

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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## October 27, 2024 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke)

It is with great sadness but hope in the resurrection that we share with you that **Archpriest Dionysius (Dennis) Swencki**, one of our former pastors, reposed in the Lord this past Sunday, October 20. In addition to St Michael's, Fr. Dennis also served for a time at Ss. Peter & Paul in Union Dale and St John the Baptist in Dundaff/Clifford. Fr Dennis was laid to rest with full rites at St Tikhon's Monastery this past Friday and Saturday. Please keep him in your prayers, along with his beloved Matushka Marion who reposed in 2022. *May their memory be eternal!*

### Schedule of Services

Saturday, Oct 26, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Oct 27, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Memorial service for Fr. Dennis Swencki and all the newly-departed.*

Saturday, Nov 2, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 11/3. CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!*

Sunday, Nov 3, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship

Tuesday, Nov 5 – Monthly Parish Council Meeting (Time TBD)

**Friday, November 8 is our Patronal Feast Day of St Michael the Archangel.**

**Thursday, Nov 7, 6:30 p.m.** – Small Vigil (Great Vespers, Litya, and selected hymns from Matins)

**Friday, Nov 8, 9:30 a.m.** – Festal Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Nov 9, 9:00 a.m. – Ordination of Sdn Greg Polk to the Holy Diaconate, at Holy Trinity Wilkes-Barre.

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

Oct 27: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

(Nov 10: Potluck)

Nov 3: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

Nov 17: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

### Announcements

**Sunday November 10** (just 2 weeks away) is our **St Michael's Day Potluck Dinner!** Please check the sign-up sheet downstairs to see what might still be needed.

*SAVE THE DATE: Saturday Dec 7 is our Christmas Cookie Walk.*

### In your prayers...

**The ill and the afflicted:** Fr. Daniel Donlick, Fr Michael Evans, Fr Gregory White, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, 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:** 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:** Fr. Vladimir Petorak (9/28), Fr. Joseph Chupeck (10/2), Fr. Peter Telencio (10/15), Eileen Dance (10/16), Mary Brzuchalski (10/17), Fr. Dennis Swencki (10/20), Monk Nicodemus (10/24).

**Also remember the departed this week:** Basil Hoholick (10/28/2000), Michael Rusiniak (10/28/1987), John Liptak (10/29/2000), Anthony Faliskie Jr (10/30/2005), Helen Senio (10/30/2019), Anna Urda (11/1/2002), John Pash, Sr. (11/2/1978).

**Estimated Attendance:** September 29: 28. October 6: 29. October 13: 27. October 20: 23.

## Today's Scripture

*Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

*Brethren:* "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

*Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (5<sup>th</sup> Luke)*

*At that time,* Jesus sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

## Hymns of the Day

*Resurrection (Tone 1)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure  
body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, /  
granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven  
therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / "Glory to  
Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom!  
// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest  
mankind!"

*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 1)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the  
world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for  
death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for  
she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // "Thou art the  
Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

*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, / 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!