

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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

August 20 2023: 11th Sunday After Pentecost. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Prophet Samuel.

COFFEE HOUR AT ST. MICHAEL'S HALL !!
The Yard Sale continues there today!

Schedule of Services

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

Sunday, Aug 20, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. Memorial Service for Robert Telep (+2005)

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. (+2011)

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133/134)

We have **all been invited** to celebrate the feast of the **Beheading of John the Baptist on Aug 29** with our sister parishes in **Simpson and Dundaff!** Please come and worship with our fellow Orthodox Christians! Fr John will concelebrate with Fr Jason Franchak.

Monday, Aug 28, 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers at **St Basil's Church in Simpson**
(9 Lord Ave, Carbondale, PA)

Tuesday, Aug 29, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy at **St John the Baptist in Dundaff**
(2137 State Rte 2023, Clifford, PA)

Saturday, Sept 2, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers.

Sunday, Sept 3, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy.

*After Labor Day, beginning with Friday Sept 8 and Sunday Sept 10,
we return to 9:30 a.m. for ALL Divine Liturgies, both Sundays and Weekdays.*

September 8 is the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God.

Thursday, Sept 7, 6:30 p.m. – Festal Vespers with Litya

Friday, Sept 8, 9:30 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy

Schedule of Services, continued

Saturday, Sept 9, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers.

Sunday, Sept 10, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop MARK.

September 14 is the Great and Solemn Feast of the **Exaltation of the Precious Cross.**

Wednesday, Sept 13, 6:30 p.m. – Festal Vespers with Litya

Thursday, Sept 14, 9:30 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour is offered by:

- Aug 20: *Yard Sale Fellowship!*

Ruthie, Roxanne, & Mat. Alexandra

- Aug 27: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

- Sept 3: Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta

- Sept 10: TBD

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.

(On Sept 10 when His Eminence visits, we will have a simple coffee hour. He is traveling to a luncheon in Olyphant at noon.)

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)
- Mary Hrichuk (reposed Aug 2, 1995)
- Joseph Krenitsky (reposed on Aug 29, 2017)
- Andrew Petorak (Sr) (reposed on Aug 27, 2011)
- Robert Telep (reposed on Aug 15, 2005)

Giving Opportunities

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!

Announcements

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 20 2023: 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren: You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Psalms for Special Needs (these are the Hebrew numbering)

When Afraid: Psalms 27 & 56	When Needing Prayer: Psalms 4, 6, 20, 22, 25, 42, 51
When Anxious: Psalm 46	When Sick: Psalms 32, 38, 91
When Disaster Threatens: Psalms 34, 91, 121	When We Sin: Psalms 6, 51, 139
When Discouraged: Psalms 23, 37, 42, 55, 90	When Sorrowing: Psalms 40, 42, 43, 51
When Facing a Crisis: Psalms 34, 46, 118, 121	When Tempted: Psalms 1, 73, 101, 110, 139
When Friends Fail: Psalms 27 & 35	When Thankful: Psalms 65, 84, 92, 95, 100, 103, 116, 136, 147
When Leaving Home: Psalms 27 & 121	When In Trouble: Psalms 2, 16, 31, 34, 37, 38, 40, 139
When Needing God's Protection: Psalms 27, 62, 91, 139	When Weary: Psalms 6, 27, 55, 60, 90
When Needing Inward Peace: Psalms 37 & 85	

On Confession

To confess our sins **we must know what they are**. And to know what they are we must **examine** our lives: what we think, what we say, and what we do. The great problem here for many of us is that we do not have the proper measure by which to judge ourselves. We judge by what we think are true standards but which are in fact as far from Christianity as heaven is from earth.

For example, we judge ourselves by our own idea of the normal human person: "We are normal, average, like others, not worse ..." Or we judge by the standards which our society provides: "We are upright citizens, law-abiding, hard-working, thrifty ..." ... Or finally, we judge by Old Testament standards which are very good, but not at all on the level of life to which Christians are called: "We do not steal, lie, murder, commit adultery ..."

The real point here is that self-examination must be a **deep and serious look at ourselves** with **honesty and courage** and the desire really **to see**. But it also must be a judgment made by strictly Christian standards: the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

– excerpted from Fr Thomas Hopko, *If We Confess Our Sins*, 1975.

On the Frequency of Communion, by St John Cassian

We must not avoid communion because we deem ourselves to be sinful. On the contrary, we must approach it **more** often for the healing of the soul and the purification of the spirit, **to show our humility and faith**, by considering ourselves unworthy and in need ... that we desire even more the **medicine** for our wounds. Otherwise it is impossible to receive communion once a year, as certain people do ... considering the sanctification of heavenly Mysteries as available only to saints. It is better to think that by giving us grace, the sacrament makes us pure and holy.

Such people who receive less often manifest more pride than humility ... for when they receive, they think of themselves as worthy. It is much better if, in humility of heart, knowing that **we are never worthy of the Holy Mysteries we would receive them every Sunday for the healing of our diseases**, rather than, blinded by pride, think that after one year, receiving once or twice yearly, we become worthy of receiving them.

– St. John Cassian

"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!