

St. Michael's Parish Bee

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St. Michael's Orthodox Church is a parish family serving the Lord since 1904

Sunday after the Nativity and before Baptism of Our Lord, Circumcision, Jan 14

Sunday Antiphons and Beatitudes, Tropar, Tone 7, Troopers and Kondaks, Prokimen and Alleluia Verses for today's celebration of St. Basil and Circumcision of the Lord.

Schedule for this Week

Sunday: *Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

*Church School Classes, 10:30-11:30 AM *Coffee Shoppe after Liturgy, 10:30-11:30 AM

Monday: *There will be no Community Meal

and Knock and Drop meals on this Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: *Moleben to the Mother of God, St. George, Taylor, PA, 6 PM.

Thursday: *CHOW Pantry, Lower Lounge, 4:30-6 PM

*Epiphany Eve Holy Night Supper, 5 PM

*Complines of Epiphany and the Great Blessing of Water, 6 PM

Friday: *Feast of St. John Divine Liturgy, 8 AM

*Session 3 of The Way, Atrium, 10-11:30 AM

*Blessing of Homes will continue Saturday afternoon

*Vespers, 5 PM

Sunday after Epiphany, January 21

*Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

*Church School with Blessing of classes, 10:30-11:30 AM

*Coffee Shoppe after Liturgy, 10:30-11:30, AM

Be Sure to Join his for our annual Epiphany Holy Night Supper on Thursday evening, 5 PM



St. Michael's Recreation Center 296 Clinton, Binghamton, NY

Epiphany Eve Holy Night Supper

Thursday, Jan 18 Dinner at 5 PM

> Adults: \$8 Students: \$2

No Charge for Children 5 & under

We would be grateful if you could pick up or order your tickets today so we will have a count of how many meals to prepare,. If you not not sure of a number today, please call the office by Tuesday with your reservations. 720-0261

Scripture Readings for the week of January 14

Sunday: Colossians 2: 8-12, 2 Timothy 4: 5-8 St. Luke 2: 20-21, 40-52, St. Mark 1:1-8

Monday: 1 Peter 2: 21-3:9 St. Mark 112: 13-17 Tuesday: 1 Peter 3: 1—22 St. Mark 12: 18-27 Wednesday: 1 Peter 4: 1-11 St. Mark 12: 28-37 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 9: 19-27 St. Luke 3: 1-18 Friday: Titus 2: 11-14 St. Matthew 3: 13-17 Saturday: Actress 19: 1-9 St. John 1: 29-34 Sunday: Ephesians 4: 7-13 St. Matthew 4: 12-17

Daily readings can be found at www.acrod.org

1st Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:8-12

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

2nd Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1st Gospel Reading: Luke 2:20-21,40-52

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

And He said to them, "Why is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

2nd Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You."

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD, make His paths straight.'

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

And all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

"I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Great Blessing of the Rivers at the Confluence, Jan 21!

You and your family and friends are cordially invited to share in the 4th Annual Blessing the Rivers at Confluence Park on Sunday, January 21 at 3 PM.

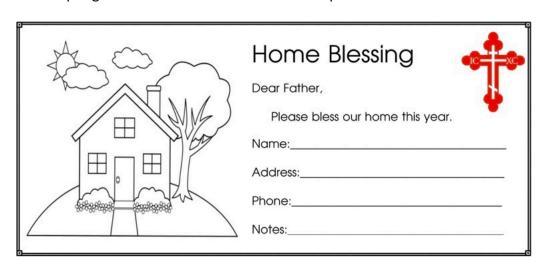
The blessing is held in conjunction with the great feast of Epiphany, marking the Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan and the revelation of the Holy Trinity.



Preparation for 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

The bylaws are clear that the annual parish meeting is to happen in February. The bylaws also state that to conduct parish business a quorum of 35 is needed. The Annual Parish Meeting will be scheduled for February 18, 2024. Coffee and snacks will be served. The meeting will be kept as brief as possible. All presentation materials will be available two weeks prior by either picking up a package in the church office or sending an email to randymichaelmay@gmail.com and requesting an electronic version of the materials. At the meeting, presentations are not going to be made. The content is in the package. For each agenda item, discussion will be limited to 5 minutes. If there are no contested board positions and no nominations from the floor, the entire slate of new officers will be done with a single vote.

Any parishioner wishing to submit a proposal to amend the bylaws, must submit their proposed change(s) in writing to Parish President Randy May by 6PM on Sunday Jan 21, 2024. The contact information for Randy May is phone number 607 621-5113 and email randymichaelmay@gmail.com. Shellee May and Carole Paccio are now accepting names for nomination to the 2024 parish board.











A Christmas Memory as we approach the coming Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord on Thursday evening and Friday





While we were in Myrtle Beach earlier this week, we had a chance to visit St Nicholas Orthodox Church and their priest, Fr. Alex Mackoul. It is the parish of Frank and Marsha Malinich and Bob and Cindy Jones of our parish. Visit when you are in the area: 404 Maple St, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577