

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 7. THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. VEN. MACARIUS OF MT. ATHOS (1431).

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Jan 6: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Hours at 9:10) Theophany of Our Lord.
Tuesday, Jan 8: 7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Jan 9: 7 AM Matins
Thursday, Jan 10: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Jan 12: 4:20 Parastas for Dorothy Polanchik by Gina & Ed Keil.
5 PM Great Vespers with Litya
Sunday, Jan 13: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) Theophany of Our Lord.

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, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Steve Pregrim, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Matushka Mary Lynn, Lillian Kite & Paulette Ezbiansky.

Memory Eternal: Rev. Athanasius Shaw, Dorothy Polanchik & Lucille Lezinsky.

Offerings:

Cemetery Fund: In Memory of: Lucille Lezinsky by Helen & Tammy Wytovich, Al Horek, Patricia Jones, Ann Buday, Martha Matechak, Sandra Condon, Ann Tyrpak, Marie Pasternak, John & Irene Pritchky, Nadia Macheska, Society of St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Jean Wasko, Walter Pritchky & Family.

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Lucille Lezinsky by Marie Pasternak, Walter Pritchky Jr. & Family.

General Fund: In Memory of: Lucille Lezinsky by Dan Jones.

Cemetery Fund: In Memory of: Dorothy Polanchik by Walter Pritchky Jr. & Family, Daria Polanchik.

General Fund: In Memory of: Dorothy Polanchik by Mia Polanchik.

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Dorothy Polanchik by David Jadick, Karen & Mark Phinney & Alice Krenitsky; Diane Yacopchak by Marie Pasternak; Helen Odomirok by Helen Wytovich;

Parastas: In Memory of: Dorothy Polanchik, 01/12 by Gina & Ed Keil, 01/16 by Jean Wasko, 01/19 (40th day) by Polanchik Family.

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 Saturday, (1/19) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Kris Mitchell & Richard & Blanche Pietras.**

Sunday School: Resumes today. Due to the fact that we do not have two teachers who have completed the required background clearances, classes will be held in the crying room from 8:45 – 9:20 PM. Classes are planned for the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. This room has visibility and foot traffic which will serve as a safety factor. We apologize if the use of this room causes any inconvenience to others.

Christmas Flowers: After announcements today, all are welcome to take a flower home with them.

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. The plan is to start with the Rendham area of Old Forge on Sunday, January 6th at 1 PM. Fr. Peter will call parishioners to set up a time.

82nd Novogodny Ball will take place on Sunday 1/20/19 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email novogodnyball@gmail.com or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

2019 Winter Youth Retreat: Will take place February 8 – 9 at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, PA. The retreat leader will be Steven Christoforou, Director of Y2AM & Host of “Be the Bee”. Save the Date. More information will be coming soon. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH OLD FORGE MARDI GRAS: Saturday March 2nd 2019 6PM
Arcaro and Genell Banquet Room Main St. Old Forge. Tickets are \$30 per person - ADULTS ONLY. Includes Hors D'Oeuvres and Full Course Dinner With 1 choice of 4 Menu Items
Roast Beef, Veal Marsala, Baked Haddock Italian Style Or Chicken Francaise.
Beer, Wine and Soda Included. Accepting reservations for tables of 8 or 10. Seating is limited to 130 – Reserve your seats early. Payment and menu choice is due with reservation
All reservations Close February 20th, 2019. For reservations call Francis at 570-451-0112.
Entertainment by FRANKIE GERVASI of “THE POETS”

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 (*Epistle*)

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,
13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.
4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,
5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Matthew 3:13-17 (*Gospel*)

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”
15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.
16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

For Consideration:

It is fruit, fruit and fruit alone that the Lord seeks from man, that living tree. Good fruit is a God-loving heart, but bad fruit is a heart filled with self-love. All other things that a man has and enjoys – status, power, honor, health, wealth, and learning – these are no more than the leaves of the tree. “Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire” (Matt. 3:10). Even non-Christian peoples rate good works above fine words. So much the more must it be the rule among the followers of Christ. At a certain gathering of Athenians, at which envoys from Sparta were present, one old man was going from bench to bench, trying to find somewhere to sit down. The Athenians mocked at him, and no one gave him his seat. When the old man drew near to the Spartans, they all leapt to their feet and offered him their places. Seeing this, the Athenians expressed their gratitude to the Spartans in well-rounded phrases. To this the Spartans replied: ‘The Athenians know what is good, but do not do it.’ He who does good is like a tree that bears good fruit for its owner. And the well-spring of goodness in man is a good, God loving heart. The Prologue from Ochrid. Vol. 1. St. Nikolai Velimirovic.