

St Michael's Orthodox Church

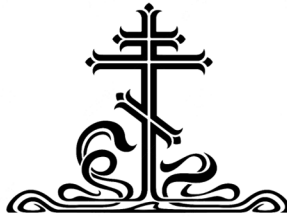
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August 27 2023: 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Schedule of Services

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 all those reposed in Augusts of years past (see next page), especially Andrew Petorak Sr. (+2011) and Robert Telep (+2005); along with the newly-departed David Krenitsky and Anne Terpak as we pass their 40th days.

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

We have 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 worship with our fellow Orthodox Christians.

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

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

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

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 27: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff
- Sept 3: Maryann Dube & Susan Schlasta
- Sept 10: TBD (normal coffee hour)

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)
- Mary Hrichuk (reposed Aug 2, 1995)
- Joan Lasichak (reposed Aug 23, 2020)
- 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

On **Sunday Sept 10**, our hierarch and arch-pastor, **Archbishop Mark**, will visit our parish. Please make every effort to be in church that day so all can greet him. (We will not have a meal, as he is due in Olyphant at noon.)

On **Sunday Sept 17** from 11am-1pm, **St John's Orthodox Cathedral in Mayfield** invites everyone to a "Pulled Pork Platter" Take-Out meal. A \$15 ticket includes pork, beans, homemade mac & cheese, and roll; made by Iron Heart Brewery. If interested, call Mott (335-2128), Sandy (876-3576), Joanie (254-6882), or Sasha (466-8431).

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	

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren: I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came and said to Jesus: "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

*Going Beyond the 10 Commandments:
or, “What does ↑ this Gospel about the Rich Young Man have to do with Confession?”*

“We claim faith in Christ. This means that we must **do what Christ has shown us to do**. And this means, more than anything else, that we must love with a **perfect love**.

Christians are called **not merely** to ‘love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength’; and ‘their neighbor as themselves’. These are the chief commandments of the *Old Testament*. But we Christians are called to hear the Lord of the *New Testament* and to fulfill His commands:

Love your enemies, Do good to those who hate you,
Bless those who curse you, Pray for those who abuse you,
Turn the other cheek to those who strike you,
Give to those who steal, beg, or borrow from you, asking nothing in return,
Do to all men—not as they *actually do to you*—but as *you would wish them* to do to you,
Do not condemn or judge, but give and forgive.
You, therefore, must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the teaching of Jesus Christ, told simply and clearly on the pages of the Gospel (See Matthew 5 and Luke 6).”

– Fr Thomas Hopko, *If We Confess Our Sins*, 1975, 5-8.

*Today, we begin a weekly journey through parts of the wonderful little book,
“The Faith We Hold”, by Archbishop Paul of Finland.*

“Christ left no written statement of His teaching, nor did the apostles set about drawing up a creed at first. Instead, as soon as they received power at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they began to bear witness to Christ, to His death and resurrection. Those who believed the testimony of the apostles were baptized and received the Holy Spirit..

Through the testimony of the apostles, new communities and congregations arose everywhere ... The Church is called *ecclesia* ... meaning *an assembly of people*.... the original distinguishing feature of the Church, implied in its very name, is that of assembling in one place as the Lord’s own people.

Wherever the first Christians met, there was the Church or the assembly of the people of God. In this coming together the Christians encountered the Christ in whom they believed. They experienced this encounter in a special way in the Eucharist ... Thus it was a joyous service of thanksgiving—this is the meaning of the Greek word *eucharistia*....

Not even in our day is the Christian faith a philosophy or an ideology; it is an encounter with Christ. The same three things—faith, *ecclesia* and *eucharistia*—still lead to this encounter. Together they are a framework instituted by God, through which the new life of Christ is given to the world.

– Abp Paul of Finland, *The Faith We Hold* (St Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1980), 11-12.

*“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!