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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Matt.10:32-33,37-38;19:27-30

June 27, 2021 – All-Saints Sunday

Heb.11:33-12:2

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday, June 27, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** & Prayers of Thanksgiving

**Monday, June 28, Great Vespers, 6:30 p.m.** (Eve of the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul)

**Tuesday, June 29, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**- Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul

**Saturday July 3, Great Vespers, 6:30 p.m.** Confession 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 4, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** & Prayers for our Country

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**We Thank You for the support of our BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinner** held this past Saturday, at our St. Michael's Center co-sponsored by St. Michael's Church & Windsor Inn. A full report will be published in next weeks bulletin.

**A Special thank you** to Alexander Wanas Jr. and Alexanders Restaurant for donating the Cole Slaw for our BBQ. **May our Lord continue to bless them 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!**

**The Great Feast of Ss Peter & Paul:** Historically, the reason why the Church combined the feast day of the two apostles into one was that they were both martyred in Rome and on the same day. There is a very ancient tradition which claims that they were both executed during Nero's persecution in approximately 68 AD. For this reason, probably from the fourth century onwards, the Church in Rome (where they were martyred) came to celebrate the feast day of these two apostles on June 29.

Theologically speaking, the reason why the feast day of these two apostles was combined into one was to show that even though their ministerial vision was not the same yet both were necessary and even complemented each other. Even though the Apostle Paul was not one of the twelve, he would claim, nevertheless that his ministry was considered equal if not superior to those ministers who had been appointed by Christ during His earthly ministry since he had suffered so much for Christ

St. Peter originally called Simon was born in the strongly gentile town of Bethsaida but had a home in Capernaum. Both were lakeside towns and this gave Peter the possibility to work as a fisherman. Unlike Paul who was highly trained in the Jewish law, Peter was not; he was married and was accompanied by his wife on his missionary journeys. After Pentecost, it was Peter who became the chief spokesman, principal preacher and administrator of discipline in the newly established Christian faith.

About 46 AD, St. Paul was commissioned by the Church in Antioch to undertake a missionary journey to Cyprus and Galatia. St. Paul has come to be known as the prodigious traveler, having undertaken four extensive missionary journeys to Asia Minor, Greece (including Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Athens, and Corinth), Rome and possibly as far as Spain with a circle of missionary co-workers. It was during this time that he wrote his famous letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.

**Thought for the day:** "Accustom your tongue to saying, "Forgive me" and humility will come to you. – Abbah Isaiah