

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Sunday Bulletin, January 13, 2019

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 8. AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY. SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. MARTYRS HERMYLUS AND STRATONICUS OF BELGRADE. MARTYR PETER OF ANIUM, AT HIEROPOLIS. ST. JAMES, BISHOP OF NISIBIS. ST. HILARY, BISHOP OF POITERS. VEN. MAXIMUS KAVSOKALYVITES. VEN. IRENARCHUS, RECLUSE, OF ROSTOV. VEN. ELEAZAR OF ANZERSK ISLAND.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Jan 13: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).
Tuesday, Jan 15: 7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Jan 16: 6 PM Parastas for Dorothy Polanchik by Jean Wasko.
Thursday, Jan 17: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Jan 19: 4:20 Parastas (40th day) for Dorothy Polanchik by Polanchik Family.
5 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, Jan 20: 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, 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: Dorothy Polanchik & Lucille Lezinsky.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Michael & Helen Sokol by Michael Sokol Jr.; Dorothy Polanchik by Mia & Nicholas Polanchik.

Vigil Lights: For the Health of: Fr. Christopher by Joe the mailman.

Special Project Fund: In Memory of: Lucille Lezinsky by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski.

Cemetery Fund: In Memory of: Lucille Lezinsky by Peg Pregmon, David & Lana Cushner, Daria Polanchik, Robert & Jeanne Pallman.

Parastas: In Memory of: Dorothy Polanchik, 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: **Taylor Library**, Kris Mitchell & Richard & Blanche Pietras.

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

Parish Council Meeting: This Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM.

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.

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. This is sold out. No more reservations will be accepted.

Today’s Holy Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

8 Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.”

9 (Now this, “He ascended” – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Martyr Hermylus of Belgrade

The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, Slavs by origin, lived at the beginning of the fourth century during a persecution against Christians by the emperor Licinius (311-324). Saint Hermylus served as deacon in the city of Singidunum (Belgrade). Condemned by Licinius to imprisonment, he was long and cruelly tortured for Christ, but he remained unyielding.

Hermylus mocked the pagan gods, calling them deaf, dumb, and blind idols. In anger Licinius ordered more severe torments for him, saying that he could avoid them if he would offer sacrifice. The holy martyr predicted that Licinius would suffer terrible wounds himself because he worshiped idols instead of the Creator. His words came true, for Licinius was killed in 324.

After three days Hermylus was brought before the tribunal again and asked whether he would avoid more torture by offering sacrifice. The saint replied that he would offer worship and sacrifice only to the true God.

Saint Hermylus prayed that the Lord would give him strength to endure his torments and triumph over the pagans. A voice was heard saying, “Hermylus, you will be delivered from your suffering in three days, and will receive a great reward.” The torturers fell to the ground in fear, and took the saint back to prison.

Saint Stratonicus was one of the prison guards and a secret Christian. Seeing the agonizing torments of his friend, he was unable to keep from weeping, and he revealed that he was a Christian. They also subjected him to punishment.

After the torture, they put both martyrs into a net and threw them into the Danube. On the third day, the bodies of the saints were found by Christians on the bank of the river and buried near Singidunum. Their venerable heads were in the Church of Hagia Sophia, where the Russian pilgrim Anthony saw them in the year 1200.