

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Cross

Services & Events

Sunday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great. **Sunday of the Cross.** Monthly Parish Council.

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 p.m. – Mission Vespers at Holy Trinity, Stroudsburg (Fr John preaching).

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. – *Akathist* to the Most-holy Theotokos (part 4)

Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. – Baptism of Lennox Kraky. *The entire parish is welcome at the service.*

Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers, followed by Prayers for Confessions

Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great. *St John of the Ladder.*

Coffee Hour is offered by:

April 7: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

April 14: Susan Schlasta & Millie Telep

*April 21: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

*April 28: (*Palm Sunday*) Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

**may need to swap these days*

Hymns of the Day

Sunday Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world great mercy.

For the Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance. / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation.

For St Tikhon (Tone 1)

Let us praise Tikhon, the patriarch of all Russia and enlightener of North America, / an ardent follower of the apostolic ^ traditions, / and good pastor of the Church of Christ, / who was elected by divine providence and laid down his life for his sheep. / Let us sing to him with faith ^ and hope, / and ask for his hierarchical intercessions: / "Keep the Church in Russia in tranquility and the Church in North America in peace. / Gather her scattered children into ^ one flock. / Bring to repentance those who have renounced the true Faith. / Preserve our land from civil strife, // and entreat God's peace for all people!"

Glory ...

For St Tikhon (Tone 2)

A gentle manner adorned thee: / thou didst show kindness and compassion to those who repented; / thou wast firm and unbending in confessing the Orthodox Faith, / and zealous in loving the Lord. / O holy hierarch of Christ and confessor Tikhon, / pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God, // which is of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Now & ever ...

For the Cross (Tone 7)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Paradise; / it has been mysteriously quenched by the Wood of the Cross! / The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; / for Thou, O my Savior, didst come and cry to those in hell: // "Enter again into Paradise."

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren: Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

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

The Lord said: "If any one would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Announcements

It is with great sadness, but great hope in the Resurrection, that we announce...

Andrew Homish reposed in the Lord early in the morning on March 26, 2024, and we celebrated his funeral here at St Michael's on Friday March 29. The beautiful flowers that continue to adorn our Altar were offered in loving memory of him. We offer our condolences to Andrew's children, David, Marlene, Cathy, & Debbie, along with Andrew's entire family. *May Andrew's memory be eternal!*

Edward Hojnicky, a parishioner of St Michael's in Wilmington DE but with family connections here in Jermyn, reposed in the Lord on April 4. We offer our condolences to his wife Karen, his mother Stephanie, and his three children: Fr. Timothy (who serves our parish in Mechanicsburg PA), Ana, and Leah. *May Edward's memory be eternal!*

William Hummer, Matushka Alexandra's father, reposed early yesterday morning. Bill worshipped in the Anglican Episcopal confession. Please keep Mat. Alexandra and our children in your God-pleasing prayers. May Bill's memory be eternal!

In your prayers... *(please see last week's bulletin for mailing addresses)*

The Newly-Departed: Apr. Herman Schick (March 16). Apr. Anthony Karbo (March 19). Andrew Homish (March 26). Edward Hojnicky (April 4). William Hummer (April 6).

Please especially pray for: The Troutman family (Doreen & Harry, along with John Meholic) who lost their home to fire. Fr Gregory White, of Holy Resurrection in Wilkes-Barre, recovering from a heart attack. Dn. Gregory LoBalbo, of St Nicholas in Bethlehem.

Those who are ill or recovering from illness or injury: Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, James Detro.

Those who are alone or confined: Eileen Dance, John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Nicholas Mattise, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Peter Senio, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul & Barbara Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini.

Those who grieve for their loved ones: For Andrew: David, Marlene, Cathy, & Debbie. For Edward: Karen, Stephanie, Fr. Timothy, Ana, Leah. For William: Mat. Alexandra, Fr. John, Harold.