

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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August 25, 2024: 9th Sunday After Pentecost.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, August 24 – NO VESPERS.

Sunday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Memorial for Andrew Petorak, Sr. (8/27/2011)*

Thursday, Aug 29 is the Feast of the **Beheading of John the Baptist**, a patronal feast of St John the Baptist in Dundaff. We have been invited to celebrate with them. Please come worship with our fellow Orthodox Christians!

Wednesday Aug 28, 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers w/ Litya at **St Basil's (OCA) in Simpson**, 9 Lord Ave, Carbondale
(Fr. John will be away in NY)

Thursday Aug 29, 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy at **St John the Baptist in Dundaff**, 2137 State Route 2023, Clifford Twp *(Fr John will concelebrate with Fr Jason for the Divine Liturgy)*

Saturday, August 31, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, September 1, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

Coffee Hour is offered by:

Aug 25: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

Sept 8: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Sept 1: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Sept 15: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren: We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 8)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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!

If you want, or rather intend, to take a splinter out of another person, then do not hack at it with a stick instead of a lancet, for you will only drive it in deeper. And this is a stick – rude speech and rough gestures. And this is a lancet – tempered instruction and patient reprimand. "Reprove," says the Apostle, "rebuke, exhort," but he did not say "beat." (2 Tim 4:2) And if even this is required, do it rarely, and not with your own hand.

– St John of the Ladder, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, Step 8, "On Freedom From Anger and On Meekness"

In your prayers...

The ill and the afflicted: Fr. Dennis Swencki, Fr. Daniel Donlick, Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, 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.

Remember the departed this week: Mit. Apr. Anthony Diachenko (8/30/1970), Andrew Petorak (8/27/2011), Alexander Matthews (8/25/1964), Joseph Krenitsky (8/29/2017), Vera Yurchak (8/29/2007), James Cramer (8/31/2019), and Dorothy (Krasowsky) Zrowka (8/31/2009).

Announcements

MANY YEARS to Roxanne and Miles Neutts, who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

Stay tuned for a **new date** for our first Community Breakfast (possibly in mid-September). THANK YOU for all your donations so far towards our Community Meal Fund. So far we have raised \$800.

I stand before the doors of Thy temple and I do not forsake my wicked thoughts. But, O Christ my God, as Thou hast justified the tax-collector, and hast had mercy on the woman of Canaan and hast opened the gates of paradise to the thief,¹ open to me the interior depths of Thy love for men and receive me as I come and repent before Thee. Receive me as Thou didst receive the sinful woman and the woman with the flow of blood.² For the first embraced Thy most pure feet and received the forgiveness of her sins, and the second just touched the hem of Thy garment and received healing. But I who am lost, daring to receive Thy whole body, may I not be burned; but receive me as Thou hast received them, and enlighten my spiritual senses, burning up my sinful faults by the prayers of her who gave birth to Thee without human seed, and of the heavenly angelic powers, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

– a Prayer After Communion, of St. John of Damascus (d. 777)

¹ Luke 18:9-14; Matt 15:21-28; Luke 23:39. ² Luke 7:36-50; Mark 4:25-34.