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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: John 1:1-17

April 24, Holy Pascha, 2022 Holy Pascha

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Great & Holy Pascha-Easter, April 24, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. followed by the blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, April 30, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

<u>Chicken & Rib Dinner</u> will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 11: a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. <u>Eat in or take out.</u> This is being co-sponsored by St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn. Tickets: Chicken BBQ Dinner \$14.00, BBQ Dinner \$15.00 For tickets please call Ruth Lasichak at 876-1456.

<u>Pascha Sale was a huge success.</u> Protodeacon Gabriel thanks everyone who worked and promoted our sale. May our Lord Bless You for Many Years! <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>

Easter Flower & Candle donation: \$300.00 offered by Jim & Patricia Zeleniak, \$100.00 for Easter Flowers in loving memory of departed family members, & for the health of family members, offered lovingly by Sarah & Peter Jubinski, \$25.00 Easter Lily for the continue good health of the Goetter family and in loving memory of parents, Robert Telep & Mary Goetter, \$20.00 for large lily in memory of parents; Frank & Mary Bowan and Gabriel & Barbara Petorak, given by Protodeacon Gabriel & Matushka Dolores.

<u>A Special Thank You to Protodeacon Gabriel</u> and his crew for setting up our Good Friday Grave with all the beautiful flowers. May our Risen Lord continue to bless all of you with good health and salvation.

<u>A Special Thank You to Lydia Given and our beautiful Choir</u> for amazing and inspirational singing during Holy Week & Pascha. May our Risen Lord continue to bless all of you with good health & salvation.

<u>The regilding of the two candle stands</u>, donated by George, Marilyn and Joshua Petorak for their continued good health and from Dr. Christine Meholic and Alexis Meholic and Marilyn, George and Joshua Petorak in loving memory of Alex and Mary Meholic.

Relief items for the Ukraine during Great Lent in helping the suffering Ukrainian refuges, parishioners brought every week items needed for these special displaced women and children. On Sunday, April 10 following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy a special blessing was offered by Fr. John Kowalczyk and Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak for the huge amount of items collected, which included the following; 200 new pairs of shoes and sneakers, baby formula, baby food, diapers, wipes, soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, children's Tylenol and adult Tylenol, sleeping bags, linens, crayons, small toys & winter clothing, first aid supplies, non-perishable food, dry cereal, Ramen soups etc. and much more. The items were transported by parishioners in trucks, on April 12, Tuesday evening to Scranton, for packaging and will be sent to the Ukraine in time for Pascha. In addition, \$3,000.00 will be wired to displaced orphans in the Ukraine. A special thank you to Susan Schlasta for all her help in organizing this project.

<u>Mother's Day</u> will be held on Sunday, May 8 and special prayers will be said for the living and departed Mothers of our Parish. <u>Please submit the names to Fr. John by Saturday, May 7</u>

<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</u> <u>Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!</u>

Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas who is recuperating at home; 604 Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Childs, Pa. 18433. Please send him a get-well card. Irene Leschak who is home receiving rehab: 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 Please send him a get-well card!

<u>Coffee Hour for Sunday:</u> <u>May 1,</u> Maryann Dubee & Suisan Schlasta, <u>May 8</u>, Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen, <u>May 15,</u> Matushka Dolores & Matushka Kathy, <u>May 22</u>, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, <u>May 29</u>, Vicky Kravetsky & Charette Radionoff.

<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!