



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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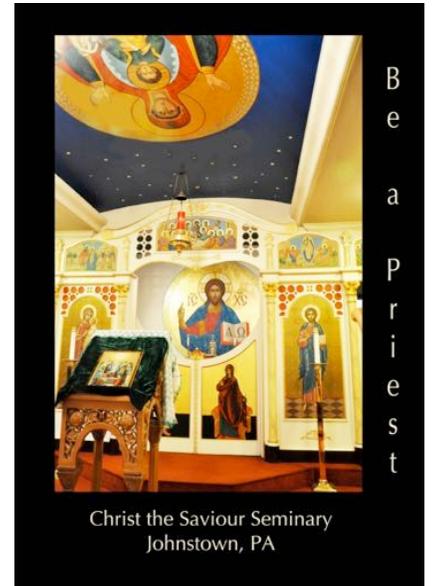
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The Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-Fare), February 27

*Sunday Antiphons and Beatitudes, Tropar, Tone 3,
Kondak, Proimenon and Alleluia verses, Last Judgment*

Our Schedule of Activities this Week

- Sunday: * Annual Parish Meeting after Liturgy
* Church school Icon and Candle Project
- Monday: * Grab and Go Take-Out Dinner, 5:30- 7 PM
- Tuesday: * Liturgy with prayers for Ann Dervay, 8:30 AM
Ecumenical Prayer for Peace in Ukraine, 6 PM
- Wednesday: * Moleben to the Mother of God,
St. George Orthodox Church, Taylor, PA, 6 PM
- Friday: * Liturgy with prayers for Dylan Kelemecz, 8:30 AM
- Saturday: * Moleben of Thanksgiving at
St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Painted Post, 10 AM
* Confessions, 4 PM, Vespers, 5 PM



Christ the Saviour Seminary
Johnstown, PA

Sunday, March 6, Sunday of Forgiveness

- * Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- * Church School and Coffee Shop, 10:30 AM

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to the family of +Sandra Koytek, who fell asleep in the Lord in the IUC at Wilson Hospital before dawn on Friday. Sandi had served for some 60 years as our 2nd grade Religious Ed teacher and has been a member of the Parish Council for many years. Her funeral will be celebrated here at St. Michael's on Thursday morning at 11 AM.

May Our Lord grant her rest with the saints, in a place of light, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but everlasting life. Eternal Memory!

Ecumenical Patriarch Expresses Sorrow and offers prayers on Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Shocked by the invasion of the armed forces of the Russian Federation in the territory of Ukraine, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew telephoned His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphanius, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, expressing his deep sorrow at this blatant violation of any notion of international law and legality, as well as his support to the Ukrainian people struggling "for God and country" and to the families of innocent victims.

His All-Holiness condemns this unprovoked attack by Russia against Ukraine, an independent and sovereign state of Europe, as well as the violation of human rights and the brutal violence against our fellow human beings and, above all, against civilians. He prays to the God of love and peace to enlighten the leadership of the Russian Federation in order to understand the tragic consequences of its decisions and actions, which can even be the trigger for a global military conflict. He calls on the leaders of all states, European institutions and international organizations to work for a peaceful settlement of this critical situation through candid dialogue, which is the only means of resolving any problem and facing any challenge. The Ecumenical Patriarch fraternally calls on the Local Orthodox Churches, as well as all Christians, but also every person of goodwill, in unceasing prayer for the Ukrainian people and for the prevalence of peace and justice in Ukraine.



Scripture Readings for the week of February 23rd

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 St. Matthew 25: 31-48
Monday: 3 John 1: 1-15 St. Luke 19: 29-40, 22: 7-39
Tuesday: Jude 1: 1-10 St. Luke 22: 39-42, 45: 23:1
Wednesday: Joel 2: 12-26 Joel 3: 12-21
Thursday: Hebrews 7: 7-17 St. Luke 2: 22-40
Friday: Zechariah 8: 7-17 Zechariah 8: 18-23
Saturday: Romans 14: 19-23 St. Matthew 6: 1-13
Sunday: Romans 13: 11-14:4 St. Matthew 6: 14-21

Online daily readings: www.acrod.org

Dare to Care!

Be a Priest!

The Harvest is Rich

but the Laborers

are Few!

Pray for New

Vocations

To the Priesthood!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

"And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

"Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Pirohi working Schedule for this 1st Week of our Lenten Pirohi Sale

Tuesday, 4 pm – 8 pm

Prep potatoes, onions, haluski cabbage, butter, cheese

Wednesday 9 am – 3 pm

Soup, Run machine for 480 doz potato pirohi

Thurs 2pm – 7 pm

Cook haluski, cook pirohi, pack and refrigerate (*due to Sandra Koytek funeral*)

Friday, 10 am – 4pm

Pick up Pirohi Orders

Information for our Annual Parish Meeting Feb. 27!

Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, today following Liturgy. Any parish member wishing to vote must be current through their 2021 financial obligations (\$175 per person) by the start of the meeting.

The bylaws are clear that the annual parish meeting is to happen in February. The bylaws also state that to conduct parish business a quorum of 50 is needed. With COVID, here is the plan. Please only attend the parish meeting if you feel safe in doing so. Chairs will be spread out. Given current state mandates, masks need to be worn when not seated. Coffee and snacks will be served.

The meeting will be kept as brief as possible. All presentation materials will be available two weeks prior by either picking up a package in the church office or sending an email to randymichaelmay@gmail.com and requesting an electronic version of the materials.

At the meeting, presentations are not going to be made. The content is in the package. For each agenda item, discussion will be limited to 5 minutes. If there are no contested board positions and no nominations from the floor, the entire slate of new officers will be done with a single vote.

The contact information for Randy May is phone number (607 621- 5113) and email randymichaelmay@gmail.com. Shellee May and Carole Paccio (607-725-2785) are now accepting names for nomination to the Church Board. There are two vacancies, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary!

Proposed By-Law changes for 2022

Article VI Section 6

Current wording

At all meetings of the Congregation, the presence, at the commencement of such meetings, of fifty (50) people entitled to vote, shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Proposed wording

At all meetings of the Congregation, the presence, at the commencement of such meetings, of thirty-five (35) people entitled to vote, shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Reason: During 2021 a quorum of 50 failed to be reached for the annual parish meeting and special parish meeting.

Young Adult Retreat March 25-27

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM and the Ukrainian Orthodox Young Adult Office invite Young Adults ages 18-35 to come retreat to Camp Nazareth from March 25-27, 2022 for a weekend with other Orthodox Young Adults from all jurisdictions.

The theme of the weekend event is *Forming Christ-Centered Relationships*, and it will feature presentations by Fr. Chris and Khouria Sophia Shadid. The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation!

Plan on attending and register now as spaces are limited! All Inclusive Registration Fee For Entire Weekend is \$95.00

[Click Here To Register Online](#)





O
Mary
Mother
of God,
Pray
for
us!

"To pray is to protest war in front of God. Never stop asking the Lord with faith and insistence for the end of conflict."

—Pope Francis

***Ecumenical Prayer for Peace
Tuesday Evening, March 1, 6 PM***

Light refreshments will follow at the Center

***St. Michael's Orthodox Church
296 Clinton Street***

*Icon of the Mother of God
SS. Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church
Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA*

SPECIAL PETITION FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O God, You are our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble. (*Psalm 46:1*) Hear our heartfelt supplication on behalf of the people of the country of Ukraine. Protect those in danger with your holy angels and grant them courage. Turn back all manner of attacks. May hostility fade away. Let Your peace descend upon the whole land, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to a swift end. Enlighten all civil authorities around the world with wisdom to diligently work for reconciliation. O Lord of hosts, we have no other help but You in times of distress: quickly hear us now and have mercy!



*Our Venerable Father
Moses the Carpathian
of the Great Lakes*



Moleben of Thanksgiving Saturday, March 5, 10 AM

You are cordially invited to come and share in a Prayer of Thanksgiving for the completion of the magnificent new church complex to be consecrated by Metropolitan Gregory on April 2. Afterwards, visit one of the many area diners/restaurants. You can also tour the renowned Corning Glass Museum and Gift Shop.

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Parish Luncheon for One and All Scheduled for Wednesday, March 16!

Do you remember the old Kindergarten song:

*“The More We get together the happier we will be?”
“for your friends are my friends,
and my friends are your friends,
the more we get together the happier we will be!”*

You and your family are invited as guests to a special Parish Luncheon at our Recreation Center at 12 Noon, Wednesday, March 16!
Looking forward to seeing you then! Be sure to come!