

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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July 21, 2024: 4th Sunday After Pentecost. The Prophet Ezekiel.

Schedule of Services

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), and the 2-year anniversary of Serge Popoff (7/19).
BLESSING OF VEHICLES (in honor of the Prophet Elijah, whose feast day was yesterday 7/20).

Saturday, July 27, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, July 28, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. Small Memorial Service for the 1 Year of Repose of Mat. Dolores Donlick (7/28) and Robert Dance (7/29).

Coffee Hour is offered by:

July 21: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra
July 28: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Aug 4: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts
Aug 11: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (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.

Prophet Ezekiel (Tone 2)

We celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Ezekiel, O Lord; / through him we beseech Thee: // “Save our souls!”

Resurrection (Tone 3)

On this day, Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day, Adam exults as Eve rejoices. / With the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Prophet Ezekiel (Tone 4)

Thou hast been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel, / proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lamb and Creator, // the Son of God, Who has ever revealed Himself.

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!

I am not worthy, Master and Lord, that Thou shouldst enter under the roof of my soul;¹ yet inasmuch as Thou desirest to live in me as the lover of men, I approach with boldness. Thou hast commanded: **Let the doors be opened which Thou Thyself alone hast made and Thou shalt enter with Thy love for men just as Thou art. Thou shalt enter and enlighten my darkened reasoning. I believe that Thou wilt do this. For Thou didst not cast away the prostitute who came to Thee with tears, neither didst Thou turn away the tax-collector who repented, nor didst Thou reject the thief who acknowledged Thy kingdom, nor didst Thou forsake the repentant persecutor, the Apostle Paul, even as he was.² But all who came to Thee in repentance Thou didst unite to the ranks of Thy friends,³ who alone art blessed forever, now and unto the endless ages. Amen.**

– a Prayer Before Communion, of St John Chrysostom

¹ Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10. ² Acts of the Apostles 9:1-31. ³ John 15:14-15.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Brethren: Having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

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, 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: Anne Terpak (7/18/2023), Serge Popoff (7/19/2022), Dr Joseph Danyo (7/21/2023), Tillie Mensky (7/22/1969), and Olga Tapyrik (7/24/1987).

Announcements

LAST CHANCE for our **Hoagie Sale!** Please sign up TODAY on the downstairs bulletin board, or call Marilyn (570-876-0377) or Gloria (570-876-5506). All orders must be in by this Wednesday. \$8/hoagie, made by our friends at Liuzzo's Deli. **All profits benefit St Michael's Scholarship Fund.**

Donations are needed to build up funds to offer a **Community Breakfast** tentatively **Saturday August 17.** Please use the envelopes marked for this purpose (or write a note on any envelope). 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.

We should go to the Liturgy even if we stand there like logs. Someone might say: "I'm not what I should be, I don't understand anything there, I can't concentrate." But go as you are. An elder says: "When you enter a perfumery and then leave, your clothes will smell nice, even if you didn't want them to, even if you didn't buy anything." He says the same thing happens when you go to the Liturgy.

Maybe you couldn't do anything spiritual, but it's already something that you went, that you stood there like a log. So tell yourself: "I am going as I am – an unpolished log. Because God can work with an unpolished log." And if you don't go because you say, "I can't concentrate," things will get worse and worse, and you will never improve.

– Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol