

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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Gospel: Matt. 17:14-23

**August 16, 2020
Dormition of the Theotokos & Image
of XC "Not-made-by-hands"**

Epistle: 1Cor.4:9-16

Schedule of Services

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.

Sunday, August 23, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Marie Derkasch, Ann & Dave Butler offered lovingly by Helen Davis from Philadelphia.

A Special Thank You to Dr. Joseph Danyo in donating \$1,000.00 towards the renovating of the Kitchen at St. Michael's Center. May our Lord continue to bless him for many years!

The Annual Orthodox Prison Ministry Collection will take place next Sunday, August 23 with a special basket designated in back of the Church. 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!

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 Eva Demchak and her crew in making the Church (Prospora) Bread this past Tuesday. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them many years!

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.

With the approval of our Church Committee and a written contract, the Choir Directors Home adjacent to the Church has been rented for at least two years by Zoe Turton from Los Angeles, California. Zoe will begin to occupy the home beginning in September.

With the unanimous support and approval of the Church Committee, the renovation of the kitchen at St. Michael's Center has begun with the cleaning (degreasing) of all the ovens and the stoves. (Phase one) **We will keep everyone posted with the progress.**

At our last Church Committee Meeting, because of the Pandemic and Covid 19 we have officially cancelled our Christmas in September Festival and Car Show scheduled for the last weekend in September for this year. **We will be presenting an alternative fundraising raffle for this year.**

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.

Church Altar Wine & Incense is needed for our Divine Services. You can make the donation for your continued good health or in loving memory of your departed loved ones. Please contact Fr. John or Protodeacon Gabriel.

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 Dormition of the Theotokos" and the importance of Her Holy Intercession.** Please tune in at our parish website; **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 1 – Dormition of the Mother of God

In giving birth you preserved your virginity, / in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, / and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.