

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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**Please try using Fr John's cell phone number (610-427-9279) as much as possible, rather than the rectory land-line.
It is much easier to check voicemail on the cell number.*

August 13 2023: 10th Sunday After Pentecost
Leavetaking of the Transfiguration of Our Lord; also St Tikhon of Zadonsk
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

*We continue through the summer with Sunday Liturgy at **9:00 a.m.**
Thank you for your patience! We may return to a later time after Labor Day.*

The Dormition Fast continues for two more days.

We break the fast with the joyous feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15!

*If it has been difficult to keep this fast so far, please consider honoring the Mother of God these final two days
(Sunday and Monday) by abstaining from meat and dairy; and offering extra prayers, asking for her intercessions.*

Schedule of Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Aug 26, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers. *Anne Terpak 40th 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 13: Mat. Delores Petorak & Marilyn Petorak
- Aug 20: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts
- Aug 27: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

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.

In your prayers...

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)*

Remembering the Departed: August

Please include these names in your daily prayers this month. If you know of others who reposed this month in any past year, please contact Fr John so they can be added to our calendar of commemorations.

- Former Rector, Fr. Anthony Diachenko (reposed on Aug 30, 1970)
- Former Rector, Fr. Peter Karel (reposed on Aug 4, 1970)
- Joseph Krenitsky (reposed on Aug 29, 2017)
- Andrew Petorak (Sr) (reposed on Aug 27, 2011)

Donations Received

- **In memory of Robert Dance:** \$50 from Barry Kloda. *May Robert'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 for the cost of the **Altar Wine used for the Divine Liturgy**. A suggested donation is \$10 or \$20 every few weeks, but any amount is appreciated. If you are interested in giving, please write "Altar Wine" on a separate envelope. *Thank you!*

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!

The Jermyn Town-Wide Yard Sale is this coming Saturday, August 19.

We are thinking about selling refreshments in the Church basement during the sale.
If you are able to help with refreshments, please see Mat. Alexandra
or contact her at the rectory (570-876-1241).

If you have items to drop off, please call Fr John and we will store them in our garage.

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 13 2023: 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren: God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

The parish as a ministering community has something to minister. The priest doesn't minister to them; they minister to one another. He supervises ... but it's the community that's ministering. And ultimately the sign of growth is to minister not just to each other, but to our neighborhood, to our city, to our country, to the world. This is what the ministry is all about. It finally changes that whole inversion – [the false notion] that we take care of ourselves, or that we pay someone to take care of us, or that we pay someone to pray for us or to minister to us. It simply isn't true according to Scripture and the theological understanding of these words....

Rather than always again compartmentalizing in choosing certain people to do certain things, we have to somehow uncover the special talents that every parish has. Can you imagine the explosion of talents we'd discover if we searched for them, made people aware of the unique talents they possess and then use them to minister in the many different ways, ministering first of all one to another, and then letting this joyously spill into the community.

– Fr Sergei Glagolev, in an interview entitled *The Ministry of the People*, 1985.