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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

Gospel: John 4:5-42

May 17, 2020
Samaritan Woman

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Christ is Risen!

**Sunday, May 17, Divine Liturgy 9: 00 a.m. – St. Tikhon's Monastery have resumed live streaming:
Please click on: stmichaeljermyn.org and press the live stream button.**

**Saturday, May 23, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. St. Tikhon's Monastery have resumed live streaming:
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**Sunday, May 24, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. St. Tikhon's Monastery have resumed live streaming:
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We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Annabel Franchak, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, May 10 and was buried from our Church on Wednesday, May 13. **May her memory be eternal!**

St. Michael's Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m. to go over the CDC guidelines and **the result of the diocesan survey and responses from our parish, as we begin to transition into our Church.**

The Stay in Place Order in Pennsylvania for Lackawanna County has been extended to June 4. We will not be opening our Church in May. **Please pray of the real possibility of opening up our Church for our Divine Liturgy in the month of June.**

A Special Thank You to all who continue to send in their weekly envelopes. We are in a survival mode and want to pay our basic utility and insurance bills. **An anonymous donation of \$500.00 was received this week for the support of our beloved Church.**

A Special Thank You to Frank Hoehle who spent the day on Saturday, May 16, working and completing many needed projects at St. Michael's Center under the guidance of Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak. This is an example of the "Stewardship of time and talents" May our Risen Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless Frank (Alexis) Hoehle for many blessed years!

St. Michael's Center and all Pascha and Ethnic Food Sales have also been cancelled due to the Pandemic Crisis. Once we are able to resume going to Church, Protodeacon Gabriel stated; **"we will be having a huge Ethnic Food Sale"**

Fr. John continues with his Sunday homily, during the Pandemic Crisis, **Please tune in at our parish website; stmichalejermyn.org and listen to his message on the fourth Sunday of Pascha and the "Samaritan Woman"**

Don't Forget To Pray on Sunday morning, by downloading the services you can say at home by going to stmichalejermyn.org. Please read the service with your family. It is the Sunday of the "Samaritan Woman"

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash** is a guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507.

Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 22 to Monday May 25

Memorial Day is an **American holiday**, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. ... Originally known as Decoration **Day**, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal **holiday** in 1971.

The Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery has been postponed because of Covid19 until **Thursday, August 13 for the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk**. More information will be forthcoming on the schedule of services and events.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: **The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).**