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Gospel: Matt. 18:23-35

**August 23, 2020
Leavetaking of Dormition**

Epistle: 1Cor.9:2-12

Schedule of Services

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

Sunday, August 30, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Afterfeast of the Beheading of St. John The Baptist)
Parastas (40th Day) for Andrew Petrilak offered lovingly by members of family. Parastas for Andrew Petorak (Anniversary) offered lovingly by members of family.

The Annual Orthodox Prison Ministry Collection will take place this 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!**

A Special Thank You to Melanie (Kitchura) Furiosi for donating a case of Altar Church Wine, a \$200.00 offering in loving memory of her husband Robert. **May his memory be eternal!**

Church Rose Incense & Charcoal has been lovingly offered for our Divine Services by Sub-Deacon John Lasichak. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless him for many years!**

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.

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.

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

Leavetaking of the Dormition of the Mother of God - Troparion & Kontakion
Commemorated on August 23

Troparion — Tone 1

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.

Kontakion — Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.