



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, February 25, 2024

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This Week

Sunday, February 25th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – February Memorials

12:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Jr. Altar Boys

02/25 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship Hosts

02/25 – POTLUCK

Lock Up

02/25 – Elias Memari

Wednesday, February 28th

6:00 PM – Vespers (Confession Follows)

Thursday, February 29th

Feast of St. John Cassian

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Bp. THOMAS will be with us, as well as several Antiochian priests. Our own Thomas Sproch will be tonsured as a Reader of the Orthodox Church.

Saturday, March 2nd

9:00 AM – Prayer for Life

10:00 AM – Orthodox Christians for Life Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers
(Confession Follows)

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Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 25, 2024

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople;

Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

EPISTLE — 2 Timothy 3:10-15

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 18:10-14

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Tonsuring of a new Reader

This **Thursday, February 29th**, **Thomas Sproch** will be tonsured as a Reader of the Orthodox Church. Tom has been a faithful servant at St. Michael's in reading the epistle in our services, helping with chanting, and singing in the choir. Based on the recommendation of Fr. David, His Grace Bp. THOMAS will tonsure Tom, setting him apart as blessed by the bishop to read the Holy Scriptures in the divine services. Join us on Thursday for this important event in the life of our parish.

Sunday, March 3rd

Confession Sunday

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School Confessions

Jr. Altar Boys

03/03 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship Hosts

03/03 – Fotini Abatzis, Valerie Flizanes,
Connie Volchko

Lock Up

03/03 – Barli Ross

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

3/10 – Andrew Hahey

3/17 – Breccan Daniels

3/24 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship Hosts

3/10 – Michelle Gajewski, Donna
Curry, Janet Mochak

3/17 – Forgiveness Sunday
(No Fellowship Hour)

3/24 – Kh. BethAnn Hyatt, Carolyn Hill,
Christine Mansour

Lock Up

3/10 – Lisa Stewart

3/17 – Thomas Sproch

3/24 – Donald Yoder

Catechumens at St. Michael's

Please keep in your prayers our catechumens who are preparing to be received as members of the Orthodox Church.

1. Bob Gunther
2. Dave Bartholomew
3. Stacey Bartholomew
4. Ryan Bartholomew
5. Victoria Gray
6. Mat Hahey
7. Pamela Johnson
8. Garrett Kalinowski
9. Nicholas Lehman
10. Brandon Miele
11. Debbie Paulus
12. Riley Polomoscanik
13. Brooke Williams

The Triodion Sundays

February 25, 2024

The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)

On this Sunday, the gospel reading is the parable given by the Lord about the virtues of repentance and humility. It shows how much these virtues are dear to God, even more than the apparent sacrifices and worship with a spirit of pride and arrogance. Consequently, the Church warns that the cornerstone of Great Lent is the humility with a spirit of repentance.

Setting the Gospel of the Publican and Pharisee on the first Sunday is mostly to emphasize humility. When St. Macarius was asked, "What is the greatest virtue?" He replied, "Just as arrogance brought down an angel from the highest and caused the first humans to fall, so does humility raise the person endowed with it from the lowest pit."

Saint Isaac the Syrian says on humility: "The one who sighs every day because of his sins is greater than one who raises the dead. It is better to deserve beholding one's sins than beholding angels".

Anyone who views himself as being sinless falls in delusion and pride (1John 8:1). We are in constant need to cry unto God with the Publican "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" (Luke 18:13). No matter how many virtues we acquire, let us always remember that we are sinners and ask God for mercy and forgiveness.

Source: [Antiochian Patriarchate Website](#)

Preparing for Great Lent

As we begin the Triodion (3 weeks leading up to the start of Great Lent) we need to begin preparing ourselves, our homes, our calendars, and our kitchens so that we can fully engage in this spiritual season of repentance – mankind's return to God, our loving Father. Our goal is to meet the risen Lord Jesus, who reunites us with God the Father. The Father is always waiting to greet us with outstretched hands. We must ask ourselves the question, "Are we willing to turn to Him?" During Great Lent, the Church teaches us how to receive Him by using the two great means of repentance – prayer and fasting. <http://ww1.antiochian.org/fasting-great-lent>

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Adel Armanious by Val and Randy Cook
...in memory of Matushka Martha Totin by the Totin Family
...in memory of Diana Roberts, Irene Papas by Dina Papas
...in memory of Helen Ciavarra by Bill & Joyce Eger
...in memory of Joseph Abraham by the Badals, Wallens, Rollins,
Abraham & Barton Families
...in memory of Thomas Andrews by the Migias Family

Intercessory Prayer List

(Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. **Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks.** Please contact Fr. David to add a name for prayer.

PAULETTE Weiss (*Ongoing Cancer Treatment*)

RICH & HARRIET Mirilovich (*Health Concerns*)

MATUSHKA SOPHIE Daniels (*Recovering from illness*)

MARJORIE Keno (*Multiple Sclerosis and needs a surgical procedure*)

Michaelene McWhinney's daughter

FRANK Kocovar (*Recovering from a quintuple bypass*)

Cousin of Michelle Gajewski



Please Return Your Information Form for our new church database

Thank you to all who already turned in their completed Family Information Form to help us have accurate information for our new database for parish use. If you have not yet, filled one out and turned it in, please do so as soon as possible – to either Fr. David Hyatt (frdavidhyatt@gmail.com) or Sara Armanious (marmani515@yahoo.com). Thank you for helping us to have correct information for your family!

Gift Card – Fundraiser

Next Gift Card Order Date is *Sunday, February 25th*. Please bring your check book and order all of your gift cards from St. Michael’s. There are 500+ gift cards to purchase with different amounts (www.raiseright.com).

The gift cards are NOT at the church, only what is purchased on Sunday, February 25th will be delivered. Please support your church and order all of your gifts card needs through us. *See Fotini if you have questions.*



Sarris Candy Easter Fundraiser has begun! Online only ordering directly from sarriscandiesfundraising.com. Please use the St. Michael’s Group ID number 10-2891 for all orders placed online. There is a \$5 fee per address for online orders. The deadline for online orders is *Friday, March 22, 2024*.

**Sign Up for Theophany House Blessings
Two Weeks Left!**

Sign-up sheets are located on the shelf beneath the church office window. If you have questions, contact Fr. David at frdavidhyatt@gmail.com or call / text 218-576-8324.

What to have prepared when Fr. David arrives to bless your home:

- Table space cleared & cleaned
- At least one icon (Christ, Virgin Mary, Patron Saint, etc.)
- Candle to be lit during prayers
- Small bowl (cereal bowl sized)
- List of family members who live in your home
- If desired, but not required: censer, charcoal and incense

After the blessing of your home, Fr. David would like to visit with you for a few minutes to encourage you in your life of faith. A meal and refreshments are not necessary, but a nice cup of coffee or tea would be appreciated. May God grant us all a spiritually fruitful year to come!

LONG TERM CALENDAR

(Upcoming Dates to Remember)

Thursday, March 7th

10:00 AM – Nut Roll Baking

Saturday, March 9th

Saturday of Souls

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 10th

40 Day Memorial for Thomas Andrews

Sunday, March 17th

Forgiveness Sunday

Forgiveness Vespers will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 18th

Great Lent Begins

6:00 PM – Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew

Tuesday, March 19th

6:00 PM – Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew

Wednesday, March 20th

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Lenten Soul Supper to Follow

Thursday, March 21st

6:00 PM – Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew

Friday, March 22nd

6:00 PM – Akathist & Little Compline

Saturday, March 23rd

First Saturday of Lent: The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by Saint Theodore the Tyro

8:00 AM – Orthros

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

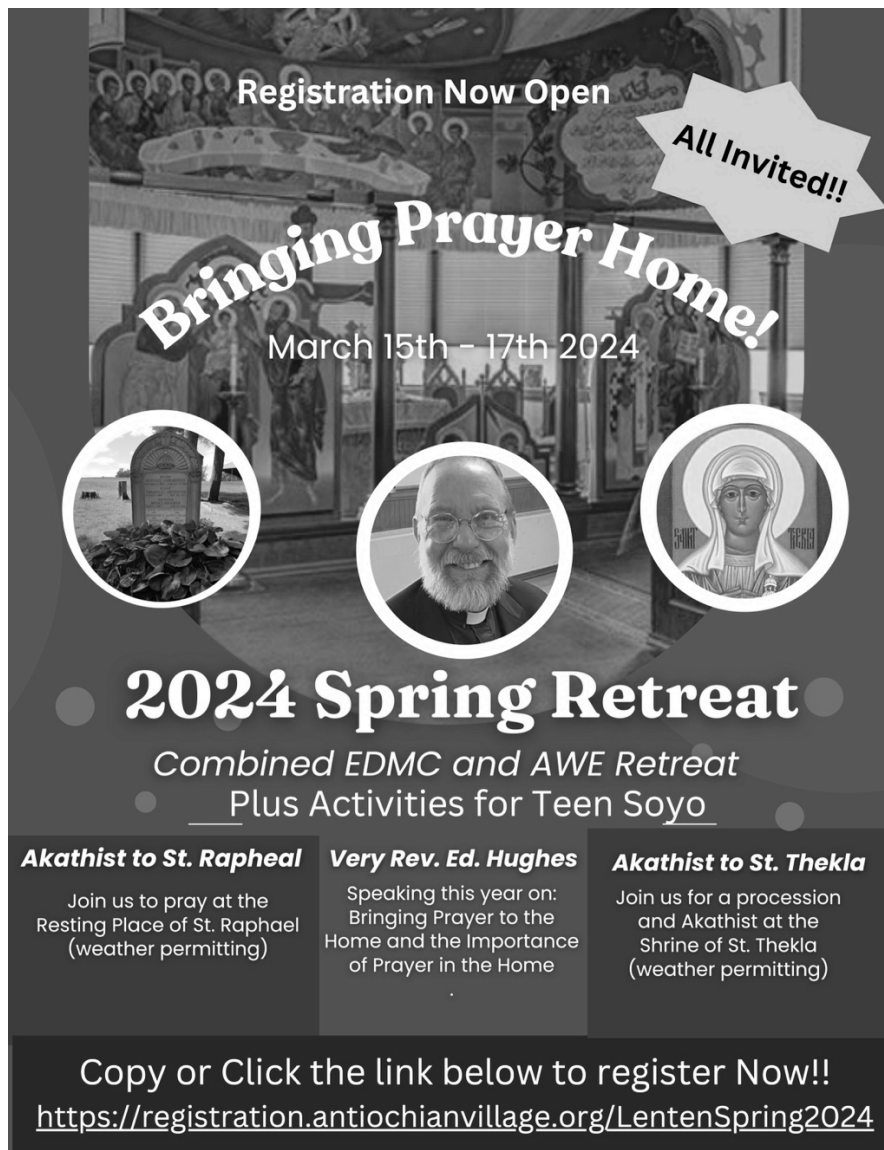
6:00 PM – Great Vespers

February Memorials

ADELE Abraham (2/2/2000),
AFIFA Kanjo (2/2/2010)
DIANE McCarthy (2/2/2014)
CHARLES Drylie (2/3/1996)
SAMUEL Koury (2/3/1953)
THOMAS Andrews (2/3/2024)
FRANK Kulik (2/5/2007)
ALEXANDER Romanus (2/9/2009),
WILLIAM Smolcic (2/9/2007)
GEORGE Zakhary (2/10/2001)
GEORGI ANNE Tony (2/11/2011)
LEON Mowry (2/11/2021)
TEKLA Hlywa (2/13/2003)
DAVID Koury (2/13/1992)
HELEN Porembka (2/13/2022)

GEORGE Saloom (2/14/1982-Albert's father)
JEANNE Anton (2/15/2019)
ROSE Anton (2/16/1998)
MARKO Matovich (2/17/1995)
IAN Sellers (2/17/1995)
EMELENE Hanna (2/18/2008)
SUKAR Mansour (2/19/1946)
SIMON PETER Smolcic (2/21/1998)
SAM Albert (2/22/1972)
GEORGE Farrah (2/24/1991)
JAMES Carosella (2/26/1998)
LILLIAN Cheran (2/26/1991)
HENRY Joseph (2/26/1991)
JOSEPHINE Slyman Morse (2/28/2004)
LOUISE Smolcic (2/29/2004)

Spring Retreat Registration Deadline: March 8, 2024



Registration Now Open

All Invited!!

Bringing Prayer Home!

March 15th - 17th 2024

2024 Spring Retreat

Combined EDMC and AWE Retreat
Plus Activities for Teen Soyo

Akathist to St. Raphael Join us to pray at the Resting Place of St. Raphael (weather permitting)	Very Rev. Ed. Hughes Speaking this year on: Bringing Prayer to the Home and the Importance of Prayer in the Home	Akathist to St. Thekla Join us for a procession and Akathist at the Shrine of St. Thekla (weather permitting)
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Copy or Click the link below to register Now!!
<https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/LentenSpring2024>