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Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

October 4, 2020
Hieromartyr Hierotheus & Martyrs
Dominina & Veronica

Epistle: 2Cor.6:16-7:1

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 4, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (40th Day) for Joan Lasichak offered by Millie Telep and family. Parastas (11th Anniversary) for Dolores (Dege) Semiak, offered by her children.

Sunday, October 11, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Many of you are aware because of Covid19 we have officially cancelled our Christmas in September Festival and Care Show scheduled for September 25th-27th. This festival allowed our Parish to make budget. In order to make some financial gain and try to recover some income from the festival, **we sent raffle tickets to you in the mail last week for you to sell by Sunday, November 8th,** the Patron Holy Day of our Church, dedicated to Archangel Michael.

During the Parish Festival many of you have given of your time, baked cookies, donated theme baskets, purchased food and supported this affair far beyond the price of the tickets.

If everyone in the Parish will do their part in selling these tickets, we will be able to realize a profit of \$15,000 which will go directly to the Budget.

Raffle Ticket: 1st Prize: \$1,000.00, 2nd Prize: 50 in. Flat Screen T.V. 3rd Prize: \$200.00 Wegman's Gift Card, 4th Prize: \$150.00 Gas Card – Bednash Gas & Service Station. \$10.00 donation per ticket. Drawing date:

Sunday, November 8, 2020 the raffle tickets are being sent out in the mail this week. Please respond in a timely manner.

A Special Thank You to so many of our beloved parishioners, who have already begun returning the raffle tickets. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless all of you with good health and salvation!

A Special Thank You to: Lydia Given for directing our church choir this morning. She is the wife of Seminarian Brad Given who is in his 2nd year of Theology at St. Tikhon's Seminary **May our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to bless her for many years.**

A Special Thank You to Frank (Alexis) Hoehle in cleaning the Exhaust Fans over the Stoves at St. Michael's Center and a Happy birthday to his daughter Anastasia who is celebrating her birthday today.

Monthly Church Committee meeting will be held this Monday, October 5th at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

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.

With the unanimous support and approval of the Church Committee, the renovation of the kitchen at St. Michael's Center. **A new floor in the kitchen (Phase two) will be completed this week.** We will keep everyone posted with the progress. **(Phase three) will be cleaning and painting the kitchen!**

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. and Kay Fedirko who is recuperating from surgery at home.

Thought for the Day: If the whole essence of Christianity were to be summed up in one word, that word would be neither "the power of God" nor "omnipotence." That word would be "mercy." Be merciful, even as your Heavenly Father is merciful. And therefore Christianity's non-resistance to the power of evil does not by any means derive from an inability or unwillingness to overcome this evil. Nothing of the sort. On the contrary, we want and we know how to overcome evil, but we do not want to become particles increasing this evil, trying to surround a greater evil with small ones.

Christ gave us a magnificent tool for resisting evil. His rule is: "do not do unto others what you do not want done to yourself." By an attentive reading and consideration of these words of the Savior, it should become clear that, in the spread of evil, each one of us should become a stopping point. A point, and not a step by which this evil could develop and increase.

Have you been hurt? Be patient. Have they not returned your money? Forgive. Does a wave of righteous anger arise in your soul before the face of obvious sin? Calm down. Because each one of us is just as much a sinner as everyone else. If evil would cease its development and spread in each one of us, then we would truly be likened unto God in His mercy.

