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July 23 2023: 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

It is with sadness but hope in the resurrection that we share with you that **Anne Terpak** reposed in the Lord this past Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

We offer our condolences to Anne's family, especially her son Tom and daughter Patty Smallacombe. Please keep all of them in your God-pleasing prayers.

May Anne (and her husband Peter's) memory be eternal!

Please consider sending a letter of condolence to her family, care of Tom Terpak, 426 Madison Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433.

We also received word that **Dr Joseph Danyo** reposed in the Lord in the morning hours of Friday, July 21, 2023. He was 89.

Dr Joseph grew up in Jermyn and was an Altar Server and active member of our parish for many years.

In recent years, he lived in York, Pennsylvania and was a member of St John Chrysostom Orthodox Church (Antiochian Archdiocese) in York.

Services are expected to be held in York at St John Chrysostom.

May Joseph's memory be eternal!

Please consider sending a letter of condolence to his daughter, Cindy Hammaker, 115 Brimful Drive, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

Please also consider reaching out to **Debbie Krenitsky & Family** with a word of comfort, on the repose of their beloved David, at 300 Falbrook St, Carbondale, PA 18407. *May David's memory be eternal!*

Schedule of Services

Saturday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. – Burial of Anne Terpak (at St Michael's Cemetery)

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. Memorial service for Andrew Petrilak, on the 3rd anniversary of his repose in the Lord.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, SUNDAY LITURGY WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this hot summer. We hope a slightly earlier start time will help.

Prayers & Donations

Please remember in your prayers. Send a card, or stop by and visit.

- **Robert & Eileen Dance**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center #204, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **John Drutarosky**, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center #307, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **Peggy Petrilak**, 127 Petrilak Lane, Greenfield Twp, PA 18407
- **Tom & Helen Grancey**, 102 Cleveland Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433
- **Theresa Krenitsky**, 4-B Henry Drive, Jermyn, PA 18433
- **Barbara Palubniak**, 629 Hill St, Mayfield, PA 19433
- **Peter Senio**, The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, PA 18509
- **Nicholas Mattise**, Personal Care at Allied Terrace, Room 218, 100 Terrace Ln, Clarks Summit, PA 18411
- **Jerry & Marilyn Soroka**, c/o Glenmaura Senior Living, 11 Glenmaura National Blvd, Moosic, PA

We are seeking information on anyone, **current or past** parishioners, who need our prayers and visitation. If you know of anyone else who is **hospitalized, homebound**, in a **nursing home**, or has any other need, please send their names and contact information to Fr John so they can be added to our prayers and visitation schedule. *Please also let us know if there are any new births or expectant mothers who should be added to our prayer list.*

Donations in memory of David Krenitsky: \$20 from Paul Polanchik. *May David's 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

We have extended our **parish clean-up days** over multiple days in the coming week, likely **Friday and Saturday July 28 & 29**. Please come out and see if you can be of assistance! Every hand lent is both a help and a gift.

Get ready for the **Jermyn Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday August 19!** Please start collecting any gently-used items that you can donate for the sale. We will be using the Rectory Garage area to store most things. If you would like to drop off anything ahead of time, just call the Rectory and we will be happy to help bring it in.

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.

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!

Coffee Hour is offered by:

- July 23: Mary Ann Dubee & Susan Schlasta
- July 30: Millie Telep & Mat. Delores Petorak
- August 6: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra Black

Thank you to all who have offered food and their efforts to our Sunday fellowship! Anyone can help. Please see Millie Telep to be added to the schedule.

“Here on this earth people should strive to **reject the suggestions** of the spirits of evil. The Holy Fathers tell us **always to be vigilant** and to be aware that **any thought that disturbs our inner peace comes directly from hades**, and that we must **not accept** such a thought but **reject it immediately**. If we enter into conversation with such a thought **we will soon be caught in its net**. Many other thoughts **will be born from that one thought** from hell, and it is only much later that a person sees where his thoughts have taken him and what he has done.”

– Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*, 187.

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Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

"The miracle of miracles is the ability to transform through love the smallest, seemingly insignificant detail of the routine drudgery of everyday existence into paradise."

– Fr Thomas Hopko

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 Wary: Psalms 6, 27, 55, 60, 90

"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!