

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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March 10, 2024: Sunday of the Last Judgment

Schedule of Services

Saturday, March 9, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions. *Final 4pm Vespers this year.*
Spring Ahead +1hr! Sunday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. *Meatfare Sunday.*
Memorial Service for Helen Gurka Susko & Mary Gurka Wallace.
(Fasting from Meat begins this week)

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 16, **6:30 p.m.** – Great Vespers & Confessions. *Note the Time Change: 6:30!*
Sunday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy followed by Forgiveness Vespers

GREAT LENT BEGINS MONDAY MARCH 18

There are services every weeknight of the 1st week of Great Lent (March 18-22) at 6:30pm:

- **Mon, Tues, & Thurs:** Great Canon of St Andrew (1st, 2nd, & 4th parts)
- **Wed:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- **Friday:** The 1st part of the Akathist to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 23, **6:30 p.m.** – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

March 25 is the **Feast of the Annunciation to the Most-Holy Theotokos.**

Sunday, March 24, **4:00 p.m.** – We are HOSTING the Wilkes-Barre Deanery for Great Vespers of the Feast. More details (including Lenten refreshments) will be posted soon.

Monday, March 25, **5:00 p.m.** – Vespers Liturgy for Annunciation (*commemorating its leavetaking*)

Tuesday, Dec 5, 5:00 p.m. – Festal Vespers with Litya

Every Wednesday, 6:30pm, from March 27 through April 24 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
A full schedule of Lent and Pascha will be forthcoming.

Coffee Hour is offered by:

March 10: Susan Schlasta & Millie Telep
March 17: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

March 24 (*Lenten*): Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak
March 31 (*Lenten*): Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

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

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? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said: "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. 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. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

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: 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; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 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.'

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: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 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.' 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?' 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.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Hymns of the Day

Sunday Troparion (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

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!”

St Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)

Commanders of God’s armies / and ministers of the divine glory, / princes of the bodiless angels / and guides of mankind, / ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, // supreme commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

Pre-Lenten: Last Judgment (Tone 1)

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy Judgment Seat; the Books shall be opened and hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire // and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge.

In your prayers...

- Archbishop Nathaniel, of the Romanian Episcopate of the OCA, recovering from heart surgery.
- The Troutman family (Doreen & Harry, along with John Meholic) who lost their home to fire.
- Fr Gregory White, of Holy Resurrection in Wilkes-Barre, recovering from a heart attack.

Those who are ill or recovering from illness or injury: Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Edward & Karen Hojnicky, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini.

Those who are alone or confined:

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