



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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Sunday, February 2, 2025, Sunday of Zacchaeus

Sunday Antiphons, Beatitudes, Tropar, Kondak, Verses, Tone 7, p. 99-101

Services and Activities at St. Michael's This Week

- Sunday: *Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Church School Classes, 10:30-11:30 AM
Coffee Hour, 10:30-11:30 AM
- Monday: *Knock and Drop Meal Program
(if you would like to assist in dropping off meals,
please contact Barb at (607) 621-6079
- Tuesday: *Moleben to St. Nektarios with prayers for the ill, 8:30 AM
- Wednesday: *Moleben to the Mother of God, St. George, Taylor, 6 PM
- Thursday: *CHOW Pantry, Lower Lounge, 4:30-6 PM
*Decorating Hall for Festival of Hearts, 5:30 PM
- Saturday: *Liturgy with prayers for +Pani Dolores Zuder, 8 AM
*Continuation of "The Way," Intro to Orthodoxy, 10-11:30 AM
*Vespers, 4 PM
*Festival of Hearts Dinner Dance, 6 -10 PM
- Sunday: *Sunday Liturgy, Publican and the Pharisee, 9 AM
Church School Classes, 10:30 AM
Coffee Shoppe, 10:30 AM

The Blessing of Homes During This Epiphany Season!

We have a beautiful tradition in our parishes of the Diocese of the Blessing of our Homes, where we live out our salvation, during the season of Epiphany and Theophany. It is possible that you might not have had your home or apartment blessed in many years. Please ask for the blessing. I will happy to come to your residence and do the prayers at a time that will be convenient for you and your loved ones.



Home Blessing Request Card for 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail or Phone: _____

Best Date and Time: _____

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 2, 2026

Sunday:	1 Timothy 4: 9-15	St. Luke 19: 1-10
Monday:	1 Peter 2: 21-3:9	St. Mark 12: 13-17
Tuesday:	1 Peter 3: 10-22	St. Mark 12: 18-27
Wednesday:	1 Peter 4: 1-11	St. Mark 12: 28-37
Thursday:	1 Peter 4: 12-5:5	St. Mark 12: 38-44
Friday:	1 Corinthians 12: 7-11	St. John 10: 9-16
Saturday:	2 Timothy 2: 11-19	St. Luke 18: 2-8
Sunday:	2 Timothy 3: 10-15	St. Luke 18: 10-14

You can read the daily Scripture on line at www.acrod.org

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

But when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."



ST. MICHAEL'S ACRY PRESENTS THE

Festival of Hearts

FEATURING BROTHERS AND FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 8, 2025
5PM TO 10PM

HORS D'OEUVRES 5PM
BUFFET DINNER 6PM
DANCING 7PM-10PM
CASH BAR

\$40 PER PERSON

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
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SPEAKER: FR. TIMOTHY PAPROSKI



AT CAMP NAZARETH

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RETREAT DETAILS

MARCH 14TH - 16TH, 2025

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 THE SUNDAY OF
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 HOW WE SAY SAINT EPHRAIM'S
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 12 NOON

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THEY YEARN FOR WHAT THEY FEAR FOR

FRIDAY
 FEBRUARY 21
 6:00PM

TWO RIVERS CHURCH
 1 CHRISFIELD AVE
 JOHNSON CITY, NY

TICKETS & INFO




BUCHA

INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY

MUSIC BY ISA MELIKOV COSTUME DESIGNER OLYNA PETROVA PRODUCTION DESIGNER VLADYSLAV OULIDENKO EXECUTIVE PRODUCER SERHII DEMYDOV
 DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY EUGENE KIREY PRODUCED BY ANDRII HULIANYCH SCREENPLAY BY OLEKSANDR SHCHUR DIRECTED BY STANISLAV TIUNOV

Please join the screening of the feature film "Bucha".

"Bucha" is a powerful story about a refugee from Kazakhstan who saved hundreds of Ukrainians from Bucha and other occupied Ukrainian territories.

This feature film is a symbol that the fight is ongoing and we are incredibly proud to be a part of it.

The film won second place in the audience vote among feature films presented at the 40th Warsaw International Film Festival in October 2024. It has been released on Netflix in Poland, Ukraine, and other countries in Europe and is ranked first amongst top 10 films to watch.

This screening is organized by Together for Ukraine Foundation in collaboration with Leonid Foundation.

Panel discussion with Oleksandr Shchur, the producer and screenwriter of the film will follow the screening. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to learn more about the film, please follow this link: <https://bucha.film/en>

If you have wondered what it is like to live in Ukraine after the Russian invasion three years ago, take the time to see this special viewing of Bucha, site of horrific atrocities in the war. Tickets are available on line at a cost of \$28.52. Ukrainian Director Stanislav Tiunav will be speaking following the American premier of his award-nominated film, "Bucha."



The Great Blessing of the Rivers at Confluence Park

Last Saturday, we had the privilege of gathering at Confluence Park to share in the wonderful prayers of St. Sophronius of Jerusalem. The blessing of the waters is a wonderful gathering to mark the joy of the Baptism of the Lord and the Revelation of the Holy Trinity.



THEREFORE, O KING AND LOVER OF MANKIND, ALSO BE PRESENT NOW THROUGH THE DESCENT OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND SANCTIFY + THIS WATER.

And give to it the grace of redemption and the blessing of the Jordan. Make it a source of incorruptibility, a gift of sanctification, a remission of sins, a remedy for sickness, a destruction of demons, inaccessible to the adverse powers, and filled with the might of your angels, so that all who drink and receive of it may be blessed in their souls and bodies, healed of their sufferings, sanctified in their homes, and may receive every befitting grace.

~ For You are our God, who, with water and the Spirit, restored our nature made old by sin.

~ You are our God, who drowned sin in the waters at the time of Noah.

~ You are our God, who in the sea, and at the hands of Moses, delivered the Hebrews from the bondage of Pharaoh.

~ You are our God who cleaved the rock in the wilderness, so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed, and your thirsty people were satisfied.

~ You are our God who, with fire and water and at the hands of Elijah, delivered Israel from the errors of Baal.

THEREFORE, O MASTER, SANCTIFY THIS WATER BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT (3X).

Grant sanctification, blessing, cleansing and health to all those who touch it, and to those upon whom it is poured, and to those who receive of it.

Orthodox World Mourns the Late Archbishop Anastasios of Albania!

Orthodox Archbishop Anastasios Yannoulatos of Albania, 95, died on Jan. 25 in Greece due to a recent illness. He led the Albanian Orthodox Church for nearly 33 years.



Under his leadership, after the fall of communism, more than 400 parishes were reopened and several new churches were built to support the faith and piety of Albania's Orthodox communities in the predominantly Muslim nation.

Born on Nov. 4, 1929, in Piraeus, Greece, Anastasios was ordained a priest in the Church of Greece in 1964 after completing his studies in theology and the history of religions.

After working as a missionary in several African countries — including Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania — for more than a decade, Anastasios returned to Greece and was elevated to bishop of Androusa in 1972. From 1981 to 1991, he served as acting archbishop of the Holy Archbishopric of Irinopolis in Africa.

Sent to Albania in 1991 to rebuild the Orthodox Church soon after the fall of communism in the country on Dec. 11, 1990, Anastasios was appointed primate of Albania in August 1992. In addition to reopening more than 400 parishes, Anastasios ordained approximately 155 new priests to revitalize the Orthodox Church in Albania and erected several educational and charitable institutions in the country.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presided over the funeral service of the late Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durrës, and All Albania, which was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, in the morning, at the Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Tirana. The service was attended by the Hierarchy of the Church of Albania, as well as Primates and representatives of other Autocephalous Orthodox Churches.

In his eulogy, the Ecumenical Patriarch stated: “Anastasios was the servant of the miracle of the resurrection of the local Church from the dead, following the long and dark night of militant atheism and the great persecution of Christians by a godless regime in Albania.

“When this regime collapsed and the reconstruction of the Church became possible, the venerable Mother Church of Constantinople sought out the gifted man who could take on the task of saving the storm-tossed vessel. A man who combined virtue, intelligence, decisiveness, a fighting spirit, diligence, diplomatic acumen, international recognition, unwavering faith in the sacred mission, devotion to ancestral traditions, and love for the suffering people of God.

“Churches, monasteries, educational institutions, a seminary, a theological school, hospitals, and other charitable institutions are only a few of his many accomplishments. Naturally kind, gentle, and accommodating where necessary, yet unyielding and uncompromising where the Church's interests required it, he was a diplomat of rare skill—able to smooth out conflicts, avoid pitfalls, heal wounds, nurture souls, and faithfully structure the Church.” “We shall always remember whatever was beautiful, brilliant, God-pleasing, and edifying for the Church that the late Archbishop accomplished. And we glorify God, who granted the modern Church a Primate of such stature as Anastasios Yannoulatos!”

Eternal Memor, Fr Thomas FitzGerald and Fr. Ron Robertson

I learned during a ZOOM meeting this Thursday of the North American Orthodox Catholic Theological Consultation of the falling asleep in the Lord of two of its most distinguished and long serving members, Fr. Thomas FitzGerald, Executive Secretary of the Orthodox members and and Fr. Ron Roberson, Executive Secretary of the Catholic members.

Father Thomas FitzGerald, born February 9, 1947, a faithful Greek Orthodox priest, spiritual father and mentor, professor, scholar, author and former pastor of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, NH, departed to be with the Lord on December 29, 2024.



A respected theologian, scholar and much-loved professor, Father Thomas recently retired from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, having served the longest tenure of teaching in the history of the school. He began his teaching ministry in September of 1974 through January 2022, when he retired as Professor of Church History and Historical Theology. Furthermore, Father Thomas served as Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology from September 2006 through August 2013 and again from June 2018 through December 2019. Since his retirement, he was honored by being elected by the School of Theology faculty, Emeritus Professor of Church History and Historical Theology. He has published numerous books and articles, including the highly praised, *The Orthodox Church*, an historical study of the development of the Orthodox Church in North America and *The Ecumenical Movement: An Introductory History*.

With the blessing and support of His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America, of blessed memory, for five decades, Father Thomas conscientiously and diligently represented the GOA and Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople at international and national theological meetings, events, and initiatives in the service of the Orthodox Church. Through his international service, Father Thomas had the distinct honor of serving under two ecumenical patriarchs, His All Holiness, Demetrios I and His All Holiness, Bartholomew I. During the 1990s, he was appointed to represent the Orthodox Church at the World Council of Churches in Geneva Switzerland, as the Executive Director of Unit I. And, until most recently, December 2022, under the leadership of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, for over three decades has served on the North American Orthodox-Catholic Bilateral Dialogue as Executive Secretary on the Orthodox side. The blessing to serve on this dialogue was originally given to him over forty years ago by his spiritual father, His Eminence, Metropolitan Maximos of Pittsburgh, of blessed memory. Moreover, Father Thomas also with his spiritual father's blessing, served as a co-founding executive board member of Saint Catherine's Vision and as a past president of the Orthodox Theological Society of America for many years.

His students and spiritual children have called Fr. Tom "a priest's priest". He has taught generations of clergy with love, exemplary faith and action for the life of the church, and for Christ. For many he became a surrogate father and/or pappou.

Fr. Ronald Roberson has entered eternal life.

He died on Sunday afternoon, January 19, 2025, at the Mary Manning Walsh Home in New York City, due to Parkinson's disease. He was 74 years old.

Fr. Roberson had been a member of the Paulist community for 52 years and a priest for 47 years.

He was an international leader in ecumenical dialogues and the promotion of Christian unity.

In August, 2023, he retired as associate director of the **Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs** at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., after 28 years working in that office.

In September, 1995, he began his work with the U.S. Bishops' Conference in ecumenical and interreligious affairs.

Fr. Roberson staffed dialogues on the national level with the Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Polish National Catholic, and Episcopal Churches, as well as the ecumenical initiative **Christian Churches Together (USA)**. He served as the Executive Secretary of the North American Orthodox Catholic Theological Consultation for many years.

In 2005, he was named a Catholic member of the international dialogue between the Catholic Church and the six Oriental Orthodox Churches: the Eritrean Orthodox Church, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt, the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Syriac Orthodox Church, and the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church of India.

Fr. Roberson was the author of the book "**The Eastern Christian Churches: A Brief Survey**."

Describing this work in a **2018 interview**, Fr. Roberson said it's important to take the long view. "It's always steps forward and steps back," he said. "The trend has been toward greater unity ... Christians more and more are emphasizing what we have in common."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNZr2HZx6CE&t=11s>

https://soundcloud.com/paulist-fathers/what-we-have-in-common?utm_source=clipboard&utm_campaign=wtshare&utm_medium=widget&utm_content=https%253A%252F%252Fsoundcloud.com%252Fpaulist-fathers%252Fwhat-we-have-in-common



Fr. Tom and Fr Ron were wonderful priests, theologians and guides in helping guide the decades of work towards understanding and unity of the North American Orthodox Catholic Theological Consultation. May the Lord grant them joy in the Eternal Kingdom, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but everlasting life. Eternal Memory!