

# St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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*Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
of North America.*

(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

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**Sunday, June 17, 2018**

***To all who are present with us this morning,  
Welcome! Thank you for being here.***

***Please join us for a Father's Day Luncheon  
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.***

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**You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy** beginning on the bottom of page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5" x 11" large, spiral-bound booklet.

**At the Kiss of Peace** our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the seasonal Christian greeting, "Christ is in our midst!" and responding, "He is and shall be!"

**Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved** for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means 'in place' of the gifts) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

**Being mindful we are in church, let us always remember to...**

**...be quiet and attentive.** Let us sing, pray, stand, sit, kneel and respond where responses are indicated. Let us not talk, look around, text message, play games, etc. Especially let us work at this in the Communion line and when in line to venerate the Cross and depart. If we cannot hear the post-Communion prayers being chanted during our church departure, we are way too noisy.

**...refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum.** (most obviously and especially if you will be receiving Holy Communion).

**...stay put.** Except in rare cases, there are few of us who cannot stay in one location for two hours (actually less, for most of us).

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## **Mission of Our Church** (members)

**The mission of St Michael's Orthodox Church members is to become completely loving people.**

**(Luke 10:27)** This will occur by the Grace of God as we strive to live holy lives, using the tools He has given us for this endeavor: prayer, fasting, charitable works, and the constant remembrance of death.

### TONE 2

Arr: Basil Kazan.

When Thou didst sub - mit Thy - self - un - to death,  
O Thou Death - less and Im - mor - - tal One, then Thou didst  
de - stroy Hell with Thy God - ly pow'r; and when Thou didst  
raise the dead from be - neath the earth, all the pow'rs of  
Hea - ven did cry a - loud un - to Thee: O Christ  
Thou Gi - ver of Life, glo - - - ry to Thee!

## **IOCC SYRIAN RELIEF UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Syrian Relief Dinner back on March 4. *Net proceeds of \$37,129 were sent to IOCC which mean the Syrian people received \$260,000 in leveraged aid through this effort.*

[http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries\\_syria.aspx](http://www.iocc.org/countries/countries_syria.aspx)

# Sunday, June 17, 2018. Happy Father's Day!

*Tone: 2 Eothinon: 3*

**Greeting:** Christ is in our midst!      **Response:** He is and shall be!

*Third Sunday after Pentecost and Third Sunday of Matthew; Martyrs Isauros and those with him of Athens; Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael of Persia; Venerable Joseph and Pior, disciples of Anthony the Great; Martyr Nectan of Hartland.*

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## **THE EPISTLE READING**

*St. Paul to the Romans (5:1-10)*

**B**RETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man — though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*According to St. Matthew (6:22-33)*

**T**HE LORD SAID, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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*“The Mission  
of St Michael’s Orthodox Church members  
is to become completely loving people.”*

*“Jesus answered and said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” - Luke 10:27*

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” — Jn 13:33*

Most mission statements are created on behalf of the whole group as the owner of the statement. In our case this would be “St. Michael’s Orthodox Church.” So we might say “The Mission of St. Michael’s Orthodox Church is to become a completely loving church.” As simply stated and as obvious as this sounds, it leaves each of us an ‘out.’ We might have a loophole or blind spot in our thinking of what it means for us to be a member of the church. Perhaps I can be a member without having to take too personally this notion of becoming “completely loving” myself. So this may not be the clearest phrasing we can use for our statement of purpose or mission.

There is a saying that well transmits the spirit of the interplay between the church and each member of the church — “For a forest to be green, each tree must be green.” Hence, for a church to become loving, every member of the church must become loving. In the old days (loosely speaking up to the 1960’s), membership “in good standing” in Orthodox Churches was very often a matter of paying your dues. If you were a dues-paying member you enjoyed the benefits of such



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***When you’re grocery shopping,*** you can make an immediate, momentum building **donation to our September Mediterranean Buffet** by picking up and delivering to the church any of the following items:

- **Bottled water (16 oz.)**
- **Sugar (4 lb. bags)**
- **Robin Hood Flour (5 lb. bags)**
- **Vegetable oil**
- **Lemon Juice**

***The Antiochian Women invite the ladies of Saint Michael’s*** to spend an afternoon with us at Sand Hill Berries in Mount Pleasant, on Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 1pm-4pm. The Bernie Mac Band will be playing that afternoon and they play Oldies and Classic Rock. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch. They have incredibly delicious foods all for around \$10 a person. Come, enjoy the fun, the food, the entertainment and make forever friends.

Jillian Crowe, Director of Social and Spiritual Events for AW.

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commitment — you could be baptized, married, buried (hatched, matched, dispatched) — because your annual dues were up to date. The practicality of such an approach is obvious. It defines membership in a black and white manner that is easy to understand, and it addresses most matter-of-factly how the church will manage the payment of her expenses.

During the 1970's a gradual shift began to occur as parishes deepened their understanding of what it means to be part of the Body of Christ. Many began to recognize that participation in the Divine Services and the saving sacraments of the church constituted a more substantial reference point, with "sacrificial giving," "tithing," and "pledging" beginning to be central words.

Now, in the 21st century, we find ourselves in an increasingly fragmented and alienating culture. The word 'love,' that in earlier times might go unnoticed or simply be taken for granted, needs to be stated, however obvious we might think it is to Christian life. Christ comes to restore our *love for God* and our *love for each other*; each of us, personally, as people; and all of us, communally, as His Church, His Body. We must, one and all, personally be at work continually in striving to grow in Him Who is Love.

Paying attention is never easy. From the first time our parents caught our attention by saying our name or teachers beckoned us saying, "Class, pay attention," we are called to awaken from a world that is dark and Godless to a life that is full of His Light shining through us. We are called back to these basics in a way that most of us have never experienced before, desiring that the ever present Grace of God inspire and encourage us to restore His image in us by striving to become, moment by moment, as people and as *the* people, bearers of the Light and Love of Christ.

This week, continue to pay attention to the phrase, "completely loving people" or just "completely loving" and see if there is ever a moment when you do that, that these words do not offer a measuring stick for what we are thinking, saying or doing in that moment, enabling us to "let our (His) light shine before men."

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## **Have you and your family taken a turn to provide refreshments for Fellowship Hour on Sunday?**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

We provide the coffee and you provide fruit, nuts, pastry, etc.

Thank you.

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***All parish women are encouraged to sign up*** for the Women's Luncheon at the Parish Life Conference as soon as possible. If you need a ride, or help with registering, contact Valerie Flizanes at 724-863-4443.

# PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF REMINDERS, DATES AND EVENTS

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 19** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 PM

Discussion topics - 1) Parish Life Conference, 2) our internet video presence on our website and Facebook. If you would have anything to offer to the formulating of a parish 'policy,' you are encouraged to come and share your thoughts. 2) The mission of our church (members).

## **WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY, JUNE 27 TO JULY 1**

<https://www.antiochianevents.com/ny1.html>

### ***Parish Life Conference at Antiochian Village***

(St. Michael's will be *OPEN* for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 1)

### **Registration forms are available at the Ushers' Station.**

(Metropolitan JOSEPH will preside over this Parish Life Conference.)

## **TUESDAY, JULY 3** - 12:00 PM - Food on the Hill

## **SATURDAY, JULY 7** - 1:00PM - All ladies are invited to meet at Greendance Winery, 306 Deerfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant

## **SUNDAY, JULY 22** - "Shop with Scrip" Order Due.

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 16**

### ***Pirates vs. Cubs at PNC Park***

7:05 PM — \$30 (includes a \$10 meal ticket)

Get tickets from Michelle Gajewski and sign up in Fellowship Hall. **Payment is due July 15th.**



## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**



### ***St. Michael's Family Picnic***

Travel to Twin Lakes Park following Divine Liturgy

Please sign up at our main church entrance.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

***St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet (11am to 4pm)***

## **FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-17**

### ***Antiochian Village Adult Camp***

Registration is open online:

<https://avcamp.org/other-programs/adult-camp/>

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REMEMBER, the **Second Week** on this schedule **May Change...**  
**ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN!**

*Secretary Debbie will be in the office this week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM..*

**June 17 thru June 23**

**Sunday, June 17** (*Fast continues*)

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- 12:15 PM - Abortion Prayers

**Monday, June 18**

- 9:00 AM - Stewardship Team Mtg

**Tuesday, June 19**

- 6:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

**Friday, June 22**

- 9:00 AM - Ladies Cooking

**Saturday, June 23**

- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

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REGISTER TODAY FOR  
THE PARISH LIFE  
CONFERENCE.

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**June 24 thru June 30**

**Sunday, June 24** (*Fast continues*)

- 8:45 AM - ORTHROS
- 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
- Antiochian Women's Meeting

**Monday, June 25**

- 9:00 AM - Stewardship Team Mtg

**Tuesday, June 26**

- 9:00 AM - Ladies Cooking
- 6:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, June 27 through July 1**

Parish Life Conference at  
Antiochian Village

**Saturday, June 30**

- NO Great Vespers at St. Michael's
- 5:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS
- at Antiochian Village

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**IS YOUR BAKELESS  
BAKE-SALE**

**ENVELOPE** still sitting on your desk at home or work? It's not too late to make your donation to this annual Antiochian Women's project. Thank you.