

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – TONE 2. AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING. VEN. ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 4: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)
Tuesday, Feb. 6: 7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Feb. 7: 7 AM Matins
Thursday, Feb. 8: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Feb. 10: 5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Feb. 11: 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, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Helen Wirhanowsky.

Offerings:

Parastas: In Memory of: Ellen Pasternak by Marie Pasternak (served on January 24).

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Stephen Skapyak by Christine Skapyak; Ellen Pasternak by Marie Pasternak; Marie Horek by Al Horek; Stephen Skapyak by Debbie & Larry Benson & family; Steve Polanchik by Dorothy Polanchik; Helen Wirhanowsky by Dorothy Polanchik; Steve Polanchik by Paul & Mary Polanchik; Mary Nix by Helen & Tammy Wytovich.

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 the first Thursday (2/1) in February and the third Saturday, (2/17), from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Kris Mitchell & St. George's Orthodox Church.** Thanks to all the donations of plastic bags, we have enough bags for the time being.

House Blessings: Fr. Peter plans to visit as many families as possible for a house blessing. It is customary to have a table covered with a white table cloth. An icon, candle and a bowl for the holy water is needed. The holy water that is sanctified by the Holy Spirit from Theophany will be provided by Fr. Peter if you don't have any. It is not necessary to buy a white table cloth if you don't have one. You may also want to have a list of names (living and departed) to be remembered. Fr. Peter will call parishioners to set up a time.

In Remembrance of Michael D. Fee: Mat. Mary Lynn & Fr. Peter wish to thank you for your prayers during their time of loss. Your kindness in aiding Matushka's family financially was indeed a blessing. Thank you for your love and generosity.

Brief Parish Council Meeting today (2/4) after Divine Liturgy: We plan to vote on two issues: 1- Danny Jones for Treasurer and David Barsigian for Financial Secretary position, 2- Church signers for the General Checking Account.

Pierogi Sale: The church will have a pierogi sale on Tuesday, February 27th from 2 PM to 5 PM. Deadline for orders is February 17 and can be placed with Sandra (570-457-9280), Church Hall (570-457-2875) or at the candle stand. **Price is \$6.50 a dozen.** Volunteers are needed on Monday, February 26th and possibly Tuesday, February 27th to make them.

Lenten Mission Services will start at 4 PM:

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| February 25 | Sunday of Orthodoxy | Holy Resurrection Cathedral | Wilkes-Barre |
| March 4 | St. Gregory Palamas | St. Michael | Jermyn |
| March 11 | Sunday of the Cross | Holy Annunciation | Berwick |
| March 18 | St. John Climacus | St. John | Nanticoke |
| March 25 | St. Mary of Egypt | Holy Cross | Williamsport |
| April 1 | Palm Sunday | Holy Resurrection Cathedral | Wilkes-Barre |

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)

12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

20 And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

25 Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

28 But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"