

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church  
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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

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Gospel: Matt. 19:16-26

August 30, 2020  
Afterfeast of the beheading of St.  
John the Baptist.

Epistle: 1Cor.15:1-11

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, August 30, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Afterfeast of the Beheading of St. John The Baptist)**

Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> Day) for Andrew Petrilak offered lovingly by members of family. Parastas for Andrew Petorak (Anniversary) offered lovingly by members of family. Parastas (9<sup>th</sup>) day for Joan Lasichak offered by family members.

**Sunday, September 6, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**The Second Offering Basket** is for the Heat & Air-conditioning Collection. We thank you in advance for your charity and continued love for our Church.

**Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will be planning for our fall schedule of events. **Please make every effort to attend!**

**Flowers are needed for the Sunday of the Cross.** You can donate the flowers in loving memory of your loved ones or for the continued health of your family. Please see Fr. John or Protodeacon Gabriel and make your intention known.

**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. **Zoe is planning to arrive in Jermyn, by Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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.,

## **The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John**

### **Troparion — Tone 2**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner. / You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, / for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold. / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / you proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, / who takes away the sin of the world, / and grants us great mercy.

### **Kontakion — Tone 5**

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner, / became an act of divine dispensation, / for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. / Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, / loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, / but that which is false and temporal.

