

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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February 16, 2025 – The Prodigal Son (the 2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday)

Due to the expected weather conditions today, our Annual Parish Meeting has been rescheduled to March 9.

This is the 1st announcement of the new date.

Our Charity Potluck will also move to March 9 – bring your favorite Lenten dishes.

Upcoming Services

Saturday, Feb 15, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Feb 16, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship

Saturday, Feb 22 – **No Vespers.**

Sunday, Feb 23, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *The Last Judgment. Meatfare Sunday*

Saturday, March 1 – **No Vespers.**

Sunday, March 2, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy followed immediately by small **Forgiveness Vespers** and the Rite of Forgiveness.

Monday, March 3 – Beginning of Great Lent. A Lenten schedule will be published soon.

Coffee Hour is offered by:

Feb 16: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Feb 23: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

March 2: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

*(Lenten) March 9: **SOUPer Bowl Charity Potluck***

(Lenten) March 16: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

(Lenten) March 23: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Announcements

Postponed to Sunday March 9: Our annual Charity Potluck for IOCC's "**SOUPer Bowl**" Food Drive. We are also collecting **canned goods** for a local food bank. All proceeds from the potluck will be given to local shelters or IOCC.

Our PASCHAL FLOWER DRIVE is on. If you want to make an offering for Pascha Flowers, please find the "Easter Flowers" envelope near the middle of April. Or use any envelope and write "Pascha Flowers" on it. Or, you may use the DONATE button on our website and enter your name and "Pascha Flowers" in the comments. Flower Offerings are due by March 9, so that we can place an order from our neighborhood supplier. *We will only order flowers from these donations, so your offerings determine how many flowers there will be.*

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the
Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding
Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on
the third day, O Savior, / granting life to
the world. / The powers of heaven
therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: /
"Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! /
Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy
dispensation, O Thou Who lovest
mankind!"

St Michael the Archangel (Tone 4)

O Commander of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech you
ceaselessly / that you would encompass us with the shelter of your prayers, /
and cover us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory. / We fall down
before you, crying out: / "Protect us all from harm, // O Michael, Prince of
the powers on high!"

Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have
scattered the riches which Thou hadst given me. / Therefore I cry to Thee
like the Prodigal: / "I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; //
receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

In your prayers

The ill and the afflicted: Fr. Daniel Donlick, Fr Gregory White, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Tom Shaw, George Petorak, Sandy Gillott, Debbie Jadick, Susan Schlasta, Evan Kraky, Laura Piwowski, Karen Abercia, Daniel Kitchura, Mark Klapatch, Gregory Klapatch, Jerry Soroka. **Homebound:** John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Nicholas Mattise, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

The newly-departed: Abp. Anastasios of Albania (1/25). Mat. Eugenia Nehrebecki (1/2). Mat. Susanne Senyo (1/18). Gene Howells (12/30). Karen (Dippel) Wisneski (1/26). Helen Meholic (1/27). Elizabeth Johnson (12/31).

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren: 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.

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

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

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

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

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father.

"But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found.' "