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Gospel: Matt.10:32-33,37-38;19:27-30

Epistle: Heb.11:33-12:2

**June 23, 2019
All-Saints Sunday**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, June 23, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 24, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday, June 28, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. - Eve of the Feast of SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, June 29, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. - Feast of SS Peter & Paul - Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

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

The Oath of Office for the Church Committee will be administered this morning, following the Gospel reading. If you have been elected as a Church or St. Michael Center Committee member, Candle men, Altar Society officer. Please be prepared to take the oath of office.

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

Choir Rehearsal will be held this Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. Choir Director and Summer Inter Peter Simko will be directing. **Please make every effort to attend!**

Please Note: Holy Communion will be distributed first to Choir members allowing them enough time to get back to the Choir loft and begin singing.

A Special Meeting dealing with the possibility of having the 10th Christmas in September and Classic Car Show to be held on Friday, September 27, Saturday, September 28, and Sunday, September 29 will be held this Monday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m. We need workers for this mega Parish event. **Please come out to the meeting and show support and make a commitment to work.**

Perogi Construction Project will be held on Monday, July 1 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. Please come out and help us!

Deep Fried Chicken or Porketta Dinner with oven baked potatoes, Italian green beans, coleslaw, roll & butter and dessert will be held on Saturday, July 13 at St. Michaels Center. **Tickets go on sale this morning. \$12.00 per dinner. Please show your support!**

Flea Market to Benefit St. Michael Scholarship Fund will be held on Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10 at St. Michael's Center. Please bring items we can sell underneath the Church. **No Clothes** Please see Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak for more information.

Please remember in your prayers: Steve Franchak who is a patient at the Regional Hospital in Scranton, Rm. 401 **May our Lord Jesus Christ grant him a speedy recovery.**

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 23, Maryanne Dubee, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy, **June 30** Ruth Lasichak, Joanne Lasichak, Charette Radionoff. **July 7,** Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vicky Kravetsky.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist: St. John was the son of the Prophet Zacharias and Elizabeth, who was a kinswoman of the Virgin Mary. St. John is known as the "Forerunner" and "Baptist." He is known as the Forerunner because he preceded Christ and taught repentance, which prepared men for Jesus' teaching and His ministry. He even recognized Christ as the Messiah as early as when they were both still in their mothers' wombs. According to Holy Tradition, the Virgin Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and when they embraced John leapt in his mother's womb, which is considered his first acknowledgment of Christ as Messiah. After his birth, St. John's father Zacharias was murdered in the temple. He and his mother fled to the desert and he was raised there. Thus he lived as an ascetic from the earliest part of his life. He ate plants and roots and wore rough clothing. When he grew, he baptized people in the Jordan, teaching repentance, but also saying that someone greater would come after him and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

