

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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August 18, 2024: 8th Sunday After Pentecost. Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

Saturday, August 24 – NO VESPERS.

Sunday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Memorial for Andrew Petorak, Sr.*

Thursday, Aug 29 is the Feast of the **Beheading of John the Baptist**, a patronal feast of St John the Baptist in Dundaff. We have been invited to celebrate with them. Please come worship with our fellow Orthodox Christians!

Wednesday Aug 28, 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers w/ Litya at **St Basil's (OCA) in Simpson**, 9 Lord Ave, Carbondale
(Fr. John will be away in NY)

Thursday Aug 29, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy at **St John the Baptist in Dundaff**, 2137 State Route 2023, Clifford Twp *(Fr John will concelebrate with Fr Jason for the Divine Liturgy)*

Coffee Hour is offered by:

Aug 18: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky
Aug 25: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

Sept 1: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak
Sept 8: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brethren: Now I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief
Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers
Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst
command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim
that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Dormition (Tone 1)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In
falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O
Theotokos. / You were translated to life O Mother of
Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from
death.

Resurrection (Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
/ for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its
powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and
cry: / "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter,
you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Dormition (Tone 2)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
/ who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her
intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was
translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal
womb.

Seeing Christ crucified, flogged, insulted, given gall to drink, spit upon, mocked by so large a company, condemned by the court, led away to death, the thief was not scandalized by any of these things. Rather ... he himself walked the upright path, saying: "Remember me in Thy Kingdom" (cf. Luke 23:42).... He confessed his own sins, and he meditated on the resurrection—without having seen the dead raised ... The thief, seeing Him crucified, acknowledged Him as God, called to mind His Kingdom, and meditated on things to come.

– St John Chrysostom, *On the Providence of God*, 14.7 (St Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, 2021), 114.

In your prayers...

The ill and the afflicted: Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Fr John Sorochka, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Tom Shaw, Marilyn Petorak, Sandy Gillott, Debbie Jadick, Susan Schlasta.

Those who are alone or confined: Eileen Dance, John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Nicholas Mattise, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul & Barbara Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

Remember the departed this week: Mit. Apr. Michael Koblosh (8/18/2021), Thomas Jesuitt (8/20/2007), Joan Lasichak (8/23/2020).

Announcements

WELCOME to our new neighbors next door in the 308 parish house: Joseph & Margaret Goshorn-Maroney, and their children: Eleni, Macrina, Seraphima, Maria, and John! The family will be living here while they attend St Tikhon's Seminary for the next 3 years. *We are so glad to have you here with us! May God grant you strength, resilience, and peace as you begin this journey.*

Stay tuned for a **new date** for our first Community Breakfast (possibly in mid-September). THANK YOU for all your donations so far towards our Community Meal Fund. So far we have raised \$700, enough to begin planning this first event and more.

Freely Thou hast given me Thy Body for my food, O Thou who art a fire consuming the unworthy. Consume me not, O my Creator, but instead enter into my members, my veins, my heart. Consume the thorns of my transgressions. Cleanse my soul and sanctify my reasonings. Make firm my knees and body. Illumine my five senses. Nail me to the fear of Thee. Always protect, guard, and keep me from soul-destroying words and deeds. Cleanse me, purify me, and adorn me. Give me understanding and illumination. Show me to be a temple of Thy One Spirit, and not the home of many sins. May every evil thing, every carnal passion, flee from me as from a fire as I become Thy tabernacle through communion. I offer Thee as intercessors all the saints: the leaders of the bodiless hosts, Thy Forerunner, the wise apostles, and Thy pure and blameless Mother. Accept their prayers in Thy love, O my Christ, and make me, Thy servant, a child of light. For Thou art the only Sanctification and Light of our souls, O Good One, and to Thee, our Master and God, we ascribe glory day by day.

– a Prayer After Communion, of St. Simeon Metaphrastes