

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

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**Gospel: Matt. 21:33-42**

**September 6, 2020  
Forefeast of the Nativity of the  
Theotokos, Martyr Maxim of Poland**

**Epistle: 1Cor. 16:13-24**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, September 6, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** Annual (Parastas) for Nick Yurchak offered by the family.

**Sunday, September 13, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** Parastas for Alice & Paul Mosley, and beloved wife Mary Ann Mosley, offered by family.

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**Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. We will be planning for our fall schedule of events. **Please make every effort to attend!**

**A memorial donation of \$1,500.00** in loving memory of Joan Lasichak from her family and friends.  
Thank You!

**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:** Lydia Given in directing our church choir this morning. Lydia is the wife of Seminarian Brad who 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 has made the trip and has arrived safely to Jermyn this past Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless her for many years!**

**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 first Labor Day** was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. Following the deaths of 13 workers during the Pullman Strike in June of 1894, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority and Labor Day became a federal holiday. **Have a Happy Holiday this Monday!**

**Kontakion — Tone 2 Your Martyrdom, O Father Maxim, / enlightened and roused up our people to the Orthodox Faith. / Giving up your own life to Christ God, / you endured torments and the suffering of imprisonment. / Pray for us and for your land before Christ God!**

**Troparion — Tone 4**

**Your Nativity, O Virgin, / has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! / The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / has shone from You, O Theotokos! / By annulling the curse, / He bestowed a blessing. / By destroying death, He has granted us eternal Life.**

**Kontakion — Tone 4**

**By Your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin, / Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; / Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. / And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: / The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!**

