

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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**July 28, 2024: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost.**

*Holy Apostles & Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon & Parmenas.*

## Schedule of Services

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

Sunday, July 28, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Memorial Service for the 1 Year of Repose of Anne Terpak (7/18), Dr Joseph Danyo (7/21), Mat. Dolores Donlick (7/28) and Robert Dance (7/29); and the 2-year anniversary of Serge Popoff (7/19).*

**The Dormition Fast begins on Thursday, August 1** and continues until the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15. This is one of the four major “fasting seasons” of the Church. Please use this opportunity to catch up on Confession, especially if you have not come since Great Lent. Remember that the minimum standard for our spiritual health is to come at least four times a year (even better, every 1-2 months).

Saturday, August 3, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, August 4, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

Tuesday, August 6 – Monthly Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday, August 6 is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord.**

**Monday, August 5,** 6:30 p.m. – Small Festal Vigil with Litya

**Tuesday, August 6,** 9:30 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

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

Aug 11: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff  
Aug 18: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

## Hymns of the Day

*Resurrection (Tone 4)*

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel  
the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the  
ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is over-  
thrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

*St Michael the Archangel (Tone 4)*

O Commander of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy  
beseech you ceaselessly / that you would encompass us with the  
shelter of your prayers, / and cover us beneath the wings of your  
immaterial glory. / We fall down before you, crying out: / “Protect  
us all from harm, // O Michael, Prince of the powers on high!”

*Resurrection (Tone 4)*

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and  
delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the  
gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

*St Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)*

Commanders of God’s armies / and  
ministers of the divine glory, / princes of the  
bodiless angels / and guides of mankind, /  
ask for what is good for us, and for great  
mercy, // supreme commanders of the  
Bodiless Hosts.

*For the Mother of God (Tone 6)*

Steadfast protectress of Christians, / con-  
stant 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 peti-  
tion and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, //  
for you always protect those who honor you!

## Today's Scripture

*Epistle: Romans 10:1–10*

*Brethren:* My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

*Gospel: Matthew 8:28–9:1*

*At that time,* when Jesus had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

### In your prayers...

***Please pray especially for:*** Debbie Jadick, who is now suffering with cancer. ***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), Dr Joseph Danyo (7/21/2023), Mat. Dolores Donlick (7/28/2023), Robert Dance (7/29/2023), Serge Popoff (7/19/2022), Fr John Meyendorff (7/22/1992), Tillie Mensky (7/22/1969), Olga Tapyrik (7/24/1987), Anna Jubinsky (7/30/1976), Stephen Gazella (7/30/2004), Mary Kitchura (7/30/2006), Andrew Meholic (7/31/2000), Alfred Radtke (7/31/2004), Mary Hrichuk (8/2/1995), and Mildred Wanas (8/2/2016).

### Announcements

Our **Hoagie Sale** raised \$500 for **St Michael's Scholarship Fund**. *Thank you all for your support!*

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.

Virtues are connected with suffering, so **anyone who avoids suffering undoubtedly separates themselves from virtue**. Therefore, if you desire a virtuous life, surrender to every suffering, because **hardships give birth to humility**. Until we attain true knowledge, we approach humility through trials. To the one who dwells in virtue without suffering, the doors of pride are wide open.

– St Isaac the Syrian, *Chapters on Active Life*