

## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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### Sunday Bulletin, February 11, 2018

## SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – TONE 3. SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT. HIEROMARTYR BLAISE.

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### Service Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 11: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Tuesday, Feb. 13: 7 AM Matins

Wednesday, Feb. 14: 7 AM Matins

Saturday, Feb. 17: 4:20 PM Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> day) for Helen Wiranhowsky.  
5 PM Great Vespers.

Sunday, Feb. 18: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by Forgiveness Vespers

### 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.

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### Offerings:

**Vigil Lights: In Memory of:** Michael & Helen Sokol by Michael Sokol Jr.; Mary Marko by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Mary Adamcik by Helen & Tammy Wytovich.

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**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 this 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:** By the Grace of God, Fr. Peter plans to complete the House blessings in the next couple of weeks. Fr. Peter will call parishioners to set up a time.

**Meat fare Sunday:** After this Sunday, meat is no longer eaten until the Sunday of Pascha, but otherwise there is no fasting this week, so that eggs, cheese, butter, milk and fish are permitted each day, including Wednesday and Friday.

**Installation of the Parish Council:** Today, Sunday, February 11. The Parish Council has been blessed by Bishop Mark to serve for 2018. The Installation of the Parish Council will take place at the end of the Liturgy. Thank you to all the parish council members who served for the year 2017.

**Parish Council Meeting:** This Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 PM in the large classroom in the Hall. Please come early so we can start on time.

**Clergy Pre-Lenten Retreat:** Will be held this Thursday (2/15) and Friday (2/16) at the Franciscan Center in Ashton, Pennsylvania.

**Blessing of the Priest to the Parishioners and Parishioners to the Priest:** There are times during the service when the Priest blesses the parishioners and the parishioners respond by blessing the Priest. One example is prior to the Creed when the Priest says "Peace be unto all" and the Choir / parishioners respond "And to your spirit". Another time is just before the Litany before the Our Father when the Priest says, "And the mercies of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ shall be with all of you" and the Choir / parishioners respond, "And with your Spirit". We are one body in Christ so it makes sense that we would ask for God's blessings on one another.

There is another time, one of the Parish Council members asked if it could be put into the bulletin as a reminder. This is the last prayer that the Priest says when he is making the Great Entrance with the chalice and paten. The Priest says, "May the Lord God remember you, and all Orthodox Christians in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages". Each parishioner should respond, "**May the Lord God remember his Arch Priest in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.**" If a Bishop is serving, the title "Arch Priest" (For Fr. Peter) would be changed to "His Eminence" (for our Arch Bishop), or "His Grace" or "His Beatitude" for our Metropolitan Tikhon. This prayer is said by most people in every parish that I visited including those parishes in our Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.

**Pierogi Sale:** The church will have a pierogi sale on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> and possibly Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to make them.

**Presanctified Liturgy:** Bishop Mark will be serving at our church for Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 PM. A pot luck meal will follow. Please plan to greet His Eminence at 5:15 PM.

**Lenten Mission Services will start at 4 PM: Please note the change for March 4 & 18.**

February 25	Sunday of Orthodoxy	Holy Resurrection Cathedral	Wilkes-Barre
March 4	St. Gregory Palamas	St. John	Nanticoke
March 11	Sunday of the Cross	Holy Annunciation	Berwick
March 18	St. John Climacus	St. Michael	Jermyn
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 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)**

8 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.

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

10 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?

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

12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

1 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?

2 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.

#### **Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)**

31 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.

32 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.

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

34 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:

35 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;

36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 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.'

41 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:

42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

43 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.'

44 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?'

45 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.'

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