## St. Michael's Orthodox Church 308 Walnut St. Jermyn, Pennsylvania 18433

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Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

April 10, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, St. Mary of

Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee:254-9720

Epistle: Heb.9:11-14

## Schedule of Services for the Sixth Week of Great Lent

Sunday April 10, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 a.m. followed by the blessing of items for the Ukrainian refuges.

Wednesday, April 13, Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 15, Akathist: Glory to God for all things" 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.

<u>Lazarus Saturday, April 16, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 17, Blessing of Willows 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</u>

<u>Lenten Pot-Luck Meal</u> will be held on <u>Wednesday, April 13</u>, following the celebration of the Presanctified Liturgy underneath the Church. <u>Please see Maryann Dubee, who will be organizing the Lenten meal.</u> Fr. John will be giving a Lenten Adult Education meditation.

<u>Easter Flowers & Candles are being collected large</u> Lily \$20.00, Lily \$15.00 and \$10.00 for Easter Candles. You may offer in loving memory of your family, or for the continued good health. God bless you in advance for your donation.

<u>Pascha Workers Needed for Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 12</u> at St. Michael's Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support! <u>Pick-up date is Wednesday, April 13, 12-4 p.m.</u>

<u>A Special Thank You to Bill & Maryann Dubee</u> for the donation of home-made Kielbasa for our Easter sale at St. Michael's Center. <u>May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless them for Many Blessed Years!</u>

Blessing of donated items for the suffering Ukrainian refuges will take place this morning following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The items will be transported this Tuesday evening and we need some volunteers to help place items unto a truck at 5:30 p.m. Also included is \$1,500.00 which will be sent directly to displaced orphans. A Special thank you to Susan Schlasta in organizing this project!

Easter Flower & Candle donation \$60.00 was offered for the continued good health and healing of the Grancey & Schlasta families and memory of the deceased Myshak, Grancey & Schlasta families. Easter Flower donation \$50.00 for the continued good health of George, Marilyn & Josh Petorak. Easter Flower donation \$25.00 for the health of John Hockin Jr. & John Sr. & their family. Easter Candles \$25.00 donation in memory of Alex & Elizabeth Hockin by their children. \$15.00 Lily from Eva Demchak for the departed members of the Demchak & Wyziak families & \$10.00 candle for the continued good health of her family. \$15.00 Lily offered by Gloria Shaw for the continued good health of her family.

<u>Chicken & Rib Dinner</u> will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 11: a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Eat in or take out. This is being co-sponsored by St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn. Tickets will be available next Sunday by calling Ruth Lasichak at 876-1456.

<u>Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas</u> who is recuperating at home; 604 Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Childs, Pa. 18433. Please send him a get-well card. <u>Irene Leschak</u> who is home receiving rehab:.229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. <u>Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge</u>, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa.

<u>Coffee Hour for Sunday April 3</u>, April <u>10</u>, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts <u>April 17</u>, Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Rodionoff, <u>April 24 – Pascha</u>

<u>Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky</u>, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Please send him a get-well card!** 

<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>Omicron variant is in all 50 states in our country</u>. It is recommended to keep everyone safe to start wearing masks while in Church.

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent is devoted to the memory and glorification of the spiritual efforts of Saint Mary of Egypt, who "has cut down with the sword of abstinence the desires of your soul and the passions of your flesh. You have choked your sinful thoughts with the silence of the ascetic life, and have watered all the wilderness with the streams of your tears, and caused the fruits of repentance to spring up for us" and "with works of Lenten fasting", "as sun she shines revealed as a guide to all who have sinned". In her life the Holy Church pays attention to two contrasts: on the depth of her sinful falling and on the height of her graceful rising; it points out that true repentance wipes away the very heaviest sins, and can uplift the repenting trespasser to a high degree of spiritual perfection.