

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee: 254-9720

Gospel: Matt. 18:23-35

September 5, 2021 – Prophet Zachariah &  
Righteous Elizabeth

Epistle: 1Cor.9:2-12

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, September 5, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 7, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. - Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Wednesday, September 8, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. -Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Saturday, September 11, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 12, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**St. Michael's Center Basement Clean-up** will be held this Saturday, September 11 at 12 (Noon) We need volunteers and our Church Committee will be present. **Please come out and give us a hand!**

**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.**

**Special Church Committee Meeting** to be held in preparation for our modified parish festival & Classic Car show on Monday, September 13 at 5:45 p.m. **Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting! Please come out and help your Church.**

**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**

**Coffee Hour will resume on Sunday, September 12,** following the Divine Liturgy. The hostesses for next Sunday are Millie Telep, Matushka Kathy and Dorothy Allen. Please call Millie Telep at 570-876-1151 if you would like to bake or bring a cake for Sunday, September 19.

**The Weekly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, at 5:00 p.m. No Meeting will be held on Monday, September 6, (Labor Day)**

**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!**

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

**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 record of the birth of Mary is taken from the apocryphal writings** which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant— “the poor and the needy”—who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God’s disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah-Christ.

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe. The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, he bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, he has granted us eternal life (Troparion).

By your nativity, O most pure virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life (Kontakion).