



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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January 1st, Sunday before Christmas

Sunday Antiphons and Beatitudes, Tropar, Tone 4,
Tropar & Kondak, HolyFathers, & Prokimen and Alleluia
verses for Holy Fathers, p. 129

Schedule for this Week

- Sunday: *Divine Liturgy for Sunday, 9 AM
*Choir Carol Practice, Lower Lounge, 10:30 AM
- Monday: *Grab and Go Community Meal,
Drop & Knock deliveries, 5:30-7 PM
- Tuesday: *Akathist to the Mother of God, 8:30 AM
*Choir Christmas carol rehearsal, 6 PM
- Wednesday: *Moleben to Mother of God,
St. George Orthodox Church, Taylor, 6 PM
- Friday: *Vesperal Liturgy for Christmas Eve, 8:30 AM
*Christmas Carols at Nativity Creche, 8 PM
*Complines of the Nativity of Our Lord, 8:30 PM
- Saturday: *Christmas Day Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Sunday, January 8th

- *Sunday Morning Liturgy in honor of Mother of God
- *Church School Classes Resume, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
- *Coffee Shop after Liturgy

You can turn a Christmas Vision into a Christmas Miracle at St. Michael's!

We are just days away from our celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. On Christmas eve, January 6, our services will begin with the singing of carols! It is possible that for the first time since the outbreak of COVID three years ago that a *St. Michael's Choir in the Making*, will gather to sing Carols chorally in the Church before Complines that evening as well as before and during the Christmas day Divine Liturgy on Saturday!

But for this to happen, we need a Christmas Miracle that requires your presence and voice! There is a rehearsal today after Liturgy in the Lower Lounge with Tammy Sedor.

If you like to sing, or would like to learn how to sing, or have sung anywhere before, your presence will help transform this vision into a Christmas miracle here at St. Michael's.

Give Glory to God in the Highest!



A Blessed 2023
to our Parish Family
Friends and Neighbors!

St. Michael's Church Choir, 1915

"Glory to God in the Highest!"

Be Part of a Cherished St. Michael's Tradition that spans a Century!

Christmas Carol Rehearsal for everyone, former, present and new members!

Sunday, January 1st following Liturgy
Lower Lounge of the Recreation Center

Today's Scripture Reading for Sunday, January 1st

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.

Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.

Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Archbishop Michael's to Mark Golden Anniversary of Ordination February 4!

His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of the OCA diocese of New York and New Jersey, will be honored on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Saturday, February 4. There will be a Divine Liturgy celebrated at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ at 10 AM, followed by a Commemorative Buffet Luncheon at the Brownstone, 351 West Broadway in Patterson NY at 1 PM.

If you would like to attend the celebration, you can make a reservation for the Jubilee Luncheon. A donation of \$50 is payable to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey and is to be forwarded to Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar, 109 Grand Street, Jersey City, NY 0730 by January 20. For additional information, call Fr. Lickwar at (201) 892-7233 or email at josephlickwar@gmail.com

Archbishop Michael, the son of the late Peter and Ann Dahulich, is a priestly vocation to the Priesthood from our parish family here at St. Michael's where he was nurtured in faith by his family and by Fr. Stephen and the parish family as a child growing up here in Binghamton's First Ward.

Enjoy Listening to St. Michael Christmas Choral Recording Now On Social Media!

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://stmichaelsgreekcatholicchurchacapella choir.hearnow.com/>

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

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

2023 Church Calendars Now Available!

Our thanks are extended to Bill and Nikki Scheider of the Chopyak-Scheider Funeral Home for providing the new 2023 St. Michael's Church Calendar which is now available in the Recreation Center for all of our parish members and friends. May Our Lord bless them for their generosity and their dedicated service to our parish family and countless friends and neighbors here in the Triple Cities in times of need. Many Blessed Years!

Mark Your New Calendars for these Dates in the New Year!

- January 14: ACRY Rusyn New Year's Social, Factory by the Beertree, 4 PM
- January 15: The Annual Blessing of the Rivers at Confluence Park, 3 PM
A Christmas Carol Sing at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 6 PM
- January 18: St. Michael's Parish Epiphany Eve Dinner returns to our Center
- January 19: The Feast of Epiphany/Theophany and the Blessing of Homes!

