



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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Sunday of the Return of the Prodigal, Feb 12 Feast of the Three Hierarchs

Antiphones and Beatitudes for Sunday,
Tropar and Kondak, Tone 2, p. 84, Tropar for Three Hierarchs, p. 151,
Kondak, Prodigal Son, p. 175, Prokimon and Alleluia Verses, Tone 2, p. 86

Sunday: * Divine Liturgy for Sunday, 9 AM

* Church School Classes, 10:30 AM

* Coffee Shoppe, 10:30 AM

Monday: * Grab and Go Community Meal,
Drop & Knock deliveries, 5:30-7 PM

Tuesday: * Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Ordination, 8:30 AM
* Vespers for Meeting of the Lord, 5 PM

Wednesday: Holy Day Liturgy, Meeting of the Lord, 9 AM
* Moleben to the Mother of God, 6 PM
St George Orthodox Church, Taylor

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

Friday: * Moleben to the Mother of God, 8:30 AM

Saturday: * Divine Liturgy, +Bill and Mary Orzell,
With All-Souls Commemorations, 8 AM
* Vespers, 3 PM
* PotLuck Dinner, 4 PM with *hors d'oeuvres* at 3 PM

Sunday, of the Last Judgment, February 19

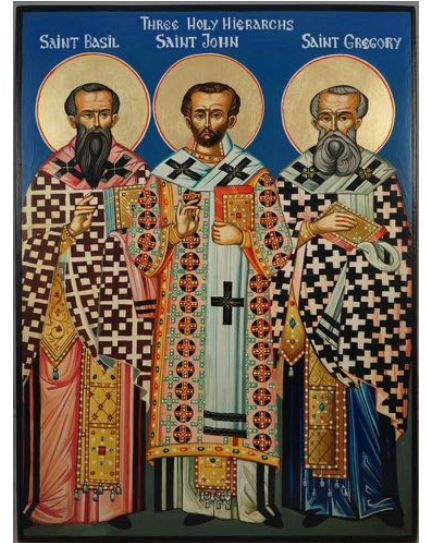
* Divine Liturgy for Sunday, Feast of Three Hierarchs, 9 AM

* Church School Classes, 10:30 AM

* Annual Parish Meeting, 10:30 AM

2023 Annual Parish Meeting Next Sunday!


The Annual Parish Meeting will be scheduled for February 19, 2023. Coffee and snacks will be served. The meeting will be kept as brief as possible. All presentation materials are available today 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 parish member wishing to vote must be current through their 2022 financial obligations (\$175 per person) by the start of the meeting.** Statements of your 2022 giving will be available starting Feb 5, 2023. Shellee May and Carole Paccio (607) 725-2785 are now accepting names for nomination to the 2023 parish board.



**“Blessed is the Kingdom of the
Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
NOW and ever and forever!”**

Each Sunday's Divine Liturgy affords us the opportunity to taste of Heaven in this life! Come and See how Good the Lord each Sunday!

Finally and most importantly, Bring your family and friends!



POTLUCK DINNER

Mid-winter Blues Buster
Potluck Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 18

Come join us on Saturday, February 18, for an afternoon/early evening potluck dinner and fellowship at St. Michael's Recreation Center beginning with hors d'oeuvres at 3:00 pm and dinner at 4:00 pm.

If you are able, and feel inclined to do so, bring a dish, dessert, or hors d'oeuvre to share, but this is totally optional.

This event is free and open to all parishioners of St. Michael's ... but feel free to bring your family and friends.

Readings for the week of February 12

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 St. Luke 11-32
Monday: 1 John 2: 18-3:2 St. Mark 11: 1-11
Tuesday: 1 John 3: 11-20 St. Mark 14: 10-42
Wednesday: Hebrews 7: 7-17 St. Luke 2: 22-40
Thursday: 1 John 4: 20-5:21 St. Mark 15: 1-15
Friday: 2 John 1: 1-13 St. Mark 15: 22-25, 33-41
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10: 23-28 St. Luke 21: 8-9, 25-27, 33-36
Sunday: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 St. Matthew 25: 31-46



*The love of God is akin
to the love of the Father
for the Prodigal Son.
Alleluia!*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

- ¹² 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.
- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.
- ¹⁵ 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!
- ¹⁶ 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."
- ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.
- ¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.
- ¹⁹ 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?
- ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Hierarchs)

- ⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.
- ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- ⁹ Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.
- ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.
- ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.
- ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
- ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.
- ¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.
- ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
- ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

St. Luke 15:11-32, Gospel of the Return of the Prodigal Son!

- ¹¹ Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.
- ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.
- ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.
- ¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.
- ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
- ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.
- ¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
- ¹⁸ 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. '
- ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
- ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

- ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.
- ²³ 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;
- ²⁴ 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.
- ²⁵ Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.
- ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.
- ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'
- ²⁸ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.
- ²⁹ So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.
- ³⁰ 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'
- ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.
- ³² 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

St. Matthew 5:14-19 (Gospel, Hierarchs)

- ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- ¹⁷ Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.
- ¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
- ¹⁹ Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



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Condolences

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of +Donna Sablich, who fell asleep in the Lord early Monday morning after battling with cancer for five years. May Our Lord grant her rest with the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but everlasting life. Eternal Memory!



The United States Association of

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are pleased to announce that a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program will take place in the Southern Tier for working with young children from the ages of 3-6 this April at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 360 Conklin Avenue here in Binghamton.

There are 10 spaces available in this program and it would be wonderful to have some faithful of our parish trained in this approach to religious education. The program consists of a series of classes and those who complete the program will earn a certificate from the National Associate of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Funding for the tuition is available.

For more information, please contact Maria Korchak, mhkorchak@gmail.com, or call her at (607) 341-1865.



A Prayer for Vocations

O Lord and Master of the harvest,
Who told us the harvest is rich
and the laborers are few,
call many to be Your future priests.

There are children to baptize,
the sick to heal,
the dying to care for,
the Bread of Life to distribute,
the Word of God to teach,
sins to forgive and charity
to be done in Your Name.


Grant O Lord, that many
shall respond to Your call,
hear us and have mercy.

Amen



Be a Priest!
Christ the Saviour Seminary
225 Chandler Avenue
Johnstown PA 15906

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JOIN US FOR A

Lenten Encounter



at Camp Nazareth
For All Youth Ages 8-18

Friday March 10TH - Sunday March 12th
Cost: \$105 per person

If there is a financial need to help get any of the youth from our diocese to this retreat, please reach out to the current ACRY president, Paul Zdinak (paulzdinak@gmail.com or at 814-701-9272)

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

Scan Here to Register Today!

Dear Parents and Youngsters,
8-18 of St. Michael's Parish,

Please know that all children, 8-18 from our parish are invited to a Lenten Encounter at Camp Nazareth, Friday evening, March 10th through Sunday noon, March 12th.

This will be a wonderful time to grow in faith, knowledge, service and friendship with youngsters and clergy from our diocesan family.

Please reach out to Fr. Jim, Tasha Gdovin or Subdeacon Dylan and let us know that you want to participate.

Together we will find a way to make it happen! God Bless!

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First Annual

Lenten Women's Retreat

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 - SUNDAY MARCH 12, 2023

Register at:
http://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=397695

\$125 for the Weekend
(\$50 for Saturday only)

Keynote Speaker: Cynthia Damaskos



Cynthia is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach specializing in Functional Medicine, Nutrition and Lifestyle Management. She is the author of The Holistic Christian Woman, host of the Holistic Christian Life podcast, and co-host of The Filled With Less Show on Ancient Faith Radio.

Also attending: Archbishop Michael

For more information
Call: 315-868-4138 or
Email: kzaitseva08@gmail.com

Lenten Women's Retreat

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Hello, my name is Kristy Zaitseva and I am the Co-Director of St. Andrew's Orthodox Camp, in Jewell, NY. We will be having a Lenten Women's Retreat on March 10 - 12, at the camp. I wish to extend an invitation to this event to the women of your parishes.

registration:

http://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=397695

Thank you very much.
In Christ,
Kristy A. Zaitseva

If You thought Camp Nazareth was Only for Kids, Think Again!

Diocesan Three Hierarchs Religious Education Conference:

Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30, 2023

This will be our 1st Religious Education Conference in a number of years. The Three Hierarchs Religious Education Conference will bring together clergy, seminarians, church school teachers, parents, and many others for an intensive weekend together. This year's Conference will be a "deep dive" into the current landscape of spiritual formation for our youth in the Orthodox world in this country and will offer our participants resources, information and current practices to help them teach, support and form their youth. Conference participants will have opportunities to learn from each other as well as from keynote speakers and small group discussions. Parish education teams, church school teachers and coordinators, clergy and anyone looking for resources, support and new ideas to help our youth be formed in and by their faith are strongly encouraged to attend this Conference. Online Registration for the Conference will open on February 1, 2023. Check back here for more updates.



Sts. Joachim and Anna Senior Retreat (55+):

Monday, May 1- Wednesday, May 3, 2023

This will be our 4th Annual Senior Retreat. Participants will enjoy plenty of activities, games, great evening events, delicious meals, church services, time for fellowship, opportunity for quiet reflection, and time spent learning together. More information will follow soon and be sent out to parishes and our past participants. Online Registration will open on February 1, 2023. Check back here for more updates.

Clergy Family Week:

Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 9, 2023

This will be our first ever Clergy Family Week. Our clergy families are invited to Camp anytime, for any number of days, from Monday, 6/5/23 - Friday, 6/9/23. The Clergy Family Week is free-of-charge. Camp will provide 3 meals/day and snacks, as well as the accommodations. There will also be 1 or 2 scheduled activities during the day for our Clergy Families (hiking, Ropes Course, basketball game, swimming, movie, etc.), as well as morning and evening services, but the rest of the schedule will be up to the families. Kid-sitting will be available as well. Clergy families are invited to simply enjoy the peaceful environment of the Camp together. Online Registration will open February 1, 2023. Check back here for more updates.

Family Camp:

Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11, 2023

This will be our 9th Annual Family Camp! Families are invited to come enjoy all that Camp has to offer! The schedule will include services, meals together, games and activities, hiking, evening events, Ropes Course activities, keynote speakers and learning together, as well as plenty of free-time. Kids will have time together just by themselves with special activities planned by the Camp Staff. Moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents will also have time together just by themselves. Families will have an entire cabin to themselves and enjoy great meals provided by our Kitchen Staff. Don't miss out on our 9th Annual Family Camp! Online Registration will open February 1, 2023. Check aback here for more updates.

Family Day:

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Our Annual Family Day will take place on Sunday, June 11th. This is the "Kick-off" to our summer season at Camp. Faithful from around the Diocese are invited to attend the day's festivities which will begin with a beautiful Divine Liturgy, followed by a delicious brunch, live music and all kinds of games and activities for kids and adults alike! This is a great way to start our summer together! Join us on June 11th! There is not registration for Family Day. Come one! Come all!

And by the way,

The week for our kids from the Southern Tier Deanery, with youngsters from the Johnstown, Chicago and Scranton Deaneries is Sunday, July 16-Saturday, July 22.

And this year the Science and Nature Camp program returns from Sunday, August 6-Saturday, August 12.

For details, log onto: www.campnazareth.org/multimedia/latestmedia

IOCC Responding to the Needs of Earthquake Victims



IOCC is in touch with partners in Syria (shown here during initial emergency action) and Turkey as we assess needs and identify an appropriate response to the devastating earthquake. (Photo: GOPA-DERD)



Upon hearing news of the early-morning earthquake on February 6, 2023, the hearts of IOCC's staff went out to all those affected. We then got in touch with partners in and around the affected regions.

Our local partners in Syria have indicated that basic needs (like food, bedding, and clothing) are most pressing right now. As we assess needs of those displaced by the earthquake and identify the most appropriate and effective response, please join our efforts by:

- Praying for all those affected in Syria and Turkey
- Keeping up with IOCC's response on our social media channels and in the "Latest" section of our website.
- Supporting our International Emergency Response Fund, which allows IOCC to mobilize aid quickly and effectively on the ground.

We've set an initial goal of \$250,000 to care for survivors in the coming days and weeks. You can help meet these urgent needs with a gift to IOCC today.

This is an evolving situation, and government recovery teams need space to save lives. IOCC will be working to responsibly meet the urgent unfilled needs of the people impacted. Please give now. Thank you.

**Editor's Note: We will be taking an offering today next Sunday for Earthquake Relief. Checks should be made payable to St. Michael's Church with "IOCC Earthquake" on the memo line. Please send to:
St. Michael's Church office, 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY 13905.**



Among the clergy sharing in the joy of Archbishop Michael's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Paterson, NJ were Fr. Jim, Fr. Tom Kadlec and Fr. Peter Zarynow.