



Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, April 21, 2024

Schedule of Services and Events

Fr. Daniel Meyer will be serving our parish until further notice. If you need to contact Fr. Daniel, his cell phone number is 909-286-0814, and his email is frdanielmeyer@protonmail.com.

The schedule of services for Holy Week and Pascha is also available [here](#).

Dear Faithful, please be sure to observe a fast from food and drink from 1:00 p.m. on this Wednesday, April 24 if you desire to receive Holy Unction as it is one of the Holy Mysteries.

Date	Time	Service/Event
Sunday, April 21	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Venerable Mary of Egypt
Sunday, April 21	Following Liturgy	Church council meeting
Wednesday, April 24	5:30 p.m.	Holy Unction
Saturday, April 27	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Lazarus Saturday
Saturday, April 27	Following Liturgy	Light lunch, General church cleaning
Saturday, April 27	5:00 p.m.	Festal Vespers - Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem, Confessions
Sunday, April 28	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem
Sunday, April 28	Following Liturgy	Fundraiser luncheon to benefit the building fund and sidewalk project
Monday, April 29 (Holy Monday)	6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 30 (Holy Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins
Thursday, May 2 (Holy Thursday)	9:00 a.m.	Vesperal Divine Liturgy - Institution and Footwashing
Thursday, May 2 (Holy Thursday)	5:00 p.m.	Matins with Reading of Twelve Gospels
Friday, May 3 (Holy Friday)	4:00 p.m.	Vespers with Placing of the Holy Shroud
Friday, May 3 (Holy Friday)	5:00 p.m.	Matins with Burial of the Holy Shroud

Saturday, May 4 (Holy Saturday)	9:00 a.m.	Vesperal Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Paschal Baskets
Saturday, May 4 (Holy Saturday)	11:00 p.m.	Midnight Office
Sunday, May 5 (Pascha)	12:00 midnight	Procession, Paschal Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Paschal Baskets
Wednesday, May 8 (Bright Wednesday)	6:00 p.m.	Paschal Vespers
Friday, May 10 (Bright Friday)	9:00 a.m.	Paschal Matins - Life-Giving Spring
Saturday, May 11 (Bright Saturday)	10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy at St. Michael Church in Philadelphia (More details to come)
Saturday, May 11 (Bright Saturday)	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 12 (St. Thomas Sunday)	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 12 (St. Thomas Sunday)	Following Liturgy	Egg Hunt/Luncheon, Blessing of Graves at Church Cemetery

Almsgiving

Excerpts from the diary of St. John of Kronstadt on Almsgiving:

Why does the Lord allow there to be poor? For your good, so that you may be cleansed from your sins and expiate them, "for alms doth deliver from death, and shall purge away all sin"[346]; so that you may win suppliants who will pray for you in the persons of those upon whom you bestow your charity, so that the Lord may be merciful to you. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."[347]

It is well in every respect to give to the poor, besides obtaining mercy on the terrible day of judgment. Even here, while on earth, those who give alms often obtain great mercies from their neighbours, and that which others only obtain for large sums of money is given to them freely. Indeed, will not the Lover of mankind, the most-righteous and the most-bountiful heavenly Father, Whose children are compassionated by the merciful, reward them here also, in order to encourage them to still greater works of mercy, or to the continuance of their previous works of mercy, as well as to the amendment of the unmerciful, who mock at the merciful? He will reward them both worthily and righteously.

Do not despise any man, however poor he may be; but behave with full respect and kindness to every well-intentioned man, especially to the poor, as to our members worthy of compassion — or, rather, to members of Christ — otherwise you will cruelly wound your soul. O, how easy it would appear to be to live in simplicity and love, and yet how difficult it is for our corrupt hearts to live in love! At every step there is a pretext for enmity against our brother.

[346] Tobit xii. 9; Sirach iii. 30.

[347] St. Matthew v. 7.

Congratulations!

Christopher and Natalia Fry welcomed their firstborn son, Andrei, this last Wednesday,

April 17. Thank God Natalia and the baby are well, and she is recovering now at home. God willing we will have the 8th Day Naming prayers this Wednesday. Your prayers for them as Natalia completes this blessed period of the traditional 40 days at home. She will have family staying over and taking good care.



Bright Saturday

Atlantic States Deanery Bright Saturday Liturgy

On [Bright Saturday](#), May 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM, the clergy and laity of the Atlantic States Deanery will gather for Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Michael the Archangel Church (335 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19123). Singers are welcome to sing with the choir of St. Michael Church to add to the beauty and solemnity of the Bright Saturday Divine Liturgy. After Liturgy, during the festive luncheon, there will also be an informal “meet & greet” for parish council members to become better acquainted and to share experiences with each other. We hope to see many people from each of our deanery parishes attending this joyous occasion. All are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please sign up [here](#).

Светлая Суббота Литургия Благочиния Атлантических штатов

В [Светлую Субботу](#) 11 мая 2024 года в 10:00 ч., духовенство и миряне Благочиния Атлантических Штатов соберутся на Пасхальную Божественную литургию в храме Св. Архистратига Михаила (335 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19123). Также приглашаем певцов спеть с хором Свято-Михайловского храма, чтобы придать красоту и торжественность Божественной литургии на Светлую Субботу. После Литургии, будут праздничный обед и неформальная встреча членов приходских советов, где они смогут лучше познакомиться и обменяться опытом друг с другом. Мы надеемся, что на это радостное событие придет много людей из всех приходов нашего благочиния. Добро пожаловать! Если вы заинтересованы в участии, пожалуйста, sign up [here](#).

Church Cleaning

The [church cleaning schedule](#) is being updated to schedule cleaning every week during Great Lent. A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is available for those volunteering.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church for the following week:

- April 28 – May 4

If you are interested in cleaning the church during this week, please reply to this email or see Alexandra Salaneck.

Reminders

Online candle stand: Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the

next service.

Online donations: One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

Benevolent fund: The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Building fund: The building fund was established to save for future building projects. Our next major [maintenance project](#) will be the tree removal and sidewalk and curb replacement on the Spruce Street side of the church. Preliminary estimates for this project range from \$26,000 to \$35,000. Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal. The building fund currently has a total of about \$15,000. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Rectory fund: The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Church cleaning schedule: The church cleaning schedule for the first half of 2024 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

Church calendar: You can subscribe to the church calendar (add the church calendar to your mobile device or calendar application) by using these links: [Services](#) and [Events](#).

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