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September 6, 2026

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Mon., Sept. 7th	**Great Vespers with Litya for Nativity of the Holy Theotokos**	**7 pm**
	Tues., Sept. 8th	**Nativity of the Holy Theotokos** (*Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Monongahela)*	
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**
	Wed., Sept. 9th	**Small Compline**	**7 pm**
	Sat., Sept. 12th	**Great Vespers with Confession**	**6 pm**
	Sun., Sept. 13th	**Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross; Sunday Before the Exaltation; Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem**	
		Sunday School	**9:15 am**
		Hours	**9:45 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**10 am**
		Vespers for Cross Exaltation	**6 pm**

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle:	2 Corinthians 4:6-15 *(Resurrection)* Galatians 6:11-18 *(Before Elevation)*
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 22:35-46 *(Resurrection)* John 3:13-17 *(Before Elevation)*

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)* Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection. **Tone 4 Troparion** *(Archangel Michael)* O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech thee: by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee: "Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the commander of the Powers on high!"	**Tone 5 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)* Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!" **Tone 2 Kontakion** *(Archangel Michael)* O Michael, commander of God's armies and minister of the divine glory, prince of the bodiless angels and guide of mankind; ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, as the supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.	**Tone 5 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. *(Ps. 11:7)* *V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4)

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God,

who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.

For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all.

For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel

(Matthew 22:1-14)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

"and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

"Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding."'

"But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

"And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*.

"But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

"Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

"So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

"So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

Announcements:

PLEASE NOTE: We will be transitioning to Fall hours on

Sunday, September 13, 2026. **Liturgy will start at 10 am**.
Also, **Sunday School** will be back in session at **9:15 am**!

There are still a few items looking for a new home: misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, and 1 coffee table. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.

Note <u>Date Changes</u>!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Fri., Sept. 18th	**Bread Baking & Pete Beans**
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***