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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

**Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee:254-9720**

**Gospel: John 5:1-15**

**May 23, 2021 – Sunday of the Paralytic**

**Acts: 9:32-42**

**Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!**

**Sunday, May 23, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, May 30, Samaritan Woman Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for the departed soldiers of our Parish, out-side in front of monument, sponsored by St. Michael's Vet's.**

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**BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 26 at St. Michael's Center from 1-5p.m. BBQ Chicken Dinner \$13.00 & BBQ Rib Dinner \$15.00 sponsored by St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn Please call Ruth for tickets at 570-876-1456.**

**St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary Commencement will be held this Saturday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Tikhon's Monastery Bell tower with the conferral of The Master of Divinity Degree to 15 graduates of the class of 2021. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant many years to our graduates!**

**A Special Thank You to Brad Given for directing our Church choir this morning. Seminarian Brad Given will be entering into his final year at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary and he has agreed to be our summer intern.**

**Church Committee & St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn Meeting** has been rescheduled for Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

**Wedding Banns:** Mary Elizabeth Schlasta, daughter of Dave and Susan Schlasta and Christopher Bartschi, Jr. son of Christopher Bartschi will be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 12 at 12:00 p.m. (First Reading)

**Mark Your Calendar:** The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be held on Thursday, June 10, at the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. The Great Feast of Pentecost (Green Sunday) will be held on Sunday, June 20, at the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Parastas at St. Michael's Church Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

**Please note:** The water at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery has been turned on for the season. Please be careful by turning off the water after being used. May our Lord give eternal rest to our departed Church family.

**In order to meet our growing financial obligations,** we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelops. **We thank you in advance!**

**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

**The Sunday of the Paralytic:** On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him. The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."

### **Kontakion — Tone 3**

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, / as You raised up the paralytic of old, / so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; / so that being saved I may sing to You: / "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

