

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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360 Virtual Tour & Service Schedule

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*If Fr John is unreachable and the matter is urgent,
please call the Dean of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, Fr. Innocent Neal, at (570) 691-9076.*

June 25 2023: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: **Romans 5:1-10** Gospel: **Matthew 6:22-33**

Schedule of Services

Nativity of St John the Baptist:

- **Friday, June 23**, 6:30 p.m. – Vespers with Litya & Blessing of Loaves
- **Saturday, June 24**, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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Sunday, June 25, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (*No Matins*) (*Afterfeast of the Nativity of St John*)

Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul:

- **Wednesday, June 28**, 6:30 p.m. – Vespers with Litya & Blessing of Loaves
- **Thursday, June 29**, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Note: We observe the Apostle's Fast until the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul on June 29.

Prayers & Donations

Please remember in your prayers:

- **John Drutarosky**, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407
- **Peter Senio**, who is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave., Scranton, Pa.
- **Nicholas Mattise**, who is a guest at the Personal Care at Allied Terrace, 100 Terrace Ln, Scranton, Pa.
- **Dr. Joseph Danyo**, Hershey Medical Center (ICU), 500 University Dr., Hershey, Pa. 17033.
- **David Krenitsky**, our former Council President, recovering at home: 1 Falbrook Street, Carbondale, PA 18407
- **Robert and Elaine Dance** who are patients in the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407 (*please note the corrected street name*)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church received **donations in memory of Irene Leschak**: \$335 from daughter Melanie Ringa and Charles Ringa; \$100 from Peter and Sarah Jubinski; \$25 from Margaret Rycak; \$100 from the Hockin, Hanchak, and Kondratick families; \$40 from Karin Healey; \$100 from Rev. & Mrs. Gary Breton; \$25 from Teresa Lyon; and \$10 from Eva Demchak. May her Memory be Eternal. Вечная Память!

Altar Vigil Lights were given in memory of Frances Meholic, by Helen Hrichuk. Donations are being accepted for the Vigil Lights in the Altar and on the Relics Table. You may donate in memory of the departed or for your health or the health of family members. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

Announcements

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!

June 25 will be the last Sunday that our choir directors Brad and Lydia Given will be at St. Michael's for Liturgy. A pot-luck meal is planned during coffee hour after Liturgy, coordinated by Maryann Dubee. Please let her know whether you plan to attend and what you plan to bring to the pot-luck meal.

A **Summer Raffle** will be held in July. Look forward to receiving a letter and raffle tickets in the mail. The drawing will take place on July 24, with prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100.

We are tentatively planning to participate in the **Borough of Jermyn's Community Yard Sale** which will be held on a Saturday in August. Please put aside items you wish to donate to St. Michael's for the sale. More details forthcoming.

The **water at St. Michael's Cemetery** has been turned **ON, on the right side** (facing the entrance). We thank John Jubinsky for taking care of this. The water on the other side of the Cemetery is still shut off until repair is completed. *We are sorry for the inconvenience.*

Coffee Hour Hostesses:

June 18: Maryann Dubee and Susan Schlasta

June 25: Millie Telep and Dorothy Allen.

"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!

"O what a novel and wonderful mystery! John [the Baptist] has not yet been born but already he gives voice with his bounds; he has not yet appeared but already he manifests signs of his presence; he cannot yet cry and already he is heard through what he does; as yet he has not begun his life and already he is preaching about God; he does not yet see the light and is already pointing to the sun; he has not yet been brought forth and already he hastens to act as forerunner. The Lord is there! John cannot restrain himself; he is not going to be restricted by the limitations set by nature but strives to break out of the prison of his mother's womb and make known beforehand the Savior's coming. 'He who breaks our bonds has come,' he says. 'and am I to remain shackled? Am I still bound to remain here? The Word comes to re-establish all things and am I still to remain captive? I will come out and run ahead of him and announce to all: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world' (Jn 1,29)."

– St John Chrysostom, Commentary on the Gospel of Luke, 1:39-45