

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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*Welcome Home! We are glad to have you with us today.*

*If you are a first time or frequent visitor to our community, or you haven't been here with us in a while, please consider introducing yourself to the priest, staying for coffee hour and leaving your contact information.*

**July 13, 2025: 5th Sunday After Pentecost, Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

## **Service Schedule**

**Sat July 12, 5:30pm** – Great Vespers & Confessions.

**Sun July 13, 9:30am** – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

**Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm**- Silent Prayer.

Fr. Bill will be available for visiting, conversation, and confessions.

\*Fr. Bill will also be at the parish on Friday, 7/18, from 10-12.

**Sat July 19-\*\*NO GREAT VESPERS\*\***

**Sun July 20, 9:30am** – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship\*

\*Please welcome Fr. Mikel Hill who will be the celebrant.

## **Hymns of The Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

### **Troparion-Tone 8**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,  
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion-Tone 8**

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.

Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

## **Today's Scripture**

### ***Epistle: Romans 10:1-10***

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

### ***Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1***

And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So, they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

## Prayers

***The ill and the afflicted:*** Archbishop Nathaniel (Popp), Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin), Fr Daniel Donlick, Fr Gregory White, Fr John Sorochnka, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Sandy Gillott, Debbie Jadick, Evan Kraky, Jerry Soroka, Tom Shaw, Karen Abercia, Daniel Kitchura, Mark Klapatch, Gregory Klapatch, Sarah Jubinsky, Deb Bernosky, William Bolinsky, Anna Kowalczyk, and Thomas Piwowarski.

***Homebound:*** John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

***The newly-departed:*** Zophia Kowalczyk (6/13), Dorothy Hanchak (6/15),

***Those who grieve:*** (for Zophia) Archpriest John, Mat. Kathy, and their family, (for Dorothy) Wendy, Daryl, Andrea, and Patricia.

### Memorials and Donations

***“... remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” -Acts 20:35***

**\*If you would like to make an offering for sacramental wine, flour for prosphora, or olive oil, please see Fr. Bill or Subdeacon Vladimir.**

**Opportunities to give:** In August, we have the Feasts of The Transfiguration and Dormition. I would like to gather fruits and flowers for the respective Feasts to bring to those in our community who are home-bound. If you are interested in giving a loving donation for these Feast Days, please see me or Subdeacon Vladimir.

**Looking Ahead:** We will serve a Lity for the Departed (Parastas) for Zophia Kowalczyk and Dorothy Hanchak on Sunday July, 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Announcements

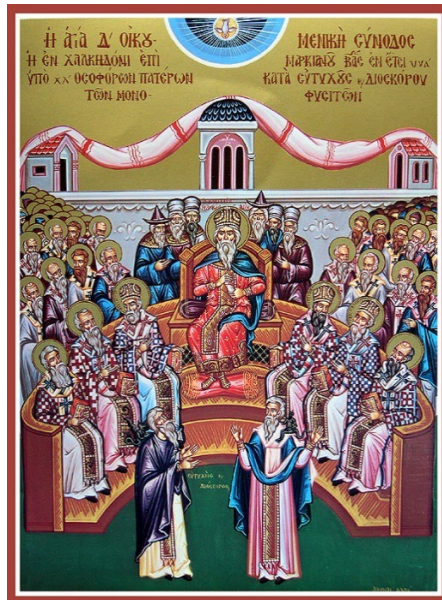
**July,19-26-** My family and I will be out of town for the week. Please warmly welcome Fr. Mikel Hill who will be the celebrant on Sunday, July 20. I will be available during the week by phone and email. **However, if you have immediate pastoral needs, please contact Fr. Nicholas Solak at: (570)350-1482**

**Take Out Fried Chicken Dinner!** – Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. \$15.00/dinner which includes three pieces of chicken, potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert. Prepared by Liuzzo Catering. Pickup between 12-2. Please see Marilyn or Gloria for tickets.

\*\*\*\*\***(7/13) Today is the last day to order!** \*\*\*\*\*

**July 27<sup>th</sup>-** We will honor Fr. John Black and his family for their service to the parish. Fr. John will concelebrate with us on Sunday followed by a pot-luck coffee hour. Please consider preparing a dish, making a cake, and joining us for fellowship.

**Looking Ahead-** I would like to re-instate a Church School for our young parishioners beginning in late August (right around the beginning of the school year). More information is forthcoming. In the meantime, spread the word throughout our community.



**Icon of the Fathers of the first six E. Councils**