

Fr. George T. Pappas
Archangel Michael Church

755-2856 home & meeting
755-3596 church

May 19, 1982
Campbell, OH
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Eighty percent of the parish are high school graduates and many go on to college. Many are teachers in public schools, 8-10 are doctors and there is only lawyer. They are businessmen, contractors, industrial painters, etc. but, the overwhelming population is/are still laborers.

In the late sixties/early seventies there was a new wave of Greek immigrants, ca 50 to 70 young families. Most of the men were unskilled and went into the labor pool. But they were hard workers and within 10 years they had made something of themselves. Oftentimes, they were better off than American-born Greeks.

The families of Archangel Michael are very strong-minded about being Greek and most of all feeling GREEK. Every home serves Greek food and drink. Each home has a religious shrine depicting icons of their patron saint, the Virgin Mary, Jesus, etc. and each shrine houses a vigil light. Even the children participate fully in church life, customs and traditions. Even though the Greek language is suffering, all other aspects of life are still GREEK.

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The priests wear Orthodox vestments.

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CHURCH SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE

TRISAGION PRAYERS

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of truth, you who are present everywhere, and fill all things, Treasury of blessings, and Giver of life, come and dwell in us. Cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, Gracious One.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal: have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake. Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

CREED

1. I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
2. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God, Begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made.
3. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became Man;
4. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;
5. And rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

6. And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
7. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
8. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the Prophets.
9. In One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
10. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
11. I look for the resurrection of the dead.
12. And the life of the age to come. Amen.

PETITIONS

Petitions: (The Priest says the petitions and the students sing the Kyrie Eleison)

- a - Have mercy upon us O God according to Your Great Mercy and listen and have mercy.
- b - Let us pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians. (Kyrie Eleison 3 times)
- c - Let us pray for our Archbishop Iakovos, our Bishop Maximos and all our brotherhood in Christ. (Kyrie Eleison 3 times)
- d - Let us pray for the President of the United States and all civil authorities. (Kyrie Eleison)
- e - Let us pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, protection, forgiveness and absolution of sins for the servants of God, all pious and Orthodox Christians residing and found in this city; for the parishioners, councilmen and contributors to this Holy House; for our parents, brothers, teachers and god-parents. (Kyrie Eleison)
- f - For Thou art a Merciful and Compassionate God, and unto Thee we ascribe Glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. (Amen).

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν
ἡμᾶς ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσεσι
τειχίσθητε ὑμᾶς, σκέπη τῶν πτερυγῶν τῆς αὐλοῦ
ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας,
ἐκτενῶς καὶ βούωντας: ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε
ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

HYMNS

Hymns: a) We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we give
thanks to Thee, Lord, and we fervently
pray to Thee.

Σέ ὁμνοῦμεν, Σέ εὐλογοῦμεν, Σοὶ εὐχαρι-
στοῦμεν, Κύριε, καὶ δεόμεθα Σου, ὁ Θεὸς
ἡμῶν.

b) One alone is Holy; One is the Lord Jesus
Christ, for the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Εἷς Ἅγιος, εἷς Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός,
εἷς δόξαν Θεοῦ Πατρὸς.

c) We have seen the true light; we have
received the Heavenly Spirit; we have found
the true faith, worshipping the undivided
Trinity; for They have saved us.

Εἶδομεν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ἐλάβομεν
Πνεῦμα ἐπουράνιον, εὐρομεν πίστιν ἀληθῆ,
ἀδιαίρετον Τριάδα προσκυνοῦντες, Αὐτὴ
γάρ ἡμᾶς ἔσωσεν.

- d) Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever (3).

Εὐχὴ τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου εὐλογημένον ἀπὸ τοῦ
νῦν καὶ ἕως τοῦ αἰῶνος (3).

- e) O Leaders of the Heavenly Hosts, unworthy as we are, we implore you that by your prayers you will encircle us with the protection of your wings of unseen glory; guard us who bend low before you and fervently cry; Release us from dangers, O Marshals of the Powers above.

BENEDICTION PRAYER

O Lord, Who blessest those who bless Thee and sanctifiest those who put their trust in Thee, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage; protect the whole body of Thy Church, and sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy House. Do thou glorify them by Thy divine power and forsake not us who set our hope in Thee. Grant peace to Thy world, to Thy Churches, to the Priesthood, to our Rulers, to the armed forces and to all Thy people. For all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from Thee, the Father of light; and to Thee we ascribe glory and thanksgiving and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God. Amen.

Δι' εὐχῶν τῶν Ἁγίων Πατέρων ἡμῶν, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ
ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἐλέησον καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς. Ἀμήν.