

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Matt. 14:22-34

August 22, 2021 – Dormition of the Most-Holy Lady Theotokos, Martyr Agathonikos

Epistle: 1Cor.3:9-17

Schedule of Services

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.

Saturday, August 28, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m. - **Eve of the Solemn Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.**

Sunday, August 29, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Solemn Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. - Strict Fast Day!

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**

Special \$300.00 Donation; offered lovingly by Daryl Beskovoyne for the continued good health of her family. **May our Lord Bless her for many years!**

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!**

Birthday Greetings to our Summer Intern Brad Given, and may our Lord continue to bless him for many years of good health and salvation.

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 Leavetaking of the Dormition of the Theotokos is this Monday, August 23. Every major feast has its leavetaking "apodosis" in Orthodoxy. Every feast is a living event, repeated by the Orthodox Church and the faithful. But there is another reason why we re-celebrate the feast, that is the "apodosis". We enjoy the beauty of the celebration of the feast once again. When an event is beautiful, we long to see it again. When a dish is delicious, we want to taste it again. The celebration of an event regarding Jesus Christ or the Theotokos sweetens up the soul. The soul wants to celebrate again the Feast of the Mother of our Lord and Mother of all people, who has a thousand names and thousands of virtues. We commemorate the Dormition of the Theotokos, but at the same time, it is noteworthy that it is a delightful day and not a mourning day. The feasts of the Church are a real gift. It is an opportunity for all to worship the Holy Trinity. The feasts of the Mother of God are an occasion to honour and show our gratitude to the Most Holy Theotokos. We pray as a whole, we make personal wishes by singing the sweetest hymns for worshipping the Lord, and we remain united. Our unity ascends to the Heavens like the fragrant smell of incense. The Church teaches us, instructs us, and show us the way. The Church urges us to imitate the person honoured.

