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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: John 1:1-17 May 2, 2021, Holy Pascha -Easter - Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Acts:1-18

Pascha - Easter

Great & Holy Pascha, Sunday, May 2, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Blessing of Easter Baskets.

St. Thomas Sunday, May 9, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Prayers for Mother's Day!

<u>Mother's Day</u> will be held next Sunday, May 9 and special prayers will be said for the living and departed Mother's of our Parish. **Please submit the names to Fr. John by Saturday, May 8.**

<u>A Special Thank You to Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak and John Lasichak</u> in setting up the Holy Grave for Great and Holy Friday and all who helped in donating Easter Flowers & Candles.

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER BREAD SALE: was a huge success. On behalf of the bakers at St. Michael's Center we thank you for your support!

<u>Church Committee & St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn Meeting</u> will be held on Monday, May 10 to establish and confirm the up-coming BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinner in June. Please make every effort to attend!

<u>A General Cleaning of St. Michael's Center</u> (Not the Kitchen) will be held on Saturday, morning, May 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Following this cleaning the floors will be professionally buffed and waxed. <u>Please</u> come out and give us hand!

<u>A Special Thank You to Lydia Given and our Church Choir</u> for outstanding singing during the Holy Week Services and Pascha!

<u>Please remember in your prayers</u> Loraine Serniak who is a patient at the Regional Hospital in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

<u>During the Special Church Committee Meeting</u> held this past Monday, April 5; a unanimous motion was made and approved; resulting in entering into an agreement with the Windsor Inn & St. Michael's Center. The first cooperative & kickoff event will be held in the beginning of June; "Chicken & Rib Dinner" more information will be forthcoming. A contractual agreement will follow as the business at St. Michael's Center increases. It was also noted during this agreement period, all events initiated by the Windsor Inn will be discussed and approved by our Church Committee."

A Special donation of \$300.00 was given to our Church by James Zeleniak. Monhaya Lita \$50.00 Wine Donation offered in loving memory of the Grancey & Schlasta families, and also for the continued good health of the Grancey & Schlasta families.

<u>\$15.00 Easter Lily</u> in loving memory of Andrew Hanchak offered by Dorothy Hanchak. <u>\$20.00 Easter Candles</u> in loving memory of Joseph & Dorothy Zrowka, offered by Dorothy Allen & family

<u>In order to meet our growing financial obligations</u>, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelops. <u>We thank you in advance!</u>

<u>If your Church Dues are in arrears</u>, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are <u>\$160.00</u> per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. <u>May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!</u>

<u>Please remember in your prayers:</u> <u>Peter Senio</u> who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and <u>Jacky Drutarosky</u> who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

<u>Troparion</u> Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

<u>Hypakoe</u> Before the dawn, Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a man the One who is everlasting light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: The Lord is risen! He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men."

The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin!
Again, I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all you, people!
Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem!
The Glory of the Lord has shone on you!
Exalt now and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!