

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 1. PROPHET ZEPHANIAH.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 3: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)
Tuesday, Dec. 5: 7 AM Matins
6 PM Great Vespers with Litya
Wednesday, Dec. 6: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50 AM) **Feast of St. Nicholas**
Thursday, Dec. 7: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Dec. 9: 5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Lucille Lezinsky, Danny Pregmon, Sandra Pritchuk, Helen Wirhanowsky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Protodeacon Keith Russin and Mary Krenitsky.

Offerings:

Cemetery Fund: In Memory of: Mary Krenitsky by Rev. Eli Krenitsky, Lucille Krenitsky, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Barsigian, Mr. & Mrs. John Krenitsky.

Vigil Lights: For the Health of: Tammy Wytovich by Mom & Roman.

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Thursday, December 7 and Saturday, December 16 from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: Romar Dance Studio, Kris Mitchell, anonymous, anonymous, **Prince of Peace (St. Mary's) & St. George's Orthodox Church. We are in need of plastic bags for the Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the box in the crying room.**

2018 Calendars: The 2018 calendars are in the Narthex. Please remember to take one for your family. We are especially grateful to our Sponsors (Kearney Funeral Homes, Semian Funeral Home and Ferri & Gillette Funeral Services) to make this happen.

Food Pantry Meeting: Will be this Saturday, December 9th at 9am in the Rectory for those who volunteer.

Pierogie Sale: Will be on Wednesday, December 13th. **Anyone wishing to help cut cheese, weigh flour, and season potatoes, we will be doing it on Friday, December 8th at 10 AM. Also, we will be making balls on Sunday afternoon starting at 2 PM. Please contact Sandra if you can help.**

Trip to Sight & Sound: Wednesday, December 20th at 3 PM to see the "Miracle of Christmas". The trip details will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin (when we leave, remaining balance for each person, etc.).

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),
10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.
11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.
12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.
13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.
14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.
20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"
21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."
22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."
23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.
24 And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
26 And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"
27 But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Prophet Zephaniah



The Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Prophetess Oldama. He was from the tribe of Simeon, and was the ninth of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. The prophet lived at the royal court, where he preached repentance and helped King Josiah eliminate idol-worship.

He prophesied about the calamities that were to come for the people of Judea and the surrounding regions: Gaza, Ascalon, Crete, and against the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Ninevites.