



Welcome to St. Michael's Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, February 16, 2025

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This Week

Sunday, February 16th

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

12:00 PM – Ask Abouna: Dealing with the Human Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit – Funerals, Cremation & Organ Donation

Tuesday, February 18th

6:00 PM – Parish Council Mtg

Wednesday, February 19th

6:00 PM – Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Saturday, February 22nd

Saturday of Souls

8:45 AM – First Hour Prayers

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

4:30 PM – Catechism Class

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

(Confession Follows)

Sunday, February 23rd

8:45 AM – Orthros

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Church School

11:30 AM – February Memorial Prayers

12:00 PM – Potluck Fellowship

12:00 PM – A-MEN Gathering

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine and his companions;
Venerable Flavian the hermit

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 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.

Arabic Liturgy Books are located on the shelf above Usher's table in the narthex. Please return after the liturgy.

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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

02/16 – Breccan Daniels

02/23 – Noor Sahawneh

Fellowship – Clean Up Crew

02/16 – Belchou, Miele

02/23 – POTLUCK – Stewart

Lock Up

02/16 – Elias Memari

02/23 – Mercedes Michetti

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.

Prayers of Oblation

...in memory of Dr. Albert Saloom by Gloria Saloom

...in memory of Joseph Abraham (father of the Badals, Rollins, Wallens, Abrahams, and Bartons). We remember you always.

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

...in memory of Sergey, Maria, Yakov, Ivan, Tatiana, Vasiley, Serafima, Vadim, Ludmila, Evgeney, Vitaley, Oleg, Herb, Reba, Haze

...for the health of Tatiana, Ryan, Aleksander, Sofia, Tamara, Elena, Yekaterina, Chad, Aleksey, Daniil, Larissa, Tom

Intercessory Prayer List (Orthodox & Non-Orthodox)

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

For the repose of the soul of ANDREW Grobe (Friend of the Armanious Family) who passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, for his wife and two young children.

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 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

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.

Kontakion for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Tone Three)

When I disobeyed in ignorance Thy fatherly glory, I wasted in iniquities the riches that Thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to Thee with the voice of the prodigal son, saying, I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father, receive me repentant, and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

QUENTIN Guy (Grandson of friends of Fr. David & Kh. BethAnn) who died unexpectedly last week and whose funeral is on Monday, Feb 17th.

Subdeacon JOSEPH Gazal as he has treatment for bladder cancer.

MARY Gazal as she recovers from COVID.

MAT. SOPHIE Daniels in hospice care at their home.

KAYLA Thompson (Family friend of Bonnie Koury) who is fighting cancer. Kayla is 35 years old.

PATRICIA Baughman recovering from illness.

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, Matthew Valenti, and SHANE Winters.

How to Prepare to Receive Holy Communion

“For Orthodox Christians who have prepared...”

- Confession Regularly
- Pray the Pre-Communion Prayers
- Reconciliation with others
- Correcting our bad habits
- Fast from food and drink from midnight (12am) the night before or 8 hours before an evening liturgy
- Arriving on time (before Gospel)

“Adherence to these instructions is essential and important in order to partake of the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord in a worthy manner, that is, with proper preparation.”

Metropolitan SABA

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/1919>

Ask Abouna (Father)

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Topic: *Dealing with the Human Body at Death as the Temple of the Holy Spirit*

Funerals, Cremation & Organ Donation



The topic of the Orthodox Church's understanding of the physical body of the Christian as the temple of the Holy Spirit, in regards to how we treat it upon death, will be addressed in this session of Ask Abouna. (Meets in the Multi-Purpose Room after liturgy)

Do you have a topic that you would like Fr. David to address? A **Suggestion Box** has been placed outside of the church office for you to request topics to be covered. **Please write down your topic** with as much information as possible to make sure Fr. David understands the request.

Caleb's Cupboard & Food on the Hill

St. Michael's parishioners can support FOOD ON THE HILL and the GREATER THINGS RESOURCE CENTER by financial donations to Food on the Hill. Make checks payable to St. Michael's church and designate in memo space for Food on the Hill.

Also, there is a need for these items as well. Donations of children and baby clothing, diapers, and personal hygiene products. Most useful food items: canned food, especially tuna, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, soups, etc. Only non-perishable food items please. Any questions see Gust Flizanes.



A-MEN: Antiochian Men's Ministry
February 23rd @ 12pm

The Antiochian Men's Ministry is being reignited with our first gathering on Sunday, February 23rd after the divine liturgy. Led by Dr. Nick Senuta and Petros Papas, we will have a time of getting to know one another to relaunch this important ministry for our adult men. Make plans to join us!

Free Items

The former padded cloth chairs that were in church are available to parishioners at no cost. Two sample chairs will be in the social hall for viewing. Also available is a small pool table, and a foosball table. Contact Sara Armanious for details, 724-875-0345. Items will be removed soon, so let us know if you are interested.



Bookstore Update

Newly published **Arabic Bibles with References** and the book titled, **A Life Testimony** (Metropolitan SABA's autobiography), in both English and Arabic, are available in the bookstore. New icons, books, and resources are added frequently. Stop by frequently to see what is available!

Note: As referenced in the AWE February 6, 2025, email, Met. SABA will be discussing his book via the AWE's March 16, 2025, zoom meeting. Grab your copy now to get ready to join the conversation.