



# Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## Sunday, January 19, 2025

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### This Week

#### Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Antiochian Women Mtg

Orthodox Christians for Life Information

Display in the Social Hall

6:00 PM – OCF Westmoreland County

Planning Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00 PM – Parish Council Mtg

#### Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Services cancelled due to extreme cold

#### Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

#### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – January Memorial Prayers

12:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice

12:00 PM – Inquirer's Class

### Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 19, 2025

Venerable Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite Venerable Makarios of Alexandria; Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy; Martyr Antony of Damascus

#### 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.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

#### 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.

#### KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

### EPISTLE — Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## Live-Streaming Services

Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Ellwood City, PA

Holy Cross Monastery

Wayne, WV

St. Tikhon's Monastery

Waymart, PA

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### Serving Schedule

*Jr. Altar Boys*

01/19 – Breccan Daniels

01/26 – Andrew Hahey

*Fellowship – Clean Up Crew*

01/19 – Tom & Paulette Sproch

01/26 – POTLUCK

*Lock Up*

01/19 – Raymounda Chaho

01/26 – Gust Flizanes

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### 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.

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### Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of father John Mirilovich on the anniversary of his death (1/22) by Rich and Harriet Mirilovich  
...for the health of Harriet Mirilovich by Rich Mirilovich  
...in memory of Diana Roberts and Irene Papas by Dina Papas

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### Inquirer's Class

Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month for our Inquirer's Class, Journey to Fullness. We meet in the multi-purpose classroom at the end of the education hallway.

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### Many years to Caden (Andrew) Hill

who was baptized on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Caden is the son of Michael & Cara Hill, grandson of Carolyn Hill.

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### Intercessory Prayer List (Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

Please pray for the following people this week. ***Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks.***

## THE GOSPEL – Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



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### Theophany Home Blessings

A **sign-up sheet** is available in the **window by the church office** to have your home blessed by Fr. David during the Theophany season.



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## FELLOWSHIP HOUR DEPENDS ON YOU

Do you know who picks up your trash and washes your table?

Do you know who washes out the coffee pot, and cleans the kitchen?

Do you know who takes the bags of garbage out to the dumpster?

The answer is **NO ONE**, that is, unless **YOU** sign up to help.

Each week we enjoy time together, welcoming visitors, catching up with fellow parishioners, and enjoying a lite snack after fasting in preparation to receive the Holy Communion. While we all enjoy this weekly opportunity, we are not all sharing in the basic tasks of cleaning up. In order to continue Fellowship Hour, **we need everyone to sign up to clean up.** Please sign up today!



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### Valentine's Dance & Party

February 14, 2025

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Join us for our annual Valentine's Dance & Party. Musical entertainment is provided by the Wayne Macuga Quartet. Tickets are \$20/person and will include coffee, water, and light snacks. You are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks for your table. Groups of 6-7 can reserve a table. Contact Raymounda Chaho (412-558-5877) to reserve your seat.

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels recovering in the rehabilitation center.

DALE Ackerman (Mary Gazal's brother-in-law) who is dealing with health issues.

Carri Reda (Ruba Nicola Reda's mother-in-law) recent cancer diagnosis.

George Kozar (Cousin of Connie Volchko) for health issues.

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

# SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

## **On the Sacredness of Human Life and its Untimely Termination**

### **Abortion**

“Our salvation begins with a conception. The Mother of God’s miraculous conception of her son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ marks the beginning of new life and hope in the world. As we sing in the Troparion that celebrates the Annunciation, “Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery!”

Our liturgical calendar includes other feasts of conception, including the Righteous Anna’s Conception of the Mother of God and the Conception of John the Baptist by his parents Elizabeth and Zachariah. The Church has integrated these celebrations into its life not only as an affirmation of these figures who played such important roles in salvation history, but also because these feasts teach us that human life is bestowed by God and that the origins of every new human being are clearly inseparable from conception. Therefore, human life in its earliest manifestations in the womb is sacred and inviolable. Any act to terminate life in the womb – whether by abortive medications, medical procedures, or destructive behavior – denies this truth, is considered murder, and risks terrible spiritual consequences for those involved.

As with any instance of sin, mercy and healing – not retribution and punishment – are the way of the Lord. The Church is called to minister to those seeking abortions, those who have had or those who have been forced to have abortions, and those who have performed abortions, knowing that abortions are often sought because of poverty, abuse, coercion, neglect, despair, or the influence of a life-denying ethos that has become a societal norm. Church-sponsored and other programs that provide spiritual, physical, psychological, and financial support to expectant single mothers and couples in situations in which abortion is being considered, and to young families in need of extra care, should be vigorously supported by the Church and the faithful.

Current societal trends condone abortions for what some perceive as non-desirable human qualities, including physical or chromosomal abnormalities, or a less desirable sex. The Church appreciates, respects, and cares for all manner of human life and, therefore, never condones abortion in these cases. Every human life is worthy of our prayer and protection.

The Assembly of Bishops has previously acknowledged that there are “rare but serious medical instances where mother and child may require extraordinary actions” ([Statement on Sanctity of Life](#), 2019); see also [Assembly of Bishops Endorses Alternatives to Women in Crisis Pregnancies](#), 2021). This refers to tragic situations in which an abortive measure will preserve life. For example, if both mother and unborn child will almost certainly perish should the pregnancy continue but the mother will likely live if an abortion is administered, the Church grieves the tragedy of the situation and offers space for the discernment of the mother, the father, and the pastor as to the most life-giving course of action. Yet, these situations are unique and unusual and do not condone abortion as a norm in any way. Furthermore, the Church does not accept contemporary thinking that links free will with the right to abortion.

We continue to uncompromisingly reject any acceptance of abortion, while creating a merciful and compassionate path for all of those who have experienced abortion to journey back to the Church and to re-commit to human life as sacred and inviolable.”