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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

October 11, 2020  
Apostle Philip of the 70, & Synaxis of the  
Optina Elders

Epistle: 2Cor. 9:6-11

#### Schedule of Services

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

Saturday, October 17, Baptism/Chrismation of Brixton Ford Kraky 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**Many of you are aware because of Covid19 we have officially cancelled our Christmas in September Festival and Care Show scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.** 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 8<sup>th</sup>,** 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 50 in. Flat Screen T.V. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$200.00 Wegman's Gift Card, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology at St. Tikhon's Seminary **May our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to bless her for many years.**

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held this Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 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.

**We will continue in our bulletin, a series of the lives of the Saints and Martyrs of the Relics we are blessed to have in our Church, beginning with: Martyr Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev:** "In January 1918 the civil war came to Kiev, and the two forces vied for control of the city. Many churches and monasteries were damaged by the cannon fire. The Bolsheviks seized the Kiev Caves Lavra on January 23, and soldiers broke into the churches. Monks were taken out into the courtyard to be stripped and beaten. At six thirty on the night of January 25, five armed soldiers and a sailor came looking for Metropolitan Vladimir. The seventy-year-old hierarch was tortured and choked in his bedroom with the chain of his cross. Metropolitan Vladimir was driven from the monastery to the place of execution. After praying for a short time and asking forgiveness for his sins, Metropolitan Vladimir blessed the executioners, saying, "May God forgive you." Then several rifle shots were heard. The holy New Martyr Vladimir of Kiev was glorified by the Orthodox Church of Russia in 1992. On the Sunday closest to January 25 (the day of Metropolitan Vladimir's martyrdom) St. Vladimir was the first bishop to be murdered by the Bolsheviks. He was followed by countless others under the communist yoke. But St. Vladimir shows us that it is possible, even in the most terrible circumstances, to draw near to God in prayer and to follow Christ's command to forgive those who hurt and kill us. **When you bow before his holy relics pray for his Holy Intercession.**