:00 PM – AV Summer Camp

Registration Opens

Jr. Altar Boys

01/07 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship Hosts

01/07 – Gazal Family, Nancy and Don

Yoder, and Sara Armanious

Lock Up

01/07 – Christine Mansour

Wednesday, January 10th

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Saturday, January 13th

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, January 14th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Jr. Altar Boys

01/14 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship Hosts

01/14 – Still Needed

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 7, 2024

Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John New-martyr

Athanasios of Attalia; Venerable Brannock of Braunton

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 THEOPHANY IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE TWO

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

EPISTLE – Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

THE GOSPEL – John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit

Lock Up

01/14 – Raymounda Chaho

**2024 Church Calendars are available
for pick up at church!**

We will not be mailing them out this year.

2024 Giving Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 Giving Envelopes at church. **Thank you** for your continued support of the ministry of St. Michael's Church!

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA



ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE
CAMP

**Summer Camp
Registrations**

**Opens TODAY
@ 6pm**

Summer camp fills up quickly, so be sure to register your camper on January 7th for their desired session. Information will be coming soon regarding need-based scholarships through St. Michael's. Registration link: <https://avcamp.org/programs/summer-camp/>

St. Michael's is not able to offer full scholarships for all campers this year due to the growing number of families in our parish. However, **need-based scholarships are available**. Please talk with Fr. David if interested.

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

01/21 – Breccan Daniels

01/28 – Andrew Hahey

Fellowship Hosts

01/21 – Still Needed

01/28 – Still Needed

Lock Up

01/21 – TBD

01/28 – TBD

descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

**New Plan for Fellowship Hour
on Sundays**



Beginning in January 2024, we will be implementing a new plan for scheduling hosts for Fellowship Hour on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Due to the high price of food and the growing size of our parish, we are asking that **three (3) families** sign up to host each Sunday. We are asking that you **sign-up** for one of the weeks on the calendar – three months will be at a time. If three families do not sign up for a given week, we will only serve coffee. Additionally, the **last Sunday of every month** will be a **Potluck** – so bring what you are able to share! Questions? Talk with Raymounda Chaho, Fellowship Hour Coordinator, at laziza2002@hotmail.com or 412-558-5877.

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of DIANA Roberts and IRENE Papas by Dina Papas
...in memory of JOSEPH Abraham (father) by the Badal Family, Abraham Family, Wallen Family, Rollin Family, Barton Family, and Jamilie Family
...in memory of ADEL Armanious by George & Louann Shaheen

Intercessory Prayer List
(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. **Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed.** Please contact the church office to add a name for prayer. (admin@stmichaels.comcastbiz.net)

PAULETTE Weiss (*Ongoing Cancer Treatment*)

TOM & MARY Andrews

BERNARD Danilchak (*Recent Hospitalization*)

RICH & HARRIET Mirilovich

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels

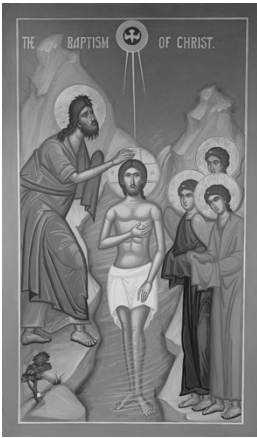
NEW Online Church Calendar

We are transitioning to a Google Calendar for our online Church calendar. All updates to the Church calendar will automatically be made on your calendar. Simply click on the + symbol at the bottom of the [Google Church calendar on our website](#) and it will guide through the process. If you have questions, please talk with Fr. David who will help you.

Sign Up for Theophany House Blessings
January & February

Sign-up sheets are now available. Preparation instructions are attached to the bulletin. If you have questions, contact Fr. David at frdavidhyatt@gmail.com or call / text 218-576-8324.

THE TRADITION OF THE Theophany House Blessing



During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the "Jordan Water" for the traditional Theophany House Blessing.

All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing. In anticipation of the arrival of the Priest to the house, the lampada, hand-censer and incense in the family's icon corner should be prepared. If there is no icon corner, a small table should be placed on the eastern wall of the main room of the dwelling; the table, covered with a white cloth, should be set with one or more icons standing upright, a candle in a candle stand, a hand-censer and incense. A small bowl along with several sprigs of basil or evergreen bound together with a ribbon should also be placed in the icon corner (or on the table), along with a clearly printed list of the Baptismal names of the members of the household. Upon the arrival of the Priest, he is to be greeted by all of the family members, each of whom asks the Priest's blessing and reverences his right hand. Then a family member lights the lampada (or candle) and hand-censer and turns off all televisions, radios, etc. in the home. Lights should be turned on in all the rooms of the house that are to be blessed. Then the entire family gathers with the Priest before the icon corner (or table) to begin the Theophany House Blessing.

Sign Up Sheets are Available in the Church Office Window

Please sign up for **one time slot** for your family. Do NOT write in additional times. If you are not able to have your home blessed during one of these times, please talk with Fr. David to work out another available appointment. Thank you!

Why the Holy Spirit Descended as a Dove Upon Christ

By St. Cyril of Jerusalem
(Catechetical Lecture 17.9-10)

This Holy Spirit came down when the Lord was baptized, that the dignity of Him who was baptized might not be hidden; as John says, "But He which sent me to baptize with water, the same said to me, Upon whomsoever you shall see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, the same is He which baptizes with the Holy Spirit" (John. 1:33). But see what says the Gospel: "the heavens were opened;" they were opened because of the dignity of Him who descended; for, "lo," he says, "the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and lighting upon Him" (Matthew 3:16); that is, with voluntary motion in His descent. For it was fit, as some have interpreted, that the primacy and first-fruits of the Holy Spirit promised to the baptized should be conferred upon the manhood of the Savior, who is the giver of such grace. But perhaps He came down in the form of a dove, as some say, to exhibit a figure of that dove who is pure and innocent and undefiled, and also helps the prayers for the children she has begotten, and for forgiveness of sins; even as it was emblematically foretold that Christ should be thus manifested in the appearance of His eyes; for in the Canticles she cries concerning the Bridegroom, and says, "Your eyes are as doves by the rivers of water" (Song of Songs 5:12).

Of this dove, the dove of Noah, according to some, was in part a figure. For as in his time by means of wood and of water there came salvation to themselves, and the beginning of a new generation, and the dove returned to him towards evening with an olive branch; thus, say they, the Holy Spirit also descended upon the true Noah, the Author of the second birth, who draws together into one the wills of all nations, of whom the various dispositions of the animals in the ark were a figure. Him at whose coming the spiritual wolves feed with the lambs, in whose Church the calf, and the lion, and the ox, feed in the same pasture, as we behold to this day the rulers of the world guided and taught by Churchmen. The spiritual dove therefore, as some interpret, came down at the season of His baptism, that He might show that it is He who by the wood of the Cross saves them who believe, He who at eventide should grant salvation through His death.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9am - Divine Liturgy w/		6pm - Vespers		9am - Royal Hours & 6pm - Vespers Divine	8:30am - Festal Orthros 9:30am - Great Blessing 10am - Divine Liturgy 12pm - Outdoor Blessing 6pm - Great Vespers
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11:30am - Church School 12pm - Antiochian			6pm - Vespers			6pm - Great Vespers
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11:30am - Church School 12pm - Inquirer's Class		6pm - Parish Council Mtg	9am - Divine Liturgy 6pm - Vespers			6pm - Great Vespers
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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