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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

Gospel: John 17:1-13

**June 13, 2021 – Sunday of the Fathers of
the 1st Ecumenical Council.**

Acts: 20:16-18,28-36

Schedule of Services

Sunday, June 13, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, June 19, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. - Eve of the Feast of Pentecost- Blessing of
Wheat, Wine & Oil.**

**Green Sunday, June 20, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Feast Day of Pentecost & kneeling
prayers Prayers for Father's Day, Parastas (40 day) for Lorraine Sernak, offered lovingly by her
family. Parastas 1:00 p.m. – St. Michael's Cemetery & Blessing of Graves**

**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**

**A Special thank you to Laura Piwowarski for selling the BBQ tickets this morning. During the week,
please call Ruth for tickets at 570-876-1456.**

**A Special thank you to John Lasichak for replacing all the bulbs in the new-addition of the Church that
were out. This initiative came to a total of \$150.00. May our Lord Bless John for many years!**

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

The Great Feast of Pentecost 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 submit names of your departed family members you want remembered for Green Sunday.**

Father's Day will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 20. Please submit the names of living and departed fathers you would like to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy.

A Special Thank You for prayers offered for Peter Senio who is recovering from hip surgery and has returned back to be a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please send Peter a get-well card.**

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 envelopes. **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!**

The Sunday before Pentecost: We have heard in the Acts of the Apostles how, as the Feast of Pentecost was approaching, Paul the Apostle had started on his journey to Jerusalem to be there together with all those who on that very day received the Holy Spirit. Of all of them he was the only one who had not been present in the High Room where the event took place. And yet, God had given him a true, a perfect conversion of heart, and of mind and of life, and had given him freely the gift of the Holy Spirit in response to his total, ultimate gift of self to Him, the God Whom he did not know but Whom he worshipped.

We also are on our way to the day of Pentecost, next week we will keep this event. When Paul was on his way, he thought of what had happened to himself in the solitude of his journey from Jerusalem to Damascus and in the gift of the Spirit mediated to him by Ananias. And we also, each of us singly and all of us together should reflect on all that God has given us. He has given us existence and breathed life into us, - not only the life of the body, but a life that makes us akin to Him, His life. He has given us to know Him, the Living God, and He has given us to meet, in the Gospel and in life, His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In Baptism, in the Anointment with Holy Chrism, in Communion to the Body and Blood of Christ, in the mysterious, silent communion of prayer, in the moments when God Himself came near, although we were not thinking of Him, He has given us so much.