

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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July 14, 2024: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost Fathers of the 1st-6th Ecumenical Councils

Schedule of Services

Saturday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Small Memorial Service for the 9th Day of repose of Peter Senio (Monday 7/8), the 1-Year anniversary of David Krenitsky (Thursday 7/11), and the 4-year anniversary of Andrew Petrilak (7/14).*

Saturday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, July 21, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Small Memorial Service for the 1 Year of Repose of Anne Terpak (7/18) and Dr Joseph Danyo (7/21).*

Coffee Hour is offered by:

July 14: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky
July 21: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

July 28: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak
Aug 4: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Fathers of the Councils (Tone 8)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Resurrection (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Fathers of the Councils (Tone 8)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

For the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Steadfast protectress of Christians, / constant advocate before the Creator; / despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, / but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. / Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, // for you always protect those who honor you!

Donations are needed to build up funds to offer a **Community Breakfast** tentatively **Saturday August 17** (the day of the Jermyn Borough-wide Yard Sale). Please use the envelopes marked for this purpose (or write a note on any envelope). We hope to begin offering free community meals periodically, perhaps once every 2-3 months. The purpose of these meals is to **serve the greater community** (especially those who may not have enough food) and to **build fellowship** among us and those whom we meet. We will only be able to host a meal after its costs are fully-funded through donations, so that it can be **offered freely** to those who come. *These will be successful only if they have the support of the entire parish, through our time, talents, and treasure!*

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Brethren: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said: "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

In your prayers...

The ill and the afflicted: Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Fr John Sorochka, Fr Michael Shepherd, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Mat. Alexandra Black, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Tom Shaw, Marilyn Petorak, Sandy Gillott, Debbie Bernosky. Those who are alone or confined: Eileen Dance, John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Nicholas Mattise, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul & Barbara Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini.

The newly-departed: Peter Senio (6/30), Mat. Annice Oleynik (7/6), Mat. Paula Soucek (6/23), Audrey Matthews (6/15). Also remember the departed this week: David Krenitsky (7/11/2023), Andrew Petrilak (7/14/2020), Stephen Nicklick (7/14/1976), Thomas R Kovall (Sr) (7/15/2007), Nicholas Frenchko (7/15/2012), Elizabeth Chup (7/17/2020), Anne Terpak (7/18/2023), Serge Popoff (7/19/2022), and Helen Glushko (7/20/1992).

\$25 was offered in memory of Andrew Petrilak, by Roxanne and Miles Neutts. *May Andrew's memory be eternal!*

Announcements

A **Hoagie Sale** is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 27. See the downstairs bulletin board for more info.

SAVE THE DATE! SPREAD THE WORD! Our "famous" **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be the **First Saturday in December**, 12/ 7. Even bigger this year! We hope to make other food items and have some basket raffles as well.

Our Events Team meets the first Sunday of every month at 8:30 am, before Liturgy. Everyone is invited to be a part of this hard-working team. (Maybe you will have the next great idea!) The purpose of this team is to create opportunities to meet new people, to help those in need, to build community, and to be a witness of genuine Christian love to the surrounding area in which St Michael's is planted. Even if you only have time to help with a few small parts of an event, we would still love to see you.