

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 3. SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS. HOLY PROPHET DANIEL AND THE THREE HOLY YOUTHS.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)
Tuesday, Dec. 19: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Dec. 23: 5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Dec. 24: 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 Pritchyk, Helen Wirhanowsky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchyk & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Mary Krenitsky.

Offerings:

Building Fund: In Memory of: Alexander & Mary Krenitsky by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Grippi.

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 Saturday, December 16 from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Jack & Elaine Ezbiansky, Anonymous (4), Kris Mitchell, Mrs. Walter Callahan, Sandy Pregmon, Elan Hair and Nail Studio, Greek Catholic Union, Tom & Arlette Zupko** in memory of Anna Zupko, anonymous. **We are in need of plastic bags for the Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the tub in the crying room.**

Christmas Carols: We will be singing Christmas Carols this Sunday, next Sunday and on Christmas Day after Liturgy.

Confession: It is highly recommended that all parishioners go to confession before Christmas.

Pierogie Sale: Took place this past Monday & Tuesday. Thank you to all parishioners and friends who volunteered to make this successful.

Parish Council Meeting: Will take this Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 PM.

Trip to Sight & Sound: This Wednesday, December 20th at 3 PM to see the "Miracle of Christmas" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We will be renting a 15 passenger van and Protodeacon Sergei Kapral from Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes Barre will be our driver. Thirteen people have signed up for this trip. The itinerary for December 20th would be as follows:

8:45 AM	Arrive at Church
9 AM	Depart from our Church
12 – 2 PM	Lunch at a Restaurant in Lancaster
3 PM – 5:30 PM	The Miracle of Christmas production
5:45 – 7 PM	Dinner in Lancaster
10 PM	Arrive back at our Church

Everyone is paid up for the trip. Each person would have to pay for their two meals.

81st Novogodny Ball: Will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email novogodnyball@gmail.com or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:4-11 (*Epistle*)

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 14:16-24 (*Gospel*)

16 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,

17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

18 But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

20 Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

24 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Sunday of the Forefathers



The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).