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Gospel: Matt.14:14-22 August 7, 2022, Martyr Dometius of Epistle: 1Cor.1:10-18

Persia, Venerable Pimen the Faster.

Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee:254-9720

Schedule of Services

Sunday, August 7, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 13, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 14, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education Weekly Class will be held this Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m. We will explore the role of the

Theotokos in salvation history, especially as we honor the Dormition Fast. Q & A will follow the presentation.

Perogi Sale to be held at St. Michael's Center, this Friday, August 12, from 11-4 p.m. Please come out and support this event. We will feature Butter & Onions/Deep Fried Perogi. This sale is designated to generate seed money for our Parish Festival.

The designated free-will basket for our Annual Parish Festival & Car Show will be placed on the Tetrapod for the duration of August and September as seed money needed to get our Festival up & running. Our Festival will be held on Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25.

Coffee Hour for Sunday: August 7 Vickey Kravetsky & Charrette Radionoff, August 14 Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta, August 21 Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen, August 28, Matushka Dolores & Matushka Kathy.

Parish Festival: Donation List 2022 Venue Tents \$600.00, Advertisement see Fr. John, 6 cases of French Fries \$250.00, Chicken Tenders, \$200.00, Pulled Pork donated. Hamburger Meat for Wimpies donated. \$150.00, Oil for fryers \$150.00, Bottles-of Water donated, Pepsi, & Diet Pepsi, Sprite, \$125.00, Hot Dogs/Sauerkraut \$75.00, Kielbasa for sandwiches donated. Monetary Donations: Kitchen Supplies (Aluminum Foil, Bags, Plastic Wrap, Paper towels,

Containers) \$150.00 Ketchup/Mustard \$50.00, Paper products (Napkins, Paper Towels) \$100.00, Dish Detergent, Butter, Coffee/Creamers/Sugars/ \$100.00, All Bread Products (All Rolls, Rye Bread) \$150.00, Garbage Products (Bags) \$50.00, Plastic Utensils \$50.00. Mustard & Ketchup bottles, Napkins. Please see George Petorak or Serge Radionoff and make your intention known. Please note, we will update the donation list weekly.

<u>Parish Raffle (Seed Money) for Christmas in September Festival & Car Show</u> has been sent out. Please return the tickets ASAP. We need to establish seed money to get the Festival Up & Running. Five tickets were sent out to church members. 1st Prize \$1,000.00 2nd Prize \$500.00 & 3rd Prize \$250.00. <u>We thank you in advance for your support!</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>

Special Donations Received this week: \$600.00 for the Tents for our Festival offered by John Lasichak. \$400.00 offered as seed money by Jim Zeleniak. \$300.00 offered as seed money by Tamrat Bekele. May our Lord bless all of donors and grant them many years!

<u>Theme Baskets for the Festival</u> are needed. Please contact Matushka Kathy this morning or during Coffee hour and let her know what you will be donating. Please begin by bringing the Baskets to our Church basement next Sunday.

<u>Cookies and baked goods are needed for our Bakery Table</u>. Please begin baking and freezing your contribution to the Bakery Table. Please contact Gloria Shaw and Eva Demchak and let them know what you will be bring. <u>Baking Christmas cookies at St. Michael's Center will take place at a designated date and time in September.</u>

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

The Dormition Fast: In reflecting on the Holy Theotokos and her incomparable life, we see a model Christian life, embodying Christ's retort to the woman who stated that Mary was blessed because she bore Him: blessed rather are those who hear His word and keep it. Mary did this better than anyone. As Fr. Thomas Hopko has stated, she heard the word of God and kept it so well, that she of all women in history was chosen not only to hear His Word but give birth to it (Him). So, while we fast in contemplation of her life, we are simultaneously preparing ourselves to live a life in imitation of her. That is the purpose of the Dormition Fast.