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July 9 2023: 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: **Romans 10:1–10** Gospel: **Matthew 8:28–9:1**

Schedule of Services

Saturday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 9, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

40-day Memorial for Irene Leschak following Liturgy

Saturday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 16, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Looking ahead ...

Saturday, July 22, 1:00 p.m. – Baptism of Linden Valonis. The entire parish is welcome at the service.

Saturday, July 22, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 23, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Fr John is available for confessions following any Vespers service.

Prayers & Donations

Please remember in your prayers:

- **David Krenitsky**, our former council president, and his family: 300 Falbrook Rd, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **Robert and Eileen Dance**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **John Drutarosky**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407
- **Peter Senio**, The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave., Scranton, Pa.
- **Nicholas Mattise**, Personal Care at Allied Terrace, 100 Terrace Ln, Scranton, Pa.
- **Dr. Joseph Danyo**, Hershey Medical Center (ICU), 500 University Dr., Hershey, Pa. 17033.

We received **donations in memory of Irene Leschak**: \$25 from the Neutts & Petrillak families; and \$50 from the Grzech family. *May her Memory be Eternal!*

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. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY, July 16, is the *Orthodox Family Picnic at Knoebels!* EVERYONE is invited. Arrive any time after Liturgy. \$5/person for a cookout dinner at 6pm (children 6 & under are free for dinner). As always, Knoebels is free parking & admission, with pay-per-ride. Meet at Pavilion "D". No RSVP necessary. Any questions, call Greg Ressetar at 717-439-0527. *Sponsored by the Central PA District of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America.*

SAVE THE DATE for a grand **clean-up day** on **Saturday, July 22**. We need everyone's help with this. We will focus mostly on the 308 House but there is ample opportunity to work in and around the church as well. (We will take a break for the baptism at 1pm.) Stay tuned for more details.

SAVE THE DATE for the **Jermyn Town-Wide Yard Sale** on **Saturday August 19!** Please start collecting any gently-used items that you can donate to St Michael's for the sale. The sale is expected to start at 8 a.m.

The **Summer Raffle** is in progress. If you haven't gotten a letter and tickets in the mail, please speak to any Council member. The drawing will take place on July 24, with prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or has any other need of our prayers, please send me their names so they can be added to our bulletin and prayer list. (If the person does not want their name publicized; please indicate this, and they will only be added to the private prayer list in the Altar.)

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.

July 2 2023: 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren: My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel 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 every one 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

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would 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.

“The fact that the will of God refers to the whole world, the whole universe, *excludes isolating ourselves in an individualistic piety*, in a kind of *private Christianity*.... **The Gospel cannot remain the possession of only certain peoples who had the privilege of hearing it first.** By putting on our lips the prayer, *‘Thy will be done’*, the Lord ‘bade each one of us who prays to take thought for the [whole inhabited world] (John Chrysostom). God’s will, as it was fulfilled and revealed in Christ, **has to be made known in every corner of the earth, in every cranny of the world**, in every expression of our contemporary multi-centered civilization.”

– Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, *Mission in Christ’s Way*

“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!

Psalms for Special Needs (these are the Hebrew numbering)

When Afraid: Psalms 27 & 56

When Anxious: Psalm 46

When Disaster Threatens: Psalms 34, 91, 121

When Discouraged: Psalms 23, 37, 42, 55, 90

When Facing a Crisis: Psalms 34, 46, 118, 121

When Friends Fail: Psalms 27 & 35

When Leaving Home: Psalms 27 & 121

When Needing God’s Protection: Psalms 27, 62, 91, 139

When Needing Inward Peace: Psalms 37 & 85

When Needing Prayer: Psalms 4, 6, 20, 22, 25, 42, 51

When Sick: Psalms 32, 38, 91

When We Sin: Psalms 6, 51, 139

When Sorrowing: Psalms 40, 42, 43, 51

When Tempted: Psalms 1, 73, 101, 110, 139

When Thankful: Psalms 65, 84, 92, 95, 100, 103, 116,
136, 147

When In Trouble: Psalms 2, 16, 31, 34, 37, 38, 40, 139

When Weary: Psalms 6, 27, 55, 60, 90

*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!*