



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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This Week

Sunday, April 7th

Sunday of the Holy Cross

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

11:30 AM – Adoration of the Holy Cross

NO Church School

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women Mtg

2:00 PM – Baptism of Giuliana Reda

Monday, April 8th

6:00 PM – Great Compline

Wednesday, April 10th

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 PM – Lenten Soup Supper

Friday, April 12th

6:00 PM – Akathist & Little Compline

Saturday, April 13th

9:30 AM – OC Life Blanket Making

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, April 14th

Sunday of St. John Climacus

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

11:30 AM – Church School

12:00 AM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 AM – Inquirer's Class

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 7, 2024

Third Sunday of Great Lent

Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Martyr Kalliopios of Cilicia; repose of Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT

(AND AKATHIST SATURDAY) IN TONE EIGHT

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.

EPISTLE – Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL – Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what

Serving Schedule

Jr. Altar Boys

4/07 – Noor Sahawneh

4/14 – Breccan Daniels

Fellowship Hosts

4/07 – Dan & Connie Capar, Jen & Zach Saxman, Mercedes Michetti

4/14 – Bernadette McNichol, Michele Murray, Mat. Marsha Smolcic

Lock Up

4/07 – Raymounda Chaho

4/14 – Andrew Cuff

Live-Streaming Services

[Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#)

Ellwood City, PA

[Holy Cross Monastery](#)

Wayne, WV

[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#)

Waymart, PA

Ministry Opportunity

Throughout the year, but especially during Great Lent, we are in need of men and women to **volunteer to serve our parish as an USHER**. Gust Flizanes, Head Usher, is willing to train you, so no experience is necessary. Please speak with Gust regarding any questions or to express your interest in serving in this way. You can reach Gust Flizanes at 724-863-4443.



Please sign-up to bring soup and/or bread for the weekly meals after Wednesday

Presanctified Liturgies. Reminder: the soup needs to be Lenten / Vegan (no animal products). *The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen.*

Many Years to Zara Armanious who was baptized on Saturday, April 6th. May God grant Zara, her parents Michael & Sarah Armanious, godparents Tim Armanious & Sherrie Armanious many years of spiritual fruitfulness in the Kingdom of God.

does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Adel Armanious by Marilyn Elias

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

...in memory of Thomas Andrews by David Lieberum

...for the health of Son Michael on his birthday,

4/3, by mom and dad Mirilovich

...for the health of Daughter Kristen on her birthday,

4/12, by mom and dad Mirilovich

...for the health of Son Richard on his birthday,

4/13, by mom and dad Mirilovich

...for the health of Harriet on her birthday, 4/14, by Rich

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 (*Recovering from Cancer Surgery*)

STEPHEN Boyle (*Mental Health Concerns*) Nephew of Joseph Gazal

BENJAMIN Hockin (*Recent Diagnosis of Cancer*) Nephew of Carolyn Hill, also pray for his wife Rebecca and their adult twin sons.



Pick up your Food for Hungry People Collection ALMS Box today!

(Boxes are available outside of the Church Office)

Our Lord Jesus Christ instructs us to make our own the needs of others, especially the needy of the world. Help us to recognize that needy are all around us: men, women, children, the elderly, the sick, the suffering, families and individuals, next door neighbors and those in all corners of the world.

During Great Lent we remember those who need us the most and proclaim we are here to help. Almsgiving goes together with Prayer and Fasting, and the Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach program has become synonymous with Great Lent. For almost five decades we have aided our loved ones, our families, and our friends. We have assisted our parishioners, our parishes, and those in our local communities.

We are here to help those who cannot help themselves. We are here to lend a hand, and we are here to offer ourselves that others might share in our blessings.

Robin Lynn Nicholas – Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach

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

LONG TERM CALENDAR

(Upcoming Dates to Remember)

See the website for the full calendar

Wednesday, April 17th

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

Thursday, April 18th

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy
7:30 PM – Lenten Soup Supper

Saturday, April 20th

8:00 AM – Orthros
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the
Akathist Hymn
4:30 PM – Catechism Class
6:00 PM – Great Vespers
(Confession Follows)

Sunday, April 21st

8:45 AM – Orthros
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
11:30 AM – April Memorials
*(Due to Palm Sunday being the last
Sunday of April, the monthly memorial
prayers are being moved to the 21st)*

Tuesday, April 23rd

6:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Fasting Rules as Followed in our Antiochian Archdiocese

Saturdays and Sundays of Great Lent
Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs.
(Shellfish/Shrimp Allowed)

Monday through Friday of Great Lent
Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs, alcohol, oil.
(Shellfish/Shrimp Allowed)

Palm Sunday
Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs. Fish is allowed.
(Shellfish/Shrimp Allowed)



April 28, 2024

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy with Palm Sunday Procession

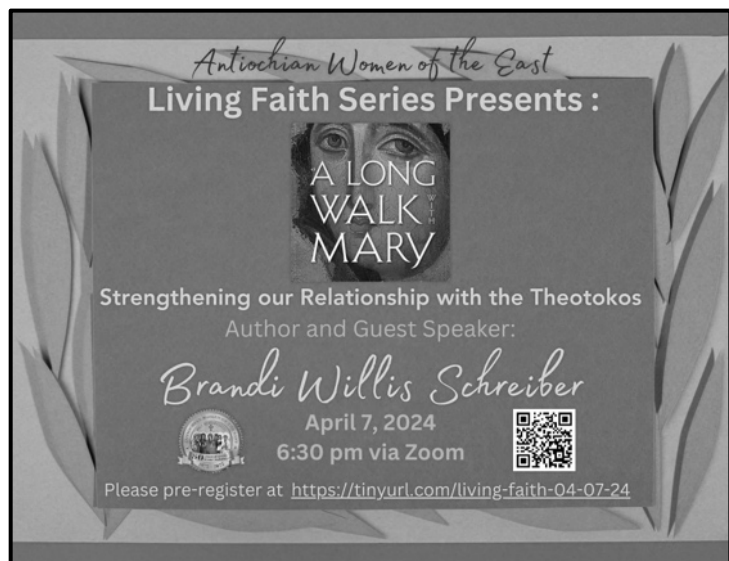
12:00 PM – Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

*Please sign up to bring a side dish to the Palm Sunday Dinner
(Fish is provided by the parish)*

Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

6:00 PM – Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday

Antiochian Women's Living Faith Series Discussion with Author and Guest Speaker: Brandi Willis Schreiber, presenting "**A Long Walk With Mary - Strengthening our Relationship with The Theotokos**". This Sunday, April 7th, at 6:30 pm via Zoom! Please use the QR Code to register.





Paths of Righteousness

*“He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”
Psalm 23:3*

Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched at St. Michael’s in 2019 under the leadership of Pete Papas and Fr. Sam Smolcic, is eagerly planning their 2024 hiking season! This pan-Orthodox hiking group will again embark on wilderness hikes of 5 to 7 mile length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana, and Cambria counties. Fr. Sam has extensive experience on these trails and will be choosing routes of easy to moderate difficulty. He has 25 different hikes in this region in his repertoire, all of which inspire praise to our Lord, “*whose Name is majestic in all the earth*,” Psalm 8:9. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. Also, hikers with First Aid experience will be cordially welcomed to participate. Hikes will take place approximately once every 4 – 6 weeks and will run from May to September. A preliminary schedule of the Hikes is as follows: (1) May 18; (2) June 15; (3) July 13; (4) August 17; and (5) September 28. All dates though firm, may also be changed or cancelled subject to weather forecasts. The 2024 Hikes have been carefully scheduled to avoid civil or Church holidays. Please contact Pete Papas in person, by phone (412) 558-1246, or by email at pnpapas@verizon.net if you are interested in becoming a part of this outdoor fellowship of those who are moved to “praise the Lord from the heavens (and) praise Him in the heights,” Psalm 148:1. An orientation meeting will take place prior to the first Hike.









St. Clement of Alexandria (2nd century) Stromata, 5.1

“Thus says the Lord: “Stand in the ways and see, and ask about the eternal pathways of the Lord. See what the good way is and walk in it. Here you will find purification for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’” Jeremiah 6:16

“If one expects to apprehend all things by the senses, he has fallen far from the truth. Spiritually, therefore, the apostle writes respecting the knowledge of God, “For now we see as through a glass, but then face to face.” For the vision of the truth is given but to few.... To the same effect is what we find in Moses: “No man shall see My face, and live.” For it is evident that no one during the period of life has been able to apprehend God clearly. But “the pure in heart shall see God,” when they arrive at the final perfection. For since the soul became too enfeebled for the apprehension of realities, we needed a divine teacher. The Saviour is sent down—a teacher and leader in the acquisition of the good—the secret and sacred token of the great Providence. “Where, then, is the scribe? where is the searcher of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” it is said. And again, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent,” plainly of those wise in their own eyes, and disputatious. Excellently therefore Jeremiah says, “Thus saith the LORD, Stand in the ways, and ask for the eternal paths, what is the good way, and walk in it, and ye shall find expiation for your souls.” Ask, he says, and inquire of those who know, without contention and dispute. And on learning the way of truth, let us walk on the right way, without turning till we attain to what we desire.”

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!