

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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360 Virtual Tour & Service Schedule

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September 17, 2023: 15th Sunday After Pentecost.
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross.

We welcome all visitors! We are grateful that you came to be with us and pray with us today.
After Liturgy, please come downstairs for coffee and refreshments.

Schedule of Services

*We have returned to **9:30 a.m.** for ALL Divine Liturgies, both Sundays and Weekdays.*

Saturday, Sept 16, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, Sept 17, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross.

Memorial Service (Parastas) for the Mosley and Gillott Families.

Saturday, Sept 23, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers and Confessions. (*Disregard previous cancellation. We will have services.*)

Sunday, Sept 24, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Small Memorial Service for all members of the St Michael's family that have reposed in Septembers of years past.

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

Sunday, Oct 1, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. *Feast of the Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos.*

Coffee Hour is offered by:

- Sept 17: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts
- Sept 24: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff
- Oct 1: Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta
- Oct 8: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

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.

Donations

- \$20 was given for Vigil Lights, in memory of David Essig. *May David's memory be eternal!*
- **Thank You** to David Leschak, who donated topsoil to our Cemetery to help care for our recent burials.
- **Thank You** to Victor Gazella and friends who helped move our heavy freezers out of St Michael's Center.

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.

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!

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: September

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. Michael Dziama (Sept 5, 1944)
- Former Rector, Fr. John Kivko (1974)
- John Getzie (Sept 12, 2004)
- Henry Koruszko (Sept 12, 2010)
- Robert Lloyd (Sept 27, 2015)
- Mary Ann Mosley (Sept 18, 2017)
- Barbara Nayduch (Sept 6, 2017)
- Dennis Sebastianelli (Sept 16, 2005)
- Alexander Wanas (Sept 24, 2022)
- Anna Willgrube (Sept 25, 2001)

To these, please add a few names which should have been added to August:

- Kenneth Carite (Aug 9, 2001)
- Mary Kay Hockin (Aug 17, 2009)
- Thomas Jesuitt (Aug 20, 2007)
- Irene Kupinski (Aug 8, 2007)
- Mildred Wanas (Aug 2, 2016)
- Vera Yurchak (Aug 29, 2007)
- Mark Zielinski (Aug 10, 2002)
- Dorothy (Krasowsky) Zrowka (Aug 31, 2009)

Announcements

TODAY from 11am-1pm, **St John's Orthodox Cathedral in Mayfield** is hosting "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).

Save the Date: Sunday October 15 is designated as **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day** in the United States. We will use this opportunity to have a **Prayer Service for all Stillborns and Miscarriages** on that day. at our **Cemetery at Noon following Liturgy**, with a meal *to follow* (in place of coffee hour before). We hope to invite anyone from the surrounding communities for the service and meal. If you have close friends or family outside the parish whom you know have had this kind of loss, please invite them to come that day at noon.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
(for the Sunday After the Cross)

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
(for the Sunday After the Cross)

The Lord said: "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

We have begun a weekly journey through parts of the wonderful little book,
"The Faith We Hold", by Archbishop Paul of Finland.

Just as Christ has both a divine and a human nature, so has the Church. On its human side the Church is susceptible to errors, weaknesses and failings, but it has consolation in the promise: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18) This means that though the storms of time may ravage the human substance of the Church, they will not destroy the Church. The Church will endure until the next period of God's rule over the world is ushered in, until the *parousia* or Second Coming of Christ.

– Abp Paul of Finland, *The Faith We Hold* (SVS Press, 1980), 16-17.