

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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**November 10, 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke)**

## Schedule of Services

Saturday, Nov 9, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Nov 10, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Annual St Michael's Day Potluck.*

Saturday, Nov 16, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Nov 17, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Please welcome Fr Mikel Hill today. Fr John will be in Union Dale.*

**November 21 is the Great Feast of the Entry (Presentation) of the Theotokos into the Temple.**

**Wednesday, Nov 20, 4:00 p.m.** – Small Vigil (Great Vespers & Litya) *We will try 4pm to see if it is better for everyone.*

**Thursday, Nov 21, 9:30 a.m.** – Festal Divine Liturgy

*Looking ahead: Sunday, Nov 24 – Memorial Service for the (approx.) 40<sup>th</sup> Day*

*of Fr. Peter Telencio, Fr. Dennis Swencki, Eileen Dance, & Mary Brzuchalski*

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

(Nov 10: Potluck)

Nov 24: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Nov 17: Millie Telep & \_\_\_\_\_ (need a volunteer)

Dec 1: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

## Announcements

**TODAY is our St Michael's Potluck Dinner!** Even if you were unable to make anything, *please* come downstairs with us.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly-ordained Deacon Gregory Polk! Dn Gregory was ordained yesterday at Holy Trinity Church in Wilkes-Barre. *May God grant him and his family, along with all the faithful of Holy Trinity, many blessed years!*

SAVE THE DATE: Friday Dec 6: St Nicholas Olyphant 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Saturday Dec 7: Christmas Cookie Walk.

## In your prayers...

**The ill and the afflicted:** John Drutarosky, recovering from a stroke. 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. **Alone or confined:** Theresa Krenitsky, Nicholas Mattise, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrillak, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul & Barbara Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

**The newly-departed:** Archbishop Peter of Chicago (ROCOR) (11/8), Fr. Vladimir Petorak (9/28), Fr. Joseph Chupeck (10/2), Fr. Peter Telencio (10/15), Fr. Dennis Swencki (10/20), Monk Nicodemus (10/24), Michael Jadick (9/26), Eileen Dance (10/16), Mary Brzuchalski (10/17), Leo Radionoff (10/28), Paul Urda (10/29), Mona Lewen (Archbishop Mark's sister) (11/6). **Departed this week:** Apr. Stephen Karaffa (11/11/2008), Apr. Paul Pianovich (11/13/1972), John Franchak (11/10/1996), Mary Franchak (11/10/2011), Andrew (Bill) Kutch (11/10/1982), Mary Gurka Petorak (11/10/1971), William Joseph Raban (11/10/1999), Walter Fedorchak (11/11/1979), Steve Franchak (11/11/2021), Samuel Zielinski (11/11/2014), Philip Demora (11/12/1992), Nina Jubinski (11/13/2014), Anna Kosar (11/14/1981), Eva Franchak (11/15/1992), Antoinette Kitchura (11/15/1987), Nena Franchak (11/16/2014).

*The names of the Departed in the weekly bulletin are a work in progress, derived from parish historical records and other sources. Most of the names are later than 1970; a few names are from the decade prior. If a name is missing or incorrect, or if you would like someone added even if they are not in our historical records, please let us know.*

*Estimated Attendance:* Sept 29: 28. Oct 6: 29. Oct 13: 27. Oct 20: 23. Oct 27: 38. Nov 3: 40.

## Today's Scripture

### *Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19*

*Brethren:* Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

### *Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (8<sup>th</sup> Luke)*

*At that time,* a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## Hymns of the Day

### *Resurrection (Tone 3)*

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! /  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He  
has trampled down death by death. / He has become  
the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from  
the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world  
great mercy.

### *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 3)*

On this day, Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, /  
leading us from the gates of death. / On this day, Adam exults as  
Eve rejoices. / With the prophets and patriarchs // they un-  
ceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

### *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!

"Every one of us is made in the image of God, and every one of us is like a damaged icon. But if we were given an icon damaged by time, damaged by circumstances, or desecrated by human hatred, we would treat it with reverence, with broken-heartedness. We would not pay attention primarily to the fact that it is damaged, but to the tragedy of its being damaged. We would concentrate on what is left of its beauty, and not on what is lost of its beauty. And this is what we must learn to do with regard to each person as an individual... but also—and this is not always as easy—with regard to groups of people, whether it be a parish or a denomination, or a nation. We must learn to look, and look until we have seen the underlying beauty of this group of people. Only then can we even begin to do something to call out all the beauty that is there. Listen to other people, and whenever you discern something which sounds true, which is a revelation of harmony and beauty, emphasize it and help it to flower. Strengthen it and encourage it to live."

– Metropolitan Anthony Bloom of Sourozh