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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

October 18, 2020  
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Epistle: 2Cor. 11:31-12:9

#### Schedule of Services

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

Sunday, October 25, 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. **The drawing will take place on Monday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m.**

**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. 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 Tuesday, October 20, 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.**

**St. Innocent of Irkutsk**, was the Apostle to Siberia. He was an educator and missionary bishop to the region around Irkutsk, a city located near Lake Baikal in southeastern Siberia, close to the borders of Mongolia and China. He labored there for the Lord for ten years, 1721-1731, at a time of enormous moral decadence. He had profound intellectual and spiritual gifts: the gifts of teaching, languages, preaching and guiding people to God and moral living; gifts of humility, simplicity, patience, endurance and love for all people.

In a few short years he brought many people to the Orthodox Faith and vastly improved the moral and spiritual climate of the "pioneer East" of the Irkutsk region. He established schools and instructed the clergy and the people both by his words and by the power of his own example of holy living. He learned the language of the native inhabitants of the region in order to lead many of them to know and love the Lord. His devotion to serving God as a missionary to all races and classes of people in the far-off land of Siberia, and his great love and kindness to all people, endeared him to his flock as the "Holy Man of Siberia."

In 1731, after only a little more than four years as bishop of Irkutsk, the saint fell asleep in the Lord, and was buried under the altar of the wooden church at the Ascension Monastery where he had lived. In 1766, when the church burned down, it was discovered that not only had the fire not harmed St. Innocent's body, but that it had remained "incorrupt" (his flesh had not disappeared from his bones). Between 1766 and 1800, so many miracles were attributed to St. Innocent, that the citizens of Irkutsk appealed to have their local saint formally and universally glorified by the Church, which was granted in 1804.