

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

August 15, 2021 – Dormition of the Most-Holy Lady Theotokos

Phil 2:5-11

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, August 15, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, followed by the blessing of fresh herbs and Flowers.

**Saturday, August 21,** Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 22, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** First Annual Parastas in memory of Joan Lasichak, given by her sister Ruthann and nephew John Lasichak.

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**St. Michael's Church Committee & Windsor Inn**, have scheduled a one-day, modified parish festival & Classic Car Show to be held on Sunday, September 26. We will not be having vendors this year; however, **we will be having theme baskets, bake sale, and St. Michael's Raffle. The food will be provided by the Windsor Inn for all our attendees.**

**St. Michael's raffle tickets, have been sent out** as a means of establishing much needed seed money for the Parish Festival & Classic Car Show. We are asking each church member to purchase \$20.00 worth of tickets. **We thank you in advance for your love and support.**

**Please consider a Theme Basket from your family.** Please see Matushka Kathy after services and she will give you some ideas of what can be donated, or if you choose to give money, we will make the theme basket for you. **Please call Matushka Kathy at the Rectory 570-876-1241**

**Please start baking, cakes, cookies, pies etc for our Modified One Day Festival** and we will establish a drop off date to our St. Michael Center. **Please call Dorothy Allen 570-587-4984**

**Anonymous Donation of \$1,000.00** was given to the Church this week. **May our Lord Jesus Christ bless our donor for many years!**

**Special \$300.00 Donation;** in loving memory of Joan and John Lasichak, from the Lasichak family. **May their memory be eternal!**

**A Special Thank You to Lydia Given** for directing our Church choir this morning and offering for us her time and talent. **May our Lord continue to bless her for many years!**

**Matushka Dolores Petorak** is recuperating from surgery at home. **Please send her get well card; 218 Walnut St. Jermyn, Pa. 18433**

**Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge,** 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please remember Peter in your prayers.**

**Please note:** The water at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery has been fixed and 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.**

**If your Church Dues are in arrears,** please make an effort to send them to the Church. 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 Dormition of the Theotokos:** The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His Mother and His Disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

