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It is much easier to check voicemail on the cell number.*

July 30 2023: 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

It is with great sadness but hope in the resurrection that we share with you that **Robert Dance**, wife of Eileen Dance and beloved member of the St Michael's family, reposed in the Lord on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

Services are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Aug 2, 4:00–7:00 p.m.** – Viewing at Shifler-Parise Funeral Home, 18 Airport Rd, Clifford, with Panikhida at 6:30pm.
- **Thursday, Aug 3, 10:00 a.m.** – Funeral at St Michael's. Burial at Willow View Cemetery, Clifford.

We offer our condolences to his daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Ron Pascoe.
Please keep them in your God-pleasing prayers!

May Robert be granted eternal rest in the mansions of the righteous, and may his memory be eternal!

We have also learned that **Matushka Dolores Donlick**, wife of our past rector Fr Daniel Donlick, reposed in the Lord on Friday, July 28, 2023.

Services will be offered at St Tikhon's Monastery:

- Sunday July 30, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Viewing at the Monastery Chapel, with Panikhida to follow.
- Monday July 31, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Viewing at the Monastery Church with Funeral at 11:00.

Please keep Fr Daniel and their entire family in your God-pleasing prayers!

May Mat. Dolores be granted eternal rest in the mansions of the righteous, and may her memory be eternal!

BEGINNING NEXT 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 an earlier start time will help.

We may return to a later time after Labor Day.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, July 29, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 30, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy, with a small Memorial Service for Anne Terpak (9th Day), Joseph Danyo (9th Day), and the newly-departed Robert Dance.

Tuesday, Aug 1 – **Beginning of the Dormition Fast.** (until Aug 15. See below for details.)

Wednesday, Aug 2, 4:00–7:00 p.m. – **Viewing for Robert Dance**, with Panikhida at 6:30pm,
Shifler-Parise Funeral Home, 18 Airport Rd, Clifford, PA

Thursday, Aug 3, 10:00 a.m. – **Funeral of Robert Dance, at St Michael's.**

Burial at Willow View Cemetery, Clifford, PA

Saturday, Aug 5, 6:30 p.m. – **Transfiguration: Festal Vespers with Litya and Blessing of Fruits**

Sunday, Aug 6, 9:00 a.m. – **Transfiguration: Festal Divine Liturgy**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of our Orthodox Christian Faith.

Please make every effort to attend not only the Divine Liturgy on Sunday Aug 6, but also

Great Vespers the evening before, Saturday Aug 5, when we will bless fruits.

Saturday, Aug 12, 10:00 a.m. – Funeral of Dr Joseph Danyo

at St John Chrysostom Orthodox Church, 2397 North Sherman St, York, PA

Saturday, Aug 12, 6:30 p.m. – NO VESPER (Fr John will be returning from York)

Sunday, Aug 13, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Monday, Aug 14, 6:30 p.m. – Festal Vespers with Litya for the **Dormition of the Mother of God**

Tuesday, Aug 15, 9:00 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy for the **Dormition of the Mother of God**

Prayers & Donations

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

- **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 18507

Please send a note of comfort to:

- **Debbie Krenitsky & Family**, 300 Falbrook St, Carbondale, PA 18407 *(in memory of David Krenitsky)*
- **Tom Terpak**, 426 Madison Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433 *(in memory of Anne Terpak)*
- **Patty Smallacombe**, 703 Shields Court Jermyn, Pa 18433 *(in memory of Anne Terpak)*
- **Cindy Hammaker**, 115 Brimful Drive, Phoenixville, PA 19460 *(in memory of Dr Joseph Danyo)*
- **Tammy & Ron Pascoe**, 228 Hudson St, Jermyn, PA 18433 *(in memory of Robert Dance)*
- **V. Rev. Daniel Donlick**, 1115 Vine St, Avoca, PA 18641 *(in memory of Mat. Dolores Donlick)*

Donations in memory of David Krenitsky: \$100 from his friends at Francis Smith & Sons, \$100 from Emily & Gregory Krenitsky, and \$25 from Mia Polanchik. *May David's Memory be Eternal!*

Dearest friends and faithful of St Michael's:

It has been a rough few weeks of loss and grief among many of our parish family. While we believe that *Christ is risen*, and that He *tramples down death*, it does not make these days feel much easier. At the end of everything, the only thing we will all have left is our relationship with our Lord, and our relationships with each other. These are the times to reset, re-focus, and re-align who we are as people and as the community of St Michael's. I know we are a parish that cares deeply for each other, because I have seen it in hundreds of tiny ways. Please, take some time in the coming days and weeks to reach out, not only to those who are grieving, but also to those whom you have not seen here in a while. Let them know we are thinking about them, that we care about them, that we pray for them.

Finally, consider these words of Fr Stephen Muse, an Orthodox priest and accomplished psychologist and specialist in trauma, grieving, and spiritual healing:

"We are each a family of souls arising out of nothing, who live together on this earth for a short while before disappearing. In between, some kind of trace is made, etching a unique life on the great body of time as unique *persons*. As the prayer from the Divine Liturgy reminds, it is good for us to cling to God and place in Him the hope that when the Book of Life is opened by the Ancient One on the last day and the letters of our lives are read, by His grace and mercy we shall all be re-membered together and found around the Lord's banquet table. Then, in a symphony of many voices conducted by the Holy Spirit, we will experience a paean of Eucharistic joy in the form of one marvelous word, **Abba, Father!** joining the chorus of the angels before the throne of God."

– Fr Stephen Muse, *Parenting in Repentance: Growing Together in Love, Gratefulness, and Joy*, 34-35.

Announcements

The **Dormition Fast** begins this **Tuesday, August 1**, and lasts until the Feast of the **Dormition on August 15**. In many parts of the Orthodox world, this is kept as an important fast, to honor the Mother of God. (The fast is relaxed on the Feast of the Transfiguration on Aug 6., allowing for a festive meal of fish, wine, and oil.)

The Parish Council of St Michael's is pleased to announce the **winners of the 2023 Summer Raffle!** Names were drawn at random this past Monday, July 24:

- 1st Place: Mary Elizabeth Schlasta**
- 2nd Place: Pdn Gabriel Petorak**
- 3rd Place: Pat Kraky**

Get ready for the **Jermyn Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday August 19!** Please start collecting any 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 Fr John or the Rectory and we will be happy to help bring it in.

Coffee Hour is offered by:

- 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.

July 23 2023: 7th Sunday After Pentecost

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 9:27-35

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.

*"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!