



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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December 25th, Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs

Sunday Antiphons and Beatitudes, Tropar, Tone 3,
Tropar & Kondak, Holy Forefathers, & Prokimen and Alleluia
verses for Holy Forefathers, p. 128, St. Nicholas Cherubic & Communion
Hymn, p. 124-25.

Schedule for this Week

Sunday: * Divine Liturgy for Sunday, 9 AM
* Choir Carol Practice, Lower Lounge, 10:30 AM

Monday: * Christmas Divine Liturgy at Hilltop, 10 AM

Wednesday: * Divine Liturgy, +Fr. David Sedor, 8:30 AM

Friday: * Funeral for +Bill Orzell,
Viewing 9 AM, Services at 10 AM

Saturday: * Divine Liturgy, prayers for the ill, 8 AM
* Christmas Confessions, 1-3 PM
* Vespers for Holy Fathers Sunday, 3 PM

* New Year's Eve Party, St. Michael's Center
Invite for parish family & friends, 3 PM-?

Sunday: * Divine Liturgy, Sunday of Holy Fathers, 9 AM
* Carol Practice by Church School Children, 10:30 AM
* Coffee Shopp, 10:30 AM

Condolences!

Our sympathy is extended to the family of +Bill Orzell, who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday evening as he was preparing go to sleep. As many of you may remember, his wife +Mary, fell asleep in the Lord 11 months ago. Funeral services will take place on Friday morning at 10 AM here at the church, with a viewing to start at 9 AM.

May Our Lord ease the sorrow of all who mourn and may He grant rest to His newly departed servant +Bill, in a place of light, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but everlasting life. Eternal Memory!

A Blessed Christmas to all our Friends and Neighbors Who Celebrate Our Lord's Nativity Today!

Our congratulations are extended to all of our friends and neighbors who are celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ today. May Our Lord bless them with joy and peace in this world much in need of His presence in our very lives.

A Christmas Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday morning for faithful who are residents and family members and friends at the Hilltop Nursing and Rehab Center. It will begin at 10 AM.

As we still celebrate accordint to the old Julian calendar, our Christmas Divine Liturgy here at St. Michael's will take place on Saturday morning, January 7th at 9 AM.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho!



“O Come Let Us Adore Him,
Christ the Lord!”

*from the Nativity Creche
St. Michael's Orthodox Church
Binghamton, New York*



Daily Scripture Readings for this week of December 25th

Sunday:	Hebrews 13: 17-21	St. Luke 6: 17-23
Monday:	Hebrews 3: 5-11	St. Mark 8: 11-21
Tuesday:	Hebrews 4: 1-13	St. Mark 8: 22-26
Wednesday:	Hebrews 5:11-6:8	St. Mark 8: 30-34
Thursday:	Hebrews 7: 1-6	St. Mark 9: 10-16
Friday:	Hebrews 7: 18-25	St. Mark 9: 33-41
Saturday:	Galatians 3: 8-12	St. Luke 13: 18-29
Sunday:	Hebrews 11: 9-10, 17-23, 32-40	St. Matthew 1: 1-25



In a world with darkness,
be a bearer of light!

Daily Scriptures posted on line: www.acrod

[Colossians 3:4-11 \(Epistle\)](#)

- ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,
⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.
⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.
⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,
¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

- ¹⁶ Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,
¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'
¹⁸ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'
¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'
²⁰ Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'
²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'
²² And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'
²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
²⁴ 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

Hebrews 13:17-21 (St. Spyridon)

- ¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
¹⁸ Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.
¹⁹ But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.
²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 6:17-23 (St. Spyridon)

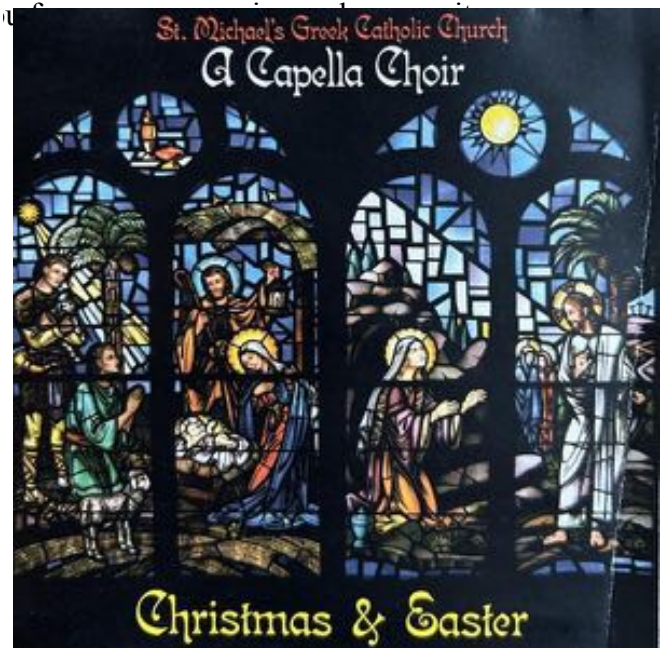
- ¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,
¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.
¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.
²⁰ Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.
²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.
²² Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.
²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.



These are some of the gifts that were brought to the Church for distribution to three families who are having a wonderful Christmas today thanks to the generosity of so many faithful and friends from St. Michael's. Thank



Last Sunday after Liturgy, new officers for both the Junior and Senior ACRY were installed for the new year. Junion officers include from left to right, Grace Augensterm, President, Jake Gdovin, Treasurer, Grace Gdovin, Secretary and Noah Kintner, Vice-President. Senior officers include Rick Dutko, president, Adrienne Kintner, Treasurer, Elizabeth Fabian, Secretary and Nadine Korchak, not present at the photo, as Vice-President. Our congratulations are extended to all and with prayers for a wonderful year of joy and service.



We are pleased to share the wonderful news that thanks to the wonderful work of Maria Korchak to share the treasury of beautiful Christmas Koljady (carols) over many decades of parish families in the US and Europe, that the treasured Christmas (*and Easter*) recording that was done by our St. Michael's Acapella Choir decades ago, and then remastered as a CD, is now accessible on social media for everyone. You can hear it on your phone, iPad or Computer by simply logging onto:

<https://stmichaelsgreekcatholicchurchacapellachoir.hearnow.com/>

The entire library of Carpathian Rusyn Koljady can be accessed at:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3KMPjSs4TqPABuISeFexyT?si=QpOck6gUTUmMOL6S8aUKsg&nd=1>

New Year's Eve PARTY INVITATION

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!
All parishioners are invited
(also friends and family)



SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER

St. Michael's Recreation Center -- 3:00 pm - ??

Come join us and share in Food, Fun, and Games

Food & Soda will be provided (BYOB)

Please feel free to bring a dish, appetizer, or dessert to share
RSVP TO: Barb Knighton (607) 621-6079



Can you believe that this image of our Community Meal on Monday evenings dates back to March, 2017! We are grateful for the years of the *'labor of love'* that has resulted in this wonderful outreach to so many folks in our community, week after week, month after month and year after year. God Bless!

Images of Last Sunday's St. Nicholas Celebration with Food, Dance and Fellowship!

Last Sunday's St. Nicholas celebration was a special joy because we not only had many of our own faithful present, but we also had the privilege of having many guests from Holy Spirit and SS. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic churches together with their priest, Fr. Roman Isayyskyy.

It is said that "the joy shared is twice the joy," so you can understand what a blessing this was for all of us. Together we sang our traditional hymn in honor of St. Nicholas, broke bread, enjoyed the program and the fellowship of the gathering. It was a historical event for all and a source of blessing for all. Many thanks to our decorators for preparing the tables: to our chefs and hosts at the serving tables, to Michael Korchak for his annual piano concert during dinner, our Carpathian Dancers for the joy of their dance, our Church School students for their Christmas pageant, Matt Gay for being a St. Nicholas to all and to Barb Knighton for preparing special St. Nicholas Meals for our Sunshine Faithful and to all who brought these gifts to those unable to attend. God bless!



Angels here include Emmie Marusich, Anastasia Marusich, Maria Fabian, Vasia Asqueth and Eleanor Dutko



Carpathian Dancers include Maria Fabian and Eleanor Dutko, Emmie Marusich and Vasia Asqueth in the first row, and Anastasia Fabian, Bonnie Delahanty, director, Grace Augenster, Grace Gdovin and April Delahanty in the second row.



Children with St. Nick include in the first row, Melanie Marusich, Johnny Marusich, Grace Augenster, Ryan Marusich, St. Nicholas, Vasia Asqueth, Anastasia Fabian, Eleanor Dutko, and Emmie Marusich. Those in the back row include Alex Lazaros, Jake Gdovin, Danny Marusich, Grace Gdovin and April Delahanty.



Fr. Jim and Fr. Roman also shared the greetings of St. Nicholas



Danny Marusich greets St. Nicholas



Families also had a chance to greet St. Nicholas. Here Tim and Elizabeth Fabian with Anna and Maria share in the joy of the day!



Bonnie and April Delahanty enjoy their visit with St. Nicholas at our special celebration last Sunday!

