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Gospel: Matt. 14:14-22

August 2, 2020
Relics of Protomartyr Stephen

Epistle: 1Cor.3:9-17

Schedule of Services

Sunday, August 2, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 9, Divine Liturgy & (50th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska) Blessing of Grapes and Fresh Fruit for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ.

Please bring your fruit baskets next Sunday - Please Note: The Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ and Blessing of Grapes and Fresh Fruit will take place on Sunday, August 9, following the Divine Liturgy...

Special Church Committee Meeting dealing with the work needed to be done in the Kitchen at St. Michael's Center **has been moved to Monday, August 10th, at 5:45 p.m.** underneath the Church. We are again moving to this date so Protodeacon Gabriel will be recovered from his foot injury and will attend the meeting.

The Dormition Fast of the Most-Holy Theotokos continues for a few more weeks. **The blessing of flowers and fresh herbs will take place on Sunday, August 16, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.**

Please Note: During the Covid 19 Pandemic we are limiting the Church liturgical services to one services on Sunday. Approximately three hours is spent during the week before our services sanitizing the Church. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy. We thank Patsy & John Pash and Julie Spiecher for doing a tremendous job in cleaning and sanitizing.

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.

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 (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 will continue with his homily, during the Pandemic Crisis on certain special Sundays. **Please tune in at our parish website; stmichalejermvn.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.,

The Transfiguration of Christ

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ they see that "in Him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," that "in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col 1.19, 2.9). They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know Who it is Who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, Who is God, has prepared for those who love Him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

Thou wast transfigured on the mount. O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee (Troparion).

On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father (Kontakion).

