

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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

## **August 6 2023: The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

(and the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost)

Epistle: **2 Peter 1:10-19** Gospel: **Matthew 17:1-9**

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

*This is to help with some of the heat we have been experiencing in the church during the summer.*

*Thank you for your patience! We may return to a later time after Labor Day.*

***The Dormition Fast continues until 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.)*

## Schedule of Services

**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***

**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 VESPERS (Fr John will be returning from York)**

**Sunday, Aug 13, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. (*Feast day of St Tikhon of Zadonsk*)**

*August 15 is the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God.*

**Monday, Aug 14, 6:30 p.m. – *Dormition: Festal Vespers with Litya and Blessing of Flowers and Herbs***

**Tuesday, Aug 15, 9:00 a.m. – *Dormition: Festal Divine Liturgy***

**Saturday, Aug 19, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers. *David Krenitsky 40<sup>th</sup> Day.***

**Sunday, Aug 20, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday, Aug 26, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers. *Anne Terpak 40<sup>th</sup> Day.***

**Sunday, Aug 27, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. Memorial Service for Andrew Petorak Sr.**

## Looking Ahead

**Friday Sept 8** – Great Feast of the **Nativity of the Mother of God**

**Sunday Sept 10** – Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence, **Archbishop MARK**

**Thursday Sept 14** – Great and Solemn Feast of the **Exaltation of the Precious Cross**

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

- Aug 6: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra Black
- Aug 13: Mat. Delores Petorak & Marilyn Petorak
- Aug 20: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

*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.*

*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 Received

- **In memory of David Krenitsky**, from Evelyn and Peter Bunevitch. *May David's memory be eternal!*
- An anonymous donation of \$150 was received **in memory of Anne Terpak**. *May Ann's memory be eternal!*

*Giving Opportunities – Thank you for your generosity!*

- 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.
- We are seeking donations to offset the cost of the **Sacramental Wine used for the Divine Liturgy**. Any amount is appreciated. Please see Vladimir Kitchura if you are interested in giving.
- Please help us meet our growing financial obligations. If you are unable to come to Church, please send in your weekly offering envelopes to *St. Michael's Church, 305 Walnut St., Jermyn, PA 18433*. Thank you!

## Announcements

**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.

**Sunday, August 27** – Everyone is invited to our **END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK LUNCHEON** after Liturgy. Please see Marilyn (570-241-6580) or Sue (570-840-9544) if you would like to contribute.

### **August 6 2023: The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

#### *Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19*

*Brethren:* Be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

#### *Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9*

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

*“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!*