

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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November 24, 2024 – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost (10th Sunday of Luke)

Afterfeast of the Entrance of the Most-holy Theotokos into the Temple

Schedule of Services

Sunday, Nov 24, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Small memorial service for the (approx.) 40th day of repose of Fr Peter Telencio, Eileen Dance, Mary Brzuchalski, & Fr Dennis Swencki.*

Saturday, Nov 30, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Dec 1, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Demonstration of the Liturgy of Preparation, at 9:30.*

December 6 is the Feast of **St Nicholas**, and the **120th Anniversary** of the founding of St Nicholas Church, Olyphant.

Please join us for services at St Nicholas (600 East Lackawanna St, Olyphant):

Thursday, Dec 5, 6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers w/ Litya

Friday, Dec 6, 9:30 a.m. – Festal Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. *Banquet to follow. See signup if you are interested.*

Saturday, Dec 7, 9:00 a.m. – *Cookie Walk!*

Saturday, Dec 7, 4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers & Confessions.

Sunday, Dec 8, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

Coffee Hour is offered by:

Nov 24: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Dec 8: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

Dec 1: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

Dec 15: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

In your prayers...

The ill and the afflicted: Fr. Daniel Donlick, 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, Evan Kraky, Laura Piwowarski, Karen Abercia, Theodore Bazil.

Homebound or in hospitals: John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Nicholas Mattise, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

The newly-departed: Archbishop Peter of Chicago (ROCOR) (11/8), Fr. Peter Telencio (10/15), Fr. Dennis Swencki (10/20), Fr. Michael Evans (11/14), Monk Nicodemus (10/24), Monk Michael (11/20), 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: Archbishop David (Mahaffey) (11/27/2020), Apr. Svetislav Balevich (11/28/2003), Apr. Nestor Geeza (11/30/1996), Apr. Gregory Pelesh (11/30/2001), Mat. Dorothy Pelesh (11/25/1996), John Demora, Jr. (11/24/1984), Barbara Franchak (11/25/2011), Carol Konkall (11/25/2021), Olga Petorak (11/25/2013), Olga Hockin Sviatko (11/25/2016), Helen Wahal (11/25/2005), Alice Mosley (11/26/1997), Olga Nayduch Jaye (11/26/2008), William Urda (11/26/1971), Marie Blackman (11/27/1994), Stephen Pelack (11/27/1969), Anna Petorak (11/27/2001), Mary Petorak (11/29/1968), Anna Chup Lasichak (11/30/1962).

Announcements

Next week, Sunday Dec 1, the **Rite of Preparation** (the "Proskomedia") will be celebrated in in the center of the church at 9:30 just before the beginning of the Liturgy, so everyone can see it up close and learn its significance.

Only **TWO WEEKS** until **Saturday December 7, our Cookie Walk!** Please see the downstairs signup sheet if you are making a batch of cookies. Please take the flyer attached to this bulletin and spread the word.

If you are wearing lipstick, it must be blotted before approaching the chalice or venerating the cross.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (10th Luke)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, /
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our
salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up
on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise
the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the
preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin
appears in the Temple of God, / in anticipation
proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: /
"Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator's dispensation!"

Resurrection (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its
gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and
destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam
from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: "O
Lord, save us!"

Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

The most pure Temple of the Savior; / the precious
Chamber and Virgin; / the sacred Treasure of the glory of
God, / is presented today to the house of the Lord. / She
brings with her the grace of the Spirit, / therefore, the
angels of God praise her: // "Truly this woman is the abode
of Heaven!"

Our Sunday morning **journey** to the chalice and **to the Kingdom of God** does not begin when we first enter the church temple. Rather, **it begins the moment we arise from sleep that morning**, before we leave our beds, wash ourselves, dress in our Sunday best, and drive to church. We must rise from bed anticipating our encounter with Christ, resolving to stand before the chalice with all our spiritual powers focused upon Him.

Our spiritual preparation is not just a matter of keeping certain disciplines, important as these are. Certainly, we must keep these disciplines: we must say the appointed pre-communion prayers; we must spend Saturday evening in peace ... attending Great Vespers that evening ... we must fast from midnight. All this is true, but it does not get to the heart of the matter. For the heart of the matter has to do with **the heart, that interior spring of motivation and longing**. We must ask ourselves: Do we really want to meet God? Do we really want to be transformed-even if this is painful and involves change and inconvenience and loss? How badly do we long to meet Christ and be changed into His glorious image?

We may **say** that we want these things, but something lives in us that doesn't want them at all. Coming to the church temple is one thing, but **meeting Christ in our interior temple** and allowing Him to dismantle and change us is quite another... God has said that **no one can see Him and live** (Ex. 33:20). If we really meet Christ, the false part of ourselves will not live. We find this scary, and some part of us shrinks from it.

– Fr. Lawrence Farley, *Let Us Attend: A Journey Through the Orthodox Liturgy* (Chesterton, IN: Conciliar Press, 2007), 11-12.

Estimated Attendance: Sept 29: 28. Oct 6: 29. Oct 13: 27. Oct 20: 23. Oct 27: 38. Nov 3: 40. Nov 10: 47.