

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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October 1, 2023: 17th Sunday After Pentecost. ***Feast of the Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos.***

We welcome all visitors! We are grateful that you came to be with us and pray with us today.
After Liturgy, please come downstairs for coffee and refreshments.

Schedule of Services

*Starting next week, SATURDAY EVENING VESPERS will be at 4:00 p.m.
through the winter months, so that all may have an opportunity to attend before sunset.*

Saturday, Sept 30, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, Oct 1, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. *Feast of the Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos.*

Today we will have a **Small Memorial Service** for Michael & Gloria Klapatch, along with
all members of the St Michael's family that have reposed in **Septembers** of years past.

Saturday, Oct 7, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, Oct 8, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. *Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.*

Saturday, Oct 14, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, Oct 15:

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. – **Service for all Stillborns and Miscarriages, at the Cemetery**

Coffee Hour and Fellowship immediately after the Cemetery Service

Coffee Hour is offered by:

- Oct 1: Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta
- Oct 8: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra
- Oct 15: TBD

*Thank you to all who have offered food and their
efforts to our Sunday fellowship. Anyone can help.
Please see Millie Telep to be added to the schedule.*

*"We seek to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church.
We are here to provide a loving and caring community, by participating in the worship services,
so we may reach-out to those who are lost and witness the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

- Vision Statement, adopted October 17, 2022

Glory to God for all things!

Liturgical Notes

At every Divine Liturgy, just after the Gospel and Homily **as we begin the Augmented Litany**, two or three parishioners need to **take all collection baskets in the church, and bring them forward to the foot of the solea**. At the end of the Augmented Litany, during the petition *“Again we pray for those who bring offerings ...”*, **those baskets will be blessed**, and placed near the front of the temple for the remainder of the service. This can be a different two or three parishioners each time; it does not need to be members of the council.

Beginning today, please be prepared to pray the **prayer before communion** all together, **prior** to the clergy receiving (instead of separately, after the chalice is brought forward). This is in line with the liturgical principles and practices of our hierarchy. (It also helps the clergy give more attention to this prayer since we are all saying it at the same time, rather than the clergy saying it while the choir is singing something different.)

The services of Vespers are given to ALL, every single one of us, as part of our **preparation for the Divine Liturgy**. It is in the hymns of Vespers that we actually **learn what we believe**. If we care about what we believe, then we will make an effort to come and experience these other moments of prayer outside of the Sunday Liturgy.

The best time to come to **confession** is **at the end of an evening service**, if you are able. It is difficult to hear multiple confessions right before the start of the Divine Liturgy.

Announcements

TODAY, during Coffee Hour, we will have a **planning meeting** for our **children’s and youth education** and activities for this coming year. We need the input of **every parent and teen / young adult** as to how to make the year both productive and enjoyable, and what “church school” looks like into the future.

Saturday October 7: St John’s in Mayfield is hosting a Chicken Parmigiana Take-out Dinner, from 11am–2pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance (call 570-335-2128). A limited amount will be sold at the door.

Sunday October 8: The Steamtown Marathon will pass through Mayfield. Some local streets coming through that area may be detoured or congested. Please allow extra travel time to church if you come from that direction.

Sunday October 15 is designated as **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day** in the United States. We will use this opportunity to have a **Prayer Service for all Stillborns and Miscarriages** on that day, at our **Cemetery at 11:30 following Liturgy, with fellowship/refreshments to follow** (instead of having coffee hour beforehand). We hope to invite anyone from the surrounding communities for the service and meal. If you have close friends or family outside the parish whom you know have had this kind of loss, please invite them to come that day at noon.

- *We would like a few volunteers to coordinate those refreshments.*
- *If there is inclement weather, the prayer service will happen in the church.*

Saturday October 28: St James–St George Episcopal Church (398 Washington Ave) is hosting its *Famously Delicious Roast Beef Dinner* from Noon – 4pm, takeout only. Adults \$15, children under 12 \$5.

Donations

*Remember that we give of ourselves, **whether from our riches or from our poverty**, not for the accomplishment of any particular task or possession. **We give of ourselves for our salvation** – that same salvation which was offered to the rich young ruler to whom Christ said, **“And you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”***

\$50 was offered for the continued good health of George, Marilyn, & Joshua Petorak. May God keep and preserve them for many years!

Donations are accepted for **Vigil Lights, in the Altar and in front of the Relics**. You may donate in memory of the departed, or for your health or the health of family members.

So that our Church can meet our growing financial obligations, we ask all parishioners, when not in Church, to send in your **weekly offering envelopes** to St. Michael’s Church, 305 Walnut St., Jermyn, PA 18433. Thank you!

In your prayers...

Please remember in your prayers. Send a card, or stop by and visit.

- **Eileen Dance**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center #204, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **John Drutarosky**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center #307, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **Theresa Krenitsky**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center #307, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **Nicholas Mattise**, Personal Care at Allied Terrace, Room 218, 100 Terrace Ln, Clarks Summit, PA 18411
- **Barbara Palubniak**, 629 Hill St, Mayfield, PA 19433
- **Peggy Petrilak**, 127 Petrilak Lane, Greenfield Twp, PA 18407
- **Peter Senio**, The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, PA 18509
- **Jerry & Marilyn Soroka**, c/o Glenmaura Senior Living, 11 Glenmaura National Blvd, Moosic, PA 18507

Please send a note of comfort to:

- **Debbie Krenitsky & Family**, 300 Falbrook St, Carbondale, PA 18407 *(in memory of David Krenitsky)*
- **Tom Terpak**, 426 Madison Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433 *(in memory of Anne Terpak)*
- **Patty Smallacombe**, 703 Shields Court Jermyn, Pa 18433 *(in memory of Anne Terpak)*
- **Cindy Hammaker**, 115 Brimful Drive, Phoenixville, PA 19460 *(in memory of Dr Joseph Danyo)*
- **Tammy & Ron Pascoe**, 228 Hudson St, Jermyn, PA 18433 *(in memory of Robert Dance)*
- **V. Rev. Daniel Donlick**, 1115 Vine St, Avoca, PA 18641 *(in memory of Mat. Dolores Donlick)*

Remembering the Departed

Please include these names in your daily prayers this month. If you know of others who reposed this month in any past year, please contact Fr John so they can be added to our calendar of commemorations. Please also let us know of any corrections or misspellings.

September

(We will continue with these names for one more bulletin, since we were not able to pray the memorial service last week)

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| - Metropolitan Herman (Sept 6, 2022) | - Robert Lloyd (Sept 27, 2015) |
| - Former Rector, Fr. John Kivko (1974) | - Mary Ann Mosley (Sept 18, 2017) |
| - Former Rector, Fr. Michael Dziama (Sept 5, 1944) | - Barbara Nayduch (Sept 6, 2017) |
| - John Getzie (Sept 12, 2004) | - Dennis Sebastianelli (Sept 16, 2005) |
| - Dorothy Hoholick (Sept 1, 2022) | - Alexander Wanas (Sept 24, 2022) |
| - Henry Koruszko (Sept 12, 2010) | - Anna Willgrube (Sept 25, 2001) |

To these, please add a few names we missed in August:

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| - Kenneth Carite (Aug 9, 2001) | - John Yurchak (Aug 16, 2008) |
| - Mary Kay Hockin (Aug 17, 2009) | - Vera Yurchak (Aug 29, 2007) |
| - Thomas Jesuitt (Aug 20, 2007) | - Mark Zielinski (Aug 10, 2002) |
| - Irene Kupinski (Aug 8, 2007) | - Dorothy (Krasowsky) Zrowka (Aug 31, 2009) |
| - Mildred Wanas (Aug 2, 2016) | |

October

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| - Metropolitan Theodosius (Oct 19, 2020) | - Paul Bazink (Oct 12, 2017) |
| - Pdn. Keith Russin (Oct 26, 2017) | - Ann Narcoonis (Oct 14, 2018) |
| - Sdn. Gregory Sulich (Oct 24, 2013) | - John Nayduch (Oct 16, 2016) |
| - David Butler (Oct 1, 2019) | - Irene Kiehart (Oct 23, 2019) |
| - Mary Meholic (Oct 4, 2013) | - Helen Senio (Oct 31, 2019) |

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren: You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: As you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Hymns of the Day

Troparion, Tone 8 (for the Sunday)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion, Tone 4 (for the Feast of the Protection)

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, / illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. / Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: / "Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; / deliver us from every form of evil / by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, // that He may save our souls."

Kontakon, Tone 8 (for the Sunday)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion, Tone 3 (for the Feast of the Protection)

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, / and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us. / Angels and bishops worship, / Apostles and Prophets rejoice together, // since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.