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Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

**October 25, 2020
Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius, St. Tabitha**

Epistle:Gal.1:11-19

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 25, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for the newly departed Metropolitan THEODOSIUS, & Nicholas and Helen Myshak, & Andrew and Helen Myshak, offered by Susan Schlasta.

Sunday, November 1, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Helen Senio (Anniversary) offered lovingly by husband Peter Senio.

On Monday morning, October 19, 2020, His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor), former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, fell asleep in the Lord in Canonsburg, PA after an extended illness. He was the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America from 1977 until his retirement in 2002. On October 27, 1933, Metropolitan Theodosius [Lazor] was born Frank Lazor to John and Mary Lazor, immigrants from Galicia (what is today the southeastern corner of Poland), in Canonsburg, PA. On October 22, 1961, the Hierodeacon Theodosius was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Saint Gregory Orthodox Church in Homestead, PA by Archbishop Benjamin of Pittsburgh and West Virginia. On November 17, 1967, the Great Council of Bishops elected him as the diocesan bishop of Sitka and Alaska. In May 1970, as Bishop of Alaska, he headed the OCA's delegation and travelled to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly, marking the beginning of the Orthodox Church in America. On October 25, 1977, he was elected Archbishop of New York, Metropolitan of All

America and Canada. He travelled to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly, marking the beginning of the Orthodox Church in America. On October 25, 1977, he was elected Archbishop of New York, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. **Metropolitan Theodosius was with us, when we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of our St. Michael's Church.** On July 22, 2002, His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius opened the 13th AAC and presented his report on the last triennium. At the conclusion, he retired as Metropolitan of All America and Canada. He entered an assisted living facility during the last years of his life and then a nursing facility as his health failed.

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church before the end of the year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

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.**

Choir Rehearsal will be held this Tuesday, October 27, 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.

A Special Thank You to so many of our beloved parishioners, who have already begun returning the raffle tickets. **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. Please respond in a timely manner!**

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 continue in the series of the lives of the Saints whose Holy relics we have in our Church:

St. Silouan the Athonite: At the age of twenty-seven in 1892 he left his native Russia and came to Mount Athos, where he became a monk at the Monastery of St. Panteleimon and was given the name Silouan, the Russian version of the Biblical name Silvanus. He was given the obedience (work duty) at the monastery mill, sleeping little, fasting severely and praying continually. He struggled against sinful memories from his past life and practiced the Jesus Prayer. Though barely literate, he received the grace of unceasing prayer and saw Christ in a vision. After long years of spiritual trial, he acquired great humility and inner stillness. Father Silouan died in the monastery after an illness on September 24, 1938. He was glorified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1987 and his relics are enshrined in the St. Panteleimon's Monastery on Mount Athos.

