

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

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Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

January 17, 2021– Venerable and God-bearing; Anthony the Great

Epistle: Col.1:12-18

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 17, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 24, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

The 57th Annual Diocesan Assembly will take place on Friday, January 29, 2021 online via ZOOM as we cannot plan an in-person meeting with any certainty. The lay delegate from our Church will be Matushka Kathy. A full report will be given to our Church following this unique assembly.

Please remember in your prayers David Essig who has been admitted as a patient at the Geisinger Community and Medical Center, 1800 Mulberry St., Scranton, PA 18510. Please send David a get well card.

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

The installation of the new tile floor at St. Michael's Center has been completed by the Yeselavage floor and Carpet Company in Eynon, and the ovens will be brought back to the kitchen over the weekend.

A Special Thank you to Protodeacon Gabriel in painting the tables at the center this week and for providing the leadership for this project.

Church (Prospora Bread) will be made this Tuesday morning, January 19 at St. Michael's Center by Eva Demchak and the Prospora crew. **A special thank you for their stewardship of time and talent!**

Church Envelopes for 2021 have been mailed out to all of our beloved parishioners. I'm very grateful for all of you who are attending the Divine Liturgy with regularity and supporting us financially. **In order for us to meet our basic monthly bills, we need a steady source of income every week. Please send in your envelopes when you are not in Church.**

The 2021 Church Calendars are available to be picked up this morning, following the Divine Liturgy. We are grateful to the Battenberg family for their annual donation.

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!**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per 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!**

Please remember in your prayers: **Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

St. Anthony the Great: Our venerable and God-bearing Father **Saint Anthony the Great** was born in to a wealthy family in Upper Egypt about 254 AD. Also known as **Anthony of Egypt, Anthony of the Desert,** and **Anthony the Anchorite,** he was a leader among the **Desert Fathers,** who were Christian **monks** in the Egyptian desert in the 3rd and 4th centuries AD. The **Orthodox Church** celebrates his feast on **January 17.** One day after a teaching on Jesus saying to the people, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come, follow Me" (**Matthew 19:21**), St. Anthony sold everything he owned, gave the proceeds to the poor, and left the city behind to live in the desert.

Favorite quotes from St. Anthony: "I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, "What can get through from such snares?" Then I heard a voice saying to me, "Humility".

"Our life and our death is with our neighbor. If we gain our brother, we have gained God, but if we scandalize our brother, we have sinned against Christ."

"A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying, 'You are mad, you are not like us'."

"Whoever hammers a lump of iron, first decides what he is going to make of it, a scythe, a sword, or an axe. Even so we ought to make up our minds what kind of virtue we want to forge or we labor in vain."