

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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August 11, 2024: 7th Sunday After Pentecost. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.

Schedule of Services

*The **Dormition Fast** continues until the Feast of the Dormition on August 15.*

Saturday, August 10, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Memorial Service for Robert Telep, +8/15/2005.*

(Tuesday, August 13 – St Tikhon of Zadonsk)

Tuesday, August 13 – Monthly Parish Council meeting

Thursday, August 15 is the **Feast of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos.**

Wed, Aug 14, 6:30 p.m. – Small Festal Vigil with Litya

Thurs, Aug 15, 9:30 a.m. – Festal Divine Liturgy. **Blessing of Fragrant Herbs** (and flowers).

Saturday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

Looking ahead: Saturday, August 24, No Vespers

Coffee Hour is offered by:

Aug 11: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Aug 18: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

Aug 25: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

Sept 1: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 6)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Transfiguration (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. / Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners / through the prayers of the Theotokos. // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

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 6)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Transfiguration (Tone 7)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they would behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world, // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father!

In your prayers...

The ill and the afflicted: Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Fr John Sorochka, 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 Jadick, Susan Schlasta.

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, Florence Zielinsky.

The newly-departed: Peter Senio (6/30), Audrey Matthews (6/15). **Also remember the departed this week:** Robert Telep (8/15/2005), Ann Ferenchak (8/12/2017), John Hanchak (8/15/2022), Kathryn (Kay) Homish (8/15/2018), John Yurchak (8/16/2008), and Mary Catherine (Mary Kay) Hockin (8/17/2009).

Announcements

We need to reschedule our Community Breakfast due to a conflict with the Jermyn Borough-Wide Yard Sale on Aug 17. Stay tuned for more info. THANK YOU for all your donations so far towards our Community Meal Fund. So far we have raised \$600, enough to begin planning our first event and more.

Also on Saturday Aug 17: Our sister parish, St John the Baptist in Dundaff/Clifford, is hosting a Flea Market with food for sale (wimpies, pot pies, halushki, etc.). 9am-1pm at the church.

Our unbelief is always wanting some outward sign. The 'religion' of many is largely **sensational**, and they are not satisfied of its genuineness without manifestations, but the greatest triumph of faith is to **be still** and know that He is God. The great victory of faith is to stand before some impassable Red Sea, and hear Him say, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord," and "Go forward!" As we step out **without any sign or sound**, not a wave splash, and wetting our very feet as we take the first step into its waters, still marching on we shall see the sea divide and the pathway open through the very midst of the waters. If we have seen the miraculous workings of God the thing that has impressed us most has been **the quietness with which it was all done**, the absence of everything spectacular and sensational, and the utter sense of nothingness which came to us as we stood in the presence of this mighty God and felt how easy it was for Him to do it all without the faintest effort on His part or the slightest help on ours. It is not the part of faith to question, but to obey. Oh, for that faith that can act by faith and not by sight, and expect God to work although we see no wind or rain!!

– A.B. Simpson