

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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**September 1, 2024**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. Church New Year (Indiction). St Simeon the Stylite.**

## Schedule of Services

Saturday, August 31, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, September 1, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

*Sunday, September 8 is the Feast of the **Nativity of the Most-holy Theotokos.***

**Saturday, Sept 7**, 6:30 p.m. – Festal Vespers w/ Litya

**Sunday, Sept 8**, 9:30 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy

*Saturday, September 14 is the Feast of the **Universal Exaltation of the Precious Cross.***

**Friday, Sept 13**, 6:30 p.m. – Festal Vespers w/ Litya

**Saturday, Sept 14**, 9:30 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, September 15, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, Sept 22 is the Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Mark. We will have a potluck following the Divine Liturgy. See the downstairs signup sheet if you would like to bring something.**

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

Sept 1: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Sept 8: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Sept 15: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Sept 22: (Potluck)

## Today's Scripture

*Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7*

*My son Timothy:* I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34*

*At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:*

*“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,  
because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”*

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

## Hymns of the Day

*Resurrection (Tone 1)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

*Church New Year (Tone 2)*

O Creator of the Universe, / Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; / bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord! / Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities: // and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

*St Simeon the Stylite (Tone 1)*

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance, / having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: / Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. / Thou didst live like the bodiless ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father. // Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

*Resurrection (Tone 1)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

*Church New Year (Tone 4)*

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, / Triune and Merciful God of all: / grant blessings for the course of this year, / and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear: // “O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

### In your prayers...

***The ill and the afflicted:*** Fr. Dennis Swencki, Fr. Daniel Donlick, Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, 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:*** Metropolitan Herman (9/6/2022), Fr. Sergei Glagolev (9/1/2021), Fr. Michael Dziama (9/5/1944), Dorothy (Franchak) Hoholick (9/1/2022), George Hockin, Sr. (9/4/1952), Barbara Nayduch (9/6/2017), Nicholas Yurchak (9/6/2011).

*If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or has any other need of our prayers, please let us know so their name can be added to our bulletin and prayer list. It is in our very nature as Christians to give comfort to those who are ill, afflicted, or isolated. Please consider sending a card or letter to your fellow parishioners on the prayer list, or to anyone whom you have not seen in church for a long time. Sometimes all it takes to raise someone's spirits is a kind word from someone who cares.*

### Announcements

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 is our first Community Breakfast!** 8-11 am. ALL are welcome. There is no charge, but donations are accepted. Please spread the word throughout town, and THANK YOU for all your donations.

Our way forward will not be found in debating the Divinity of Christ, nor will it be found in changing any of our Lord's teachings. It cannot be found in the dismantling of the Church, either. We are so incredibly fortunate to have inherited the full deposit of faith (Jude 1:3)... This work is primarily a process of recovering and remembering who we are.

In the final verses of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples, “Go ... and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matt 28:19-20). These were the last words Jesus said to His disciples before ascending into heaven. In time, this passage of Holy Scripture came to be known as the Great Commission. Jesus was reminding His disciples that He wanted everyone to hear and accept the teachings He had shared with them.

... The apostles were faithful to Jesus' instructions. They set out to change the world with His message. Fortunately, this movement to spread the life of Jesus didn't end after the original band of twelve departed from this life. After them, others accepted Christ's commandment, and, sharing the same vision as the Twelve Apostles had, new bands of followers also went forth as ambassadors of Christ. Today as we survey the landscape within our Christian communities, we notice that many faithful followers of the Way (John 14:6) are still motivated by Jesus' life, His words, and His truth, and they too want to share the Good News with others.

– Fr. Evan Armatas, *Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Roadmap to Parish Health* (Ancient Faith Publishing, 2022), 12-13.