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Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

June 20, 2021 – Feast of the Holy Trinity –
Pentecost (Father's Day)

Acts: 2:1-11

Schedule of Services

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

Saturday, June 26, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. – Confession 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 26 at St. Michael's Center from 1-5p.m. Eat in or take out. **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 St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn meeting will be held this Monday evening, June 21st at 5:45 p.m. **We will be getting organized for our up-coming BBQ**

A Special thank you to John Lasichak for replacing all the bulbs in the new-addition of the Church and underneath the Church that were out. This initiative came to a total of **\$450.00** donation. **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.

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!**

Pentecost & Restart button of our Holy Church: The Great Feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. Rather, it is the celebration of what must happen—and indeed does happen—to us in the Church today. We have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we have received His Most Holy Spirit. We are the “temples of the Holy Spirit.” God’s Spirit dwells in us (Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 2-3, 12; 2 Corinthians 3; Galatians 5; Ephesians 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received “the Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of Chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

During the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost, we recall our baptism into Christ as we sing, in place of the Trisagion, the well-known verse from Galatians: “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.” The usual antiphons are replaced by special psalm verses that emphasize the meaning of the feast, while the day’s readings from the Epistles and Gospels recall the Holy Spirit’s coming to men. The kontakion speaks of the reversal of Babel, as God unites the nations into the unity of His Spirit. And the troparion proclaims the gathering of the entire universe into God’s “net” through the work of the inspired apostles. In the hymns “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light”—sung on Pentecost for the first time since Holy Pascha—we invoke the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us” while proclaiming that “we have received the heavenly Spirit.”

Thus, Pentecost ushers in a new era, in which we are called to pursue sainthood by acquiring the Holy Spirit, by opening ourselves to the fullness of Christ’s revelation to mankind, and by anticipating the Kingdom of God, yet to be fully revealed, but already fully present in our midst as we entreat the Holy Spirit to “come and abide in us” now and in the life of the world to come.