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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

**Gospel: Matt. 8:28-9:1**

**July 12, 2020  
St. Paisus of Mount Athos**

**Epistle: Rom.10:1-10**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, July 12, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, July 19, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**A Special Church Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, July 20, at 5:45 p.m. dealing with the work needed to be done in the Kitchen at St. Michael's Center. Please mark this important date on your calendar.

**Spring Mandatory Parish Raffle** drawing was held on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> **Prize Winner:** Michael Kitchura \$250.00, **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner:** Joan Lasichak \$100.00, **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner:** Steve Serniak \$50.00. Congratulations to all our winners and we thank you for your support!

**A Special Thank You to:** Seminarian Brad Given in directing our church choir this morning. Seminarian Brad will be entering his second year of studies this fall at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

**Special Donation of \$100.00** offered by Nicholas Mattise in loving memory Jean Whitiak. May her memory be eternal!

**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.

**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"**

**Artisan Annual Fish Dinner** will be held on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. For advanced tickets please call the Artesian Fire Hall at 570-876-2220 by Wednesday, July 22.

**Fr. John will continue with his homily**, during the Pandemic Crisis on certain special Sundays. **Please tune in at our parish website; [stmichalejermyn.org](http://stmichalejermyn.org) and listen to his message.**

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

## St. Paisios: Be the Bee and not the Fly



"Some people tell me that they are scandalized because they see many things wrong in the Church. I tell them that if you ask a fly, "Are there any flowers in this area?" it will say, "I don't know about flowers, but over there in that heap of rubbish you can find all the filth you want." And it will go on to list all the unclean things it has been to.

Now, if you ask a honeybee, "Have you seen any unclean things in this area?" it will reply, "Unclean things? No, I have not seen any; the place here is full of the most fragrant flowers." And it will go on to name all the flowers of the garden or the meadow.

You see, the fly only knows where the unclean things are, while the honeybee knows where the beautiful iris or hyacinth is.

As I have come to understand, some people resemble the honeybee and some resemble the fly. Those who resemble the fly seek to find evil in every circumstance and are preoccupied with it; they see no good anywhere. But those who resemble the honeybee only see the good in everything they see. The stupid person thinks stupidly and takes everything in the wrong way, whereas the person who has good thoughts, no matter what he sees, no matter what you tell him, maintains a positive and good thought."

+ St. Paisios of Mt. Athos, "Good and Evil Thoughts," *[Spiritual Counsels III: Spiritual Struggle](#)*

**Please note:** We have a relic of St. Pasisos of Mt. Athos in our reliquary. Please light a candle and ask for his holy intercession.

