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Gospel: John 17:1-13

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18,28-36

**June 9, 2019
Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**

Sunday, June 9, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 15, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. (Eve of the Feast of Pentecost)

Green Sunday, (Pentecost) June 16, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Vespers Kneeling Prayers.

A Special Meeting dealing with Fund-Raising Projects for the summer months will be held this Monday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church. In addition to our Church Committee, everyone who is interested is asked and encouraged to attend.

Choir Rehearsal for Pentecost will be held this Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Choir Director and Summer Inter Peter Simko will be directing. **Please make every effort to attend!**

Pentecost Parastas will be held next Sunday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Cemetery. Please return the names of your departed loved ones with the paper enclosed in this bulletin to Fr. John by Saturday, June 15.

Special Father's Day Prayers will be held next Sunday during the Pentecost Divine Liturgy. Please submit the names to Fr. John by Saturday, June 15.

Please remember in your prayers: Millie Telep who is receiving rehab at Allied Rehab, 475 Morgan Hwy, Scranton, Pa. 18508 Rm. 322 May our Lord Jesus Christ grant her a speedy recovery.

Chicken Barbecue this Sunday, June 9 sponsored by the Whitmore Hose Company of Mayfield at the company building at 305 Depew Ave. Take out and sit down dinners will be available from noon until sold out. Tickets are \$10.00. For home delivery free of charge up to 3 miles call 570-876-3776 to make arrangements.

Special Collection for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) will be held on Sunday, January 23, during the second offering. Please be generous in your support of this National Pan-Orthodox Ministry.

Church Dues are being collected. If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

Please remember in your prayers: Annabel Franchak who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. Peter & Helen Senio who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., Marie Derkash & Ann Butler are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 Mary Slenska, Allied Rehab, and Irene Kiehart is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

Sunday Hostesses: June 9, Jean Malec, Maryann Serafini Theresa Krenitsky, **June 16,** Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen Kay Fedirko, **June 23,** Maryanne Dubee, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy, **June 30** Ruth Lasichak, Joanne Lasichak, Charette Radionoff.

Sunday Before Pentecost — We have heard in the Acts of the Apostles how, as the Feast of Pentecost was approaching, Paul the Apostle had started on his journey to Jerusalem to be there together with all those who on that very day received the Holy Spirit. Of all of them he was the only one who had not been present in the High Room where the event took place. And yet, God had given him a true, a perfect conversion of heart, and of mind and of life, and had given him freely the gift of the Holy Spirit in response to his total, ultimate gift of self to Him, the God Whom he did not know but Whom he worshipped.

We also are on our way to the day of Pentecost, next week we will keep this event. When Paul was on his way, he thought of what had happened to himself in the solitude of his journey from Jerusalem to Damascus and in the gift of the Spirit mediated to him by Ananias. And we also, each of us singly and all of us together should reflect on all that God has given us. He has given us existence and breathed life into us, – not only the life of the body, but a life that makes us akin to Him, His life. He has given us to know Him, the Living God, and He has given us to meet, in the Gospel and in life, His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.