



FROM THE AMBIVON

ST MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Martyrs Galaction

and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Repose of St. Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod (1470).
Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Gregory,
Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for November

Birthdays: Emily Krenitsky (11/5);

Nameday: Michael Keklak (11/8); Michael Jadick (11/8); Fr Michael Shepherd (11/8); Philip Pecuch Jr. (11/14);

Anniversary: Philip Pecuch Jr. (11/7)

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule: We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out. *The Church has a prospora kit if you would like to borrow it.*

05Nov - Shepherd's

08Nov -

12Nov

19Nov

Counting: Thank you Maura Elko for assisting in counting today's offerings. Please sign up and help our Treasurer count. We need two people counting.

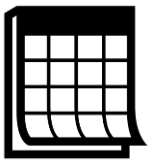
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Visitors: *PLEASE JOIN US FOR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

TUES, Nov 7th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers w/Litya

WED, Nov 8th: Hours @ 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS

SAT, Nov 11th: @ 4:50 PM 9th Hour - Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, Nov 12th: Hours @ 9:10 AM Hours - Divine Liturgy 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Tone 6.



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

Monthly Panikhida: Nov 25th @ 4pm. Please submit names of family members you would like to be remembered.

Catechumen/Inquirers/Continuing ED Class: Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

Bible Study: Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. I am working my way through Romans if you want to join me.

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Parish Council Meeting: 05NOV23 All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month) Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have.

Registration - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

Pasta Dinner - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tammy Wytovich to help Volunteer. Tickets are ready to be purchased so get with Tammy and purchase 2 tickets! Please see Tammy or Sandy for tickets or to help sell tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 4th. Those volunteering to make baskets, please have them made and to the church by Oct 29th (if perishable, can be dropped off later). If you are donating some kind of dessert, please drop them off 11Nov before noon. Everyone be an advertising agent for this. Go look at the amazing baskets!

Dec 2, Wilkes-Barre Deanery Retreat at All Saints Orthodox Church, Olyphant, PA: Saturday, December 2nd the parishes of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery will gather together for a time of worship and retreat at All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant, PA. The event will begin at 9AM with Divine Liturgy, followed by a light Lenten brunch and lecture from the OCMC's longest serving field missionary, Nathan Hoppe. Mr. Hoppe will talk about the importance of the mission mindset in the parish, and reflect on his international missionary labors over the years. The lecture will begin at noon, followed by Q&A, and ending by 2 PM. All Deanery Clergy are invited to serve. Choir members from the Deanery are also invited to participate. Please sign up at your parish by November 26th so our hosts at All Saints can plan for the day. We look forward to gathering once again with our brothers and sisters throughout the Wilkes-Barre Deanery.

The parish council is preparing for the Annual Meeting in February right now. You should be preparing for the Annual Meeting as well. Time/Talent/Treasure/Communion/Confession

T3C2. If you have not begun going to monthly confessions, please start now in order to vote at the annual meeting.

Our very talented Silas Hart and Blaise Shepherd will be performing in the play “Into the Woods” produced by Imagine NEPA Performing Arts Center (113 Church Street, Dalton PA 18414) Friday, November 17th at 7pm and Saturday, November 18th at 2pm & 7pm.

Parish Prayer List

Newly Departed: Lydia Popov (10/01)

Departed: Leo Howanetz 11/6; Helen Chesniak 11/14; John Wansacz 11/15; Mary Krenitsky 11/16; Harold Krenitsky 11/22

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted Archpriests Michael Evans, John Nightingale, & Theodore Orzolek

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Servants of God *Emily Krenitsky, Gregory Krenitsky, Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha (and her unborn child), & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Maura Elko*

Catechumen - *Jason Vo, Santo Joseph Cerminaro, Mikayla Brown*



From the Saints &

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.

October Income: \$7,656.79

Expenditures: \$22,203.88

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

Gal 6:11-18

Luke 8:41-56

occupies that were causing u.” Here he authenticity.

Galatians 6:11: To Stop the Slander blessed soul [Paul].... Having said a li the greatest disturbance to his soul, sa hints at nothing except that he himself

For in the other epistles he may have composed, but another wrote.... By “so large” he seems to me to be indicating not the size but the poor form of the characters, all but saying, “Although I do not write well, I have nonetheless been compelled to write for myself, so as to silence those who slander me.”

Homily on Galatians 6.11.

Luke 8:40–56 The raising of Jairus’s daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage

Overview: His power over the death of a twelve-year old girl and over the twelve-year sickness of a hemorrhaging woman demonstrates that Jesus is the resurrection and the life (Cyril of Alexandria). The accounts bring out several parallels and similarities: the girl at twelve years old is about to die at an age when she would have entered womanhood, and a woman has been hemorrhaging for twelve years, as long as the little girl had been alive. Jesus vivifies the one and heals the other (Ephrem the Syrian).

The dying daughter represents the synagogue and the woman with the flow of blood the church as it reaches out in faith to touch the hem of Jesus’ garment (Ambrose). The woman with the flow of blood is also unclean, which is why she stays hidden and steals the healing from the hem of Jesus’ garment (Cyril of Alexandria). Yet in her hiddenness, Jesus’ divinity is revealed, and he sees in her a hidden faith that is proclaimed to the crowds (Ephrem the Syrian).

Jesus has shown his power over nature, demon possession and sickness. These three miracles lead up to the final miracle: the passion of Jesus and his resurrection from the dead (Ambrose). The woman touches the tassel of Jesus’ garment, his sacred hem, and she is healed (Prudentius). The power to heal is inherent in Jesus’ very nature as God, and flows out of him to heal this woman (Cyril of Alexandria). The reason Jesus heals her womb is to show that clothed in our humanity he might reveal his divinity through the art of healing. Jesus says to the woman healed of a twelve-year flow of blood, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace.” Faith is the means by which anyone now may enter the family of Jesus, and peace is the crown of victory she receives because of her faith (Ephrem the Syrian). These words of Jesus are spoken to the girl’s father to give him comfort. To believe in the possibility of resurrection for his daughter requires faith that in Jesus there is the cause of life (Cyril of Alexandria).

The people laugh at Jesus when he says that the girl is not dead but sleeping, but Jesus does not lie, for those who die in Christ will arise from the dead (Cyril of Alexandria). So when Jesus awakens her he orders that food be given to her to show that she is fully alive and well (Ephrem the Syrian). Jesus’ command to silence, before his resurrection, alerts catechumens to the significance of Jesus’ resurrection as central to the mystery of the faith and to those mysteries—the sacraments—through which their bodies as well as their souls are fed holy food and touched with Christ’s resurrection power (Ambrose).

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

BOMBSHELL!

Our tithing is down! Please relook at how much you are tithing and increase it by 1%. According to our census we have 71 members. That should be 71 tithing members. According to bestplaces.net the average annual income for Old Forge is \$26,071. That is approx. \$2172.26 a month. This is just the average and I am not including household incomes. **EVERYONE IS ON A FIXED INCOME** except some make more and some make less. Fixed income is a misnomer. If everyone tithes 10% we would not be worried about finances. An average monthly tithes of \$217.26 from everyone would be \$15,425.34 monthly and annually \$185,104.10. Again, this is an average.



WE HAVE PARISHIONERS STILL OPERATING UNDER THE MINDSET OF PAYING DUES!! WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO EXIST THIS WAY. OUR CHURCH'S PURPOSE IS NOT TO EXIST BUT TO LIVE! IF WE ARE NOT LIVING ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL, THEN WE ARE NOT LIVING A LIFE DEDICATED TO CHRIST. A RECAP OF THE LAST 4 YEARS: Current Bank Balance \$122,121.06 w/ two CDs at M&T Bank for \$100k and \$150K.

YEAR	CREDITS/INCOME	DEBITS/BILLS
2023	\$122,564.54	\$160,321.19
2022	\$125,916.16	\$147,657.72
2021	\$113,031.14	\$123,625.19
2020	\$72,518.00	\$85,071.17

A quick review of the last 4 years shows that each year we were ending the year in a deficit and beginning in 2022 we began fixing and repairing items that were long overdue. Also, the church was spending money out of the general fund for cemetery maintenance while not touching any of the cemetery accounts(?). Our yearly budget which is attainable is \$155K pending any major expense on the buildings/cemeteries in which we will do a capital campaign for. Currently we have 5 campaigns.

1. Replace Federal Pacific fuse box in rectory. Requirement for insurance. Was supposed to be replaced in the 1980s when Federal Pacific went out of business due to fires caused by fuse box. \$\$??
2. Repaint Cupolas - estimated Cost: \$13K raised: \$5K
3. Paint ceiling dark blue w/stars for cosmos - estimated Cost: \$12K raised: \$7K
4. Repair walls from leaks - estimated Cost: \$5K raised: 0
5. New Red Carpet and replace carpet in Altar - estimated Cost: \$5K raised: \$0
6. COMPLETED Repair Leaking Roof: Cost \$2700 Received \$5K from insurance
7. COMPLETED Repair busted pipes in Hall: Cost (still waiting on invoice) Received \$10K from insurance

Reminder: Gifts to capital campaigns are needed and are considered a donation however, should not be considered a portion of your tithe.