

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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October 6, 2024 – 15th Sunday After Pentecost (3rd Sunday of Luke)

St Innocent, Apostle to the Americas

With sadness but hope in the Resurrection we share with you that Fr Joseph Chupeck, a Simpson native and a friend to many in our deanery parishes, reposed in the Lord this past Wednesday, Oct 2. May his memory be Eternal!

Schedule of Services

Sunday, Oct 6, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Small memorial Service for Dolores Serniak (10/6/2009).*

*Beginning October 12, all Saturday Evening services move to **4pm**, until mid-March.*

Saturday, Oct 12, **4:00** p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Oct 13, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship

Saturday, Oct 19, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Oct 20, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship

Coffee Hour is offered by:

Oct 6: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

Oct 20: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Oct 13: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Oct 27: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Announcements

THIS SATURDAY Oct 12, 11–2, is our Cabbage Roll takeout dinner! 2 large cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, & dessert. \$15. **Sign-up sheet in the foyer.** We are up to 40+ orders with only 35 remaining.

Saturday Oct 19, our sister parish of St John the Baptist in Dundaff/Clifford is hosting a Flea Market from 9am-1pm, featuring seasonal items and housewares. Other foods and baked goods will also be available.

Sunday October 20, 2024, is an Annual Parish Meeting, prescribed by our By-Laws and scheduled at our last meeting on 3/3/2024. Our By-Laws prescribe an October date for Annual Meetings, but in recent years we have held them in Jan/Feb/March. At this meeting, the Parish can decide whether to formally amend the by-laws to reflect that practice. We will also elect a delegate to the Diocesan Council in January. This is the 2nd of 3 notices for this meeting.

Proposed Change to By-Laws

ARTICLE FOUR: THE PARISH MEETING. *Section 1) a) i. Annual Meeting.*

(Existing Language) The annual parish meeting shall be held on any day in the last full week of October each year.

(Proposed Language) The annual parish meeting shall be held within 90 days of the close of the previous calendar year (e.g., in January, February, or March).

The Life of Christ that is given to us can only become ours when we, in imitation of the Lord, also offer up our life and our heart, that we might be able to receive Him. There must be an exchange of lives. When we receive the Eucharist, there must be a tremendous effort in our own life to become like unto Christ Himself, especially by being obedient to His words.... Without the willingness to offer ourselves on the altar of sacrifice, to carry our Cross, to forsake all that we have, it will be certain that we will not have room enough within ourselves to receive and contain His infinite and eternal Life. The mystery of the Cross working in our life, when we are personally affixed to it, is God stretching us, that we can contain more of His grace; that one day we might be able to contain not only Him but all of mankind in our heart.

– Archim. Sergius (Bowyer), *Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church* (STM Press, 2015), 7.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren: It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed — always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 (3rd Luke)

At that time, Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His 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.

St Innocent (Tone 4)

O Holy Father Innocent, / in obedience to the will of God, / you accepted dangers and tribulations, / bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. / You showed us the way; / now by your prayers help lead us // into the Kingdom of Heaven!

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.

St Innocent (Tone 2)

Your life, O holy Father Innocent, Apostle to our land, / proclaims the dispensation and grace of God! / For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ, / you were kept unharmed and exalted in humility. // Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

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!

In your prayers...

The ill and the afflicted: Fr. Dennis Swencki, Fr. Daniel Donlick, Fr Michael Evans, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, Eileen Dance, 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, Karina Goetter. ***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: The newly-departed Archpriest Vladimir Petorak (9/28), Apr. Joseph Chupeck (10/2) and Michael Jadick (9/26). ***Together with:*** Dolores (Degee) Serniak (10/6/2009), John Checkowitz (10/6/1984). Anna Michaelaczyk (10/7/2012), Anna Mizok (10/9/2003), Eva Marie Vanish (10/9/2008), Nicholas (Al) Franchak (10/10/1997), Samuel Frenchko (10/10/1975), Eva Hocyk (10/10/1968), Martha Pollock (10/10/2005), Andrew Kaahl (10/11/1973), Paul Bazink (10/12/2017), Mary Bowen (10/12/2001), Anna Whitiak (10/12/1981). Also remember in prayer our neighbor Corey Nichols who reposed on Sept 8, and his parents James and Cheryl.