

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: John 3:13-17

September 12, 2021 – Sunday before
Elevation of Cross, Leave taking of the
Nativity of the Mother of God.

Epistle: 1Cor.15:1-11

Schedule of Services

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

Monday, September 13, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Eve of the Feast of the Elevation of Cross
Tuesday, September 14, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Feast of the Elevation of the Cross of Christ

Saturday, September 18, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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 this 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 this 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. **Please join us this morning for coffee and cake.**

Please remember in your prayers, Irene Leschak who is a patient at the Geisinger Community Medical Center, 1800 Mulberry St. Scranton Pa. **Please send Irene a get-well card.**

Flower offering for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross is needed. If you would like to make the donation, please call Fr. John or Protodeacon Gabriel.

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 Elevation of the Cross, (or ***Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross***), celebrated on the fourteenth of September, commemorates the finding of Christ's Cross by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; and, after it was taken by the Persians, of its recovery by the Emperor Heraclius in the seventh century at which time it was "elevated" in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. From this latter event the "universal elevation" of the Cross was celebrated annually in all of the churches of the Christian Empire.

At the **Elevation of the Cross** the Christians make their official rededication to the crucified Lord and pledge their undivided allegiance to him by the adoration of his holy feet nailed to the life creating Cross. This is the meaning of this holy day of fasting and repentance in the Church today.