

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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October 13, 2024 – 16th Sunday After Pentecost (4th Sunday of Luke)

Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Schedule of Services

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 13: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Oct 27: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Oct 20: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Nov 3: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

Announcements

Next Week, 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 3rd notice 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).

THANK YOU to all of you who supported and worked on our Cabbage Roll takeout dinner! We raised \$800 for St Michael's Scholarship Fund! **THANK YOU** to Liuzzo's Catering who provided the main course, and to all of you who baked desserts.

This coming 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.

We need more help with publicity, for both fundraising and outreach events. Especially if you have experience in sales / marketing / advertising. Every little bit helps. Please speak with Fr John or anyone on the events team.

SAVE THE DATE: *Sunday, Nov 10 is our St Michael's Day Potluck, and Saturday Dec 7 is our Christmas Cookie Walk.*

Attendance: September 29: 28, October 6: 29

Our task is to acquire the Mind of Christ, not by imitation, but through an impartation and participation. This only happens through the Church by grace, informing our heart so that we understand the world in and through Christ. **The only way to acquire this is through living the Liturgy.** Our personal interior prayer life must be strong and joined to dedicated regular attendance at all of the services. We will never have time for the Church and the things of God unless we make time, prioritizing our life so as to put God first. If we say that we love God, that means, says St Silouan the Athonite, that we pray. **There are two sides of the life of prayer which are inseparably bound: personal and corporate. We need both if we are to make progress,** for they both nourish each other, strengthening and reinforcing each other respectively.

– Archim. Sergius (Bowyer), *Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church* (STM Press, 2015), 7-8.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren: We plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You."

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (4th Luke)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Fathers of the 7th Council (Tone 8)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Resurrection (Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Fathers of the 7th Council (Tone 6)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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.

The departed: The newly-departed Archpriest Vladimir Petorak (9/28), Apr. Joseph Chupeck (10/2) and Michael Jadick (9/26). *Together with:* Taisia (Terri) Drobish (9/26/2011), Mary Getzie (10/13/1993), John Makara (10/13/1986), John Fedorchak (10/13/1983), Ann Narcoonis (10/14/2018), Anna Onufrak (10/14/1987), John Nayduch (10/16/2016), Eva Urda (10/16/2003), Michael Jubinsky (10/17/2009). Also remember in prayer our neighbor Corey Nichols who reposed on Sept 8, and his parents James and Cheryl.