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Gospel: John 7:37-52,8-12

**June 7, 2020
Pentecost**

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Schedule of Services

**Green Sunday, June 7, (Pentecost) Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Kneeling Prayers.
Parastas 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cemetery – followed by the blessing of graves.**

Sunday, June 14, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Our Church will be open every Sunday, for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to add more services once our county will go into "Green"There will be no Coffee hour.

St. Michael's Church Committee Meeting will resume meeting every Monday beginning with this Monday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m.

A Special Thank You to all who continue to send in their weekly envelopes. We are very grateful for your continued generosity and support of our Church.

A Special Thank You to the Klapatch brothers for the extremely diligent and beautiful work in cutting the grass and maintaining the beauty of our St. Michael's Parish Cemetery. **May our Lord grant you many years!**

A Special Thank You to Frank (Alexis) Hoehle in painting the Archway to the Cemetery and the benches this past week. Also for cutting some small trees and spreading mulch around the Parish Rectory. **May our Lord Grant You Many Years!**

Special Donations \$100.00 in memory of Marie Derkash offered by Helen (Hubiak) Davis, \$100.00 offered in memory of Donald Vaverchak by Rachel Vaverchak, \$50.00 in memory of Annabel Franchak, offered by Albert and Janet Frank, \$50.00 in memory of Annabel Franchak offered by Steve & Martha Myshak.

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 this Sunday for the Great Feast of Pentecost.**

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa.,

The Great Feast of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:1-4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14:26, 15:26; Lk 24:49; Acts 1:5). The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Thus, Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and the Lord's Day is at hand, the "last days" are inaugurated in which "God declares: ...I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church, which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1 7; Joel 2: 28-32).

