

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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Gospel: Matt.15:21-28

February 7, 2021 St. Parthenius & New Hieromartyrs, Abp. Peter of Voronezh, & Bp. Vasiliy, of Priluk

Epistle: 1 Tim.1:15-17

Schedule of Services

Sunday, February 7, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & **followed by the blessing of Candles**
9th Day Parastas: for Eileen Brzuchalski, Steven Demora, Bogdan Fedorchak, Madilyn Chup, offered by members of family.

Sunday, (Zacchaeus) February 14, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

We extend our love and sympathy to the Chup family **on the falling asleep of Madilyn Chup** whose committal service was held this past Friday, February 5 at St. Michael's Cemetery, to the Brzuchalski family **on the falling asleep of Eileen Brzuchalski** whose committal service was held this past Saturday, February 6 at St. Michael's Cemetery, to the Demora family, **on the falling asleep of Steven Demora**, whose committal service will be held this past Thursday, February 4, at the Valley View Memorial Park Cemetery, Scott Twp., to the Fedorchak family **on the falling asleep of Bogdan Fedorchak**, whose committal service was held this past Wednesday, February 3 at St. Michael's Cemetery. **May their memory be eternal!**

Monthly Church Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for this Monday, February 8, 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. **A Special Thank you to Protodeacon Gabriel for the additional work, painting and cleaning he has been doing and providing the leadership for this project.**

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.**

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. Parthenius (died 3rd century) was an early Christian **saint** and **martyr** from Rome of **Armenian** origin is commemorated today, February 7. who came from Melitopolis in Asia Minor and was the son of deacon Christopher, who taught him the Orthodox faith and tradition. He lived under the rule of Saint Constantine the Great. At a young age he became a monk and was zealously devoted to prayer, spiritual practice, and work. His entire presence was appreciated by Bishop Philetus of Melitopolis, who also ordained him a priest. Later, Archbishop Achilles of Cyzicus made him bishop of the city of Lampsacus. The city of Lampsacus was famous at that time for its many idolaters. However, the Saint, with his virtuous life, his morality and his wise speeches, as well as with his many miracles, succeeded in bringing a multitude of people in the way of Christ.

Thought for the Day: The turbulence of life will eventually catch up to everyone. And in the midst of grief, if we have not learned to put our complete trust and life in God, **nothing** will be clear. But if we train ourselves to keep calm...and say, "Lord have mercy", we will be given the grace to go through life and take whatever comes...because we know that the presence of our Lord has **overcome** the world. He did not come to save us from sickness and death...but rather **THROUGH** sickness and death...and this knowledge will give us the strength to face the trials of life with peace. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, do not wait. We cannot afford to get comfortable and lax in our relationship with Christ and the Church. If you have yet to make a real commitment to a prayer rule...start developing that relationship and understanding of your purpose in life now. Embrace the Love, Light, and Peace that our Lord has come to give us **right now**...and allow it to permeate **every fiber of your being**...pulling you to the indescribable and never-ending joy of His Kingdom.