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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome**

**Gospel: Matt. 17:1-9**

**August 9, 2020  
St. Herman of Alaska &  
Transfiguration of Christ**

**Epistle: 1Cor.3:9-17**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, August 9, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska) Blessing of Grapes and Fresh Fruit for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ.**

**Sunday, August 16, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Blessing of Fresh Flowers and Herbs for the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.**

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**Congratulations to Isabel Bekele in graduating this year from Scranton Prep and a recipient of St. Michael's Scholarship. Isabel will be attending Syracuse University in September. She is the proud daughter of Dr. Tamrat & Nardos Bekele. **May our Lord grant her many blessed years!****

**The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, will take place next Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and the blessing of Fresh flowers and Herbs will follow.**

**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.

**Church (Prospora) Bread** will be made this Tuesday, August 11 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. A Special Thank You to Eva Demchak and her crew in donating time and talent to complete this project.

**We pray for the speedy recovery of Debbie Bernosky** who is a patient at the Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Rm#224. **Please send her a get-well card!**

**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.

**Annual Prison Ministry Collection** will take place on Sunday, August 23. The collection will be sent to OCPM – Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. A Pan-Orthodox Agency under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America. **Please be generous in your support!**

**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 continues with his homily**, during the Pandemic Crisis on "The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska." **Please tune in at our parish website; [stmichalejermyn.org](http://stmichalejermyn.org) and listen to his special message.**

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

#### **Troparion — Tone 7**

*Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, Guiding all people to the Heavenly Kingdom;  
Teacher and apostle of the True Faith; Intercessor and defender of the oppressed;  
Adornment of the Orthodox adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: Blessed Father  
Herman of Alaska, Pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!*

#### **Troparion of the Akathist — Tone 4**

*O blessed Father Herman of Alaska, North Star of Christ's holy Church, the light of your holy life and great deeds guides those who follow the Orthodox way. Together we lift high the Holy Cross you planted firmly in America. Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, singing his holy Resurrection.*

#### **Kontakion — Tone 3**

*The eternal light of Christ our Savior guided you, blessed Father Herman, on your evangelical your evangelical journey to America to proclaim the Gospel of peace. Now you stand before the throne of glory; intercede for your land and its people: Peace for the world and salvation for our souls!*