



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, March 3, 2024

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This Week

Sunday, March 3rd

Confession Sunday

8:45 AM – Orthros w/ Churching of

Mary & Cassandra Cuff

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Church School Confessions

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women's Mtg

Jr. Altar Boys

03/03 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship Hosts

03/03 – Fotini Abatzis, Valerie Flizanes,

Connie Volchko

Lock Up

03/03 – Barli Ross

Wednesday, March 6th

10:00 AM – Prep for Nut Roll Baking

6:00 PM – Vespers (Confession Follows)

Thursday, March 7th

10:00 AM – Nut Roll Baking

Saturday, March 9th

9:00 AM – Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, March 10th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – 40 Day Memorial for

Thomas Andrews

12:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, March 3, 2024

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea;

Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch

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. Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

EPISTLE — 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to

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

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA



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 3 - Connie Volchko
March 10 - Christine Mansour
March 17 - Mary Gazal
March 24 - Luann Johnson
March 31 - Joyce Eger

Holy Bread (distribute)

March 3 - Rihab Daoud & Hala Khalil
March 10 - Luann Johnson & Patricia Baughman
March 17 - Janet Mochak & Paulette Sproch

be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

The Triodion Sundays

March 3, 2024

Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

On this Sunday, the gospel reading is the parable given by the Lord about the profligate son who wasted his father's wealth, but then repented and returned to him.

This parable is mainly about the endless love of God who awaits our return to Him. We are all children of God by adoption, while true repentance is a kind of resurrection and life.

Most beautiful in this proverb is the expression "he came to himself". Coming to oneself is a turning and correction point. When a person calms down from the inside, they begin to think about their condition and discover that there is no peace, no salvation, nor tranquility except in returning to the embracing paternal home, especially after they realize the bitterness of alienation from God and the sweetness of returning to Him.

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/fastig-great-lent>

Congratulations to Reader Thomas Sproch

On Thursday, February 29th, Tom Sproch was tonsured a Reader of the Orthodox Church by His Grace Bp. THOMAS (Joseph). May God grant Reader Thomas many years of spiritually fruitful ministry!

March 24 - Pattie Senerius & Joyce Eger
March 31 - Connie Capar & Bernadette
McNichol

Offering Collection

March 3 - Christine Mansour, Mayada
Memari, Raymounda Chaho
March 10 - Fotini Abatzis, Nancy Mauer,
Raymounda
March 17 - Michelle Gajewski, Paulette
Sproch, Raymounda
March 24 - Patricia Baughman,
Raymounda, Valerie Flizanes
March 31 - Violet Kharma, Kathy
Bleibtrey, Laura Simmons

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

Upcoming Events for the Antiochian Women at St. Michael's

1) **Nut Roll Sale** on Sunday, March 10th
(NO PRE-ORDERS). We will only sell
rolls after Liturgy that day. Limit of 3
rolls/family. Any leftover rolls will be
sold on March 24th.

2) **Ladies Annual Luncheon** is Sunday,
May 19th at Morelands @Waterworks. It
is the same place as last year. Cost: \$25.
Sign up by April 28th. Only 40
reservations permitted. See Michelle G.
in social hall to make payment by check
or cash.

3) **Pirates Ball Game** - Monday, July
22nd. Ticket cost: \$28. More details
coming later.

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Adel Armanious by Richard and Johnette Seecof
...in memory of Antoin Munnirji by Alan, Amy, and Ruwaidah Munnirji
...in memory of Diana Roberts, Irene Papas by Dina Papas
...in memory of Helen Ciavarra by Robert and Peterina Gunther
...for the health of Lil Sherry by Paulette Sproch
...in memory of Thomas Andrews by Emanuel Andrews

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*)

FRANK Kocevar (*Continued recovery from a quintuple bypass*)

Cousin of Michelle Gajewski

VAUGHN Baughman (*Recovery from back surgery*) husband of Pat Baughman

LONG TERM CALENDAR

(Upcoming Dates to Remember)

Sunday, March 17th

Forgiveness Sunday

Forgiveness Vespers will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy
No Church School

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 Soup 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 (Confession Follows)

Sunday, March 24th

Sunday of Orthodoxy

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Icon procession at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Children bring your icons to participate!

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w/ Lita & Artoklasia
for the Feast of the Annunciation



Please Return Your Information Form for our new church database

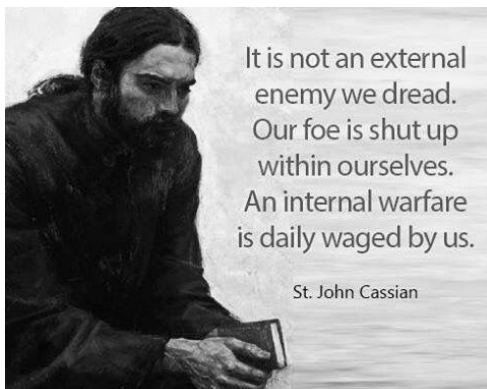
Thank you to all who already turned in their completed Family Information Form to help us have accurate information for our new database for parish use. If you have not yet, filled one out and turned it in, please do so as soon as possible – to either Fr. David Hyatt (frdavidhyatt@gmail.com) or Sara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



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*.

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:43-45)



2024 Combined Spring Retreat and Pilgrimage
Antiochian Village Conference Center
March 15th - 17th

We are excited to welcome our Guest Speaker, *Very Rev. Fr. Edward Hughes* who will discuss *"Bringing Prayer Home"* throughout the weekend, a great topic as we approach the beginning of the Lenten Season.

During the Breakout Session with the Antiochian Women, Fr. Edward will be discussing *St. Xenia as a Model of Prayer*.

Invite the Antiochian Women in your parishes so we can all gather together for a spiritually uplifting weekend filled with worship, fellowship, movie night, Pilgrimage to St. Thekla Shrine, and a whole lot more. Please see attached schedule for more details.

Deadline is fast approaching to register for 2024 Spring Retreat and Pilgrimage at the Antiochian Village March 15th - 17th, 2024! Don't miss out, register early [here](#).

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. Rapheal 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>

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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March 2024

Beloved Antiochian Women throughout our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

March is Women's Month in our archdiocese, and we welcome it as a reminder of the essential role women play in our churches and archdiocese. It is also a time to celebrate the leadership and tireless work of the Antiochian Women, which last year celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. In 1973, our predecessor Metropolitan Philip (of thrice-blessed memory) founded this organization with the vision of uniting women across this land to Christ and to one another through the spirit of service. Today, this vision continues through the Antiochian Women's many activities and projects as "a sisterhood serving Christ through serving others."

This year, your North American Board is focused on the needs of our priests' widows, and I am overjoyed to bless this as your annual project. As we approach Great Lent, with its many services and other responsibilities for our priests, let us not forget how their wives make this ministry possible: the priest is able to conduct services, to teach us, to hear our confessions, and all the rest because his wife manages so many other family needs; moreover, priests' wives themselves bless our parishes as gifted choir directors, teachers, organizers, and counselors and in so many other capacities. Let us show gratitude for all these blessings by remembering these women in their retirement—all the more so, since caring for widows has been laid down as a test of true faith. For the scriptures declare this: "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world" (James 1:27).

Wishing you and your families a blessed Great Lent and a joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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