St. Michael's Orthodox Church 308 Walnut St. Jermyn, Pennsylvania 18433

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Mark John 5:1-15

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

May 7, 2023, Sunday of the Paralytic,
St. Alexis Toth, Confessor of Orthodoxy

in America.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

<u>Sunday, May 7,</u> Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Annual Parastas for Alex Hockin, offered lovingly by John Hockin and family.

Saturday, May 13, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 14, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Mother's Day)

<u>A Warm Welcome</u> this morning to the Teen Choir from St. Tikhon's Seminary who will sing the responses to the Divine Liturgy. They have been practicing under the direction and leadership of Lydia Given. A free will offering basket has been placed on the Tetrapod. May the Risen Christ bless these five young girls and grant them many years.

<u>Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m.</u> Please make every effort to attend!

<u>Mother's Day</u> will be held on Sunday, May 14. Please submit the names of your mother's living or departed to be remembered at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

<u>Coffee Hour Hostesses for Sunday; May 7</u>, Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta, <u>May 14</u>, Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen, <u>May 21</u> – No-Coffee Hour, <u>May 28</u>, Matushka Dolores & Mille Telep.

<u>Vision Statement:</u> "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."

- Adopted on October 17, 2022.

<u>Please remember in your prayers</u>; <u>Irene Leschak</u> who is home receiving rehab; 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. <u>John Drutarosky</u>, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 <u>Peter Senio</u> is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. <u>Nicholas Mattise</u>, is a guest at the Personal Care at Allied Terrace, 100 Terrace Ln, Scranton, Pa. <u>Dr. Joseph Danyo</u> Hershey Medical Center (ICU) 500 University Dr. Hershey, Pa. 17033.

After 38 years as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Jermyn, Fr. John Kowalczyk has accepted a full-time position at St. Tikhon's Seminary, as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Interim Chair of the Department. Fr. John will serve his final Divine Liturgy at our Church on Sunday, May 21, 2023. To celebrate his new position and wish him well as he concludes his Pastoral Service at our Church, a Farewell Dinner will we be held at Nikki's at the Ben-Mar Restaurant, 89 North Main St. Carbondale, Pa. at 12 p.m. *The Dinner is a complete sell-out, and no more tickets available

<u>Sunday of the Paralytic</u> - **Troparion** — Let the heavens rejoice, / let the earth be glad, / for the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world / great mercy.

Kontakion — By Your divine authority, O Lord, / as You raised up the paralytic of old, / so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sundry sins and unseemly acts; / so that being saved I may cry: / "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"