## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Matt.9:1-8

August 1, 2021 – Beginning of the

Dormition Fast & Procession of the Life-

**Giving Cross.** 

Rom.12:6-14

## **Schedule of Services**

<u>Sunday, August 1, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</u> Parastas (Annual) for Zinaida Odowd, offered lovingly by her husband Ken and daughters.

<u>Thursday, August 5, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.</u> Eve of the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ <u>Friday, August 6, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.</u> Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ, & Blessing of Grapes and Fresh Fruit.

Saturday, August 7, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> Day) for the departed servant of God, Peter Frenchko, offered by family.

We are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelops. We have received our insurance premium which we pay quarterly nearly \$3,200.00 also other utility bills and we need your help especially during the summer to meet our financial obligations.

<u>Annual Orthodox Prison Ministry Awareness collection</u> will be held next Sunday, August 8. Please be generous in your support of this national appeal!

<u>St. Michael's Church Committee & Windsor Inn</u>, have scheduled a one day, modified parish festival & Classic Car Show to be held on Sunday, September 26. We will not be having vendors this year; however, <u>we will be having theme baskets, bake sale, and St. Michael's Raffle. The food will be provided by the Windsor Inn for all our attendees.</u>

**St. Michael's raffle tickets, will be sent out his week**, as a means of establishing much needed seed money for the Parish Festival & Classic Car Show. We are asking each church member to purchase \$20.00 worth of tickets. **We thank you in advance for your love and support**.

<u>Please consider a Theme Basket from your family</u>. Please see Matushka Kathy after services and she will give you some ideas of what can be donated, or if you choose to give money, we will make the theme basket for you. <u>Please call Matushka Kathy at the Rectory 570-876-1241</u>

<u>Please start baking, cakes, cookies, pies etc for our Modified One Day Festival</u> and we will establish a drop off date to our St. Michael Center. <u>Please call Dorothy Allen 570-587-4984</u>

<u>A Special Thank You to Melanie Ringa</u> for directing our Church choir this morning and offering for us her time and talent. <u>May our Lord continue to bless her for many years!</u>

<u>Matushka Dolores Petorak</u> is recuperating from surgery at home. <u>Please send her get well card; 218</u> Walnut St. Jermyn, Pa. 18433

<u>Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge</u>, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. <u>Please remember Peter in your prayers.</u>

<u>Please note:</u> The water at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery has been fixed and turned on for the season. Please be careful by turning off the water after being used. <u>May our Lord give eternal rest to</u> our departed Church family.

<u>If your Church Dues are in arrears</u>, please make an effort to send them to the Church. 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</u> <u>Christ continue to bless you for many years!</u>

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ they see that "in Him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," that "in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col 1.19, 2.9). They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know Who it is Who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, Who is God, has prepared for those who love Him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration. The summer celebration of the feast, however, has lent itself very well to the theme of transfiguration. The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will he transformed by the glory of the Lord.