

Father Michael's Musings
February 2025

We have survived our short, but chilly, winter and are entering February, ready for Spring. This is the time we begin to move our lives back outdoors and re-engage our neighbors. The windows are opened up to let fresh air in. We look to planting our flowers and gardens. The outside chores and repairs that we neglected in the cold and rain of January keep us happily busy as the weather warms and the sun shines upon us.

The Church is engaged in the season of Epiphany. The colors of the vestment and altar furnishings are green, consistent with the arrival of Spring and the outward movement of the Church from its roots as a Jewish sect into the vibrant life of the Christian Church which was made to be a blessing to all people. We find a spiritual parallel to the domestic and personal February. Our doors are opened to let the light and neighbors in. We spend time cultivating our spiritual garden, hoping to bring forth the flowers of charity and kindness. We also begin our Spring cleaning. Putting away the things of this world that preoccupy and distract us from our growth in godliness and good will.

If you find that your spiritual life has endured a hard and prolonged winter, if you are ready for a springing forth into a community of love, and want to tidy up the distractions and temptations that inhibit your joy and disengage you from God's blessings, we invite you to join us for services and for fellowship. Let's enjoy this Spring in each other's company and with Our Lord's guidance and blessings for our families.