

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee: 254-9720

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

**October 3, 2021** St. Dionysius the  
Areopagite Hieromartyr & Bishop of  
Athens.

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, October 3, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, October 9, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 10, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**Our modified parish festival & Classic Car Show**, held last Sunday, September 26, was a tremendous success. **We thank you for support! A full report will be given in a few weeks.**

**St. Michael's Parish Festival Raffle Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500.00 Pat Devany, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250.00 Bella Wanas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100.00 Dan Kitchura Jr. **Congratulations!**

**Jermyn 150<sup>th</sup> Banquet** will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at St. Michael's Center, 5 p.m. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. Dinner. Please call Ruth Lasichak at 570-876-1456 for RSVP by the deadline, this Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

**Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 16 at St. Michael's Center** from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$10.00 per table. Please see Rachael Vaverchak this morning during Coffee hour or contact her at 570-876-2017 and reserve a table.

**Coffee Hour &** hostesses for this Sunday, October 3, are Vicky Kravetsky and Susan Schalsta. Please call Millie Telep at 570-876-1151 if you would like to bake or bring a cake.

**Festival & Classic Car Show Donation** \$200.00 Pat Devaney. \$50.00 Michael Adamovich. **May our Lord Bless our donors!**

**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!**

**Please remember in your prayers; Irene Leschak** who is in rehabilitation at the Dunmore Healthcare, 1000 Mill Street, Dunmore, Pa. 18512. **Barbara Essig**, 585 Hilltop Dr. Peckville, Pa. 18452 who is recuperating at home from knee replacement surgery. **Please send them a get-will card.**

**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!**

**From the biography of St. Dionysius, the Aeropagite, whose feast day we celebrate today:**

“During the lifetime of the Mother of God, Saint Dionysius had journeyed from Athens to Jerusalem to meet Her. He wrote to his teacher the Apostle Paul: “I witness by God, that besides the very God Himself, there is nothing else filled with such divine power and grace. No one can fully comprehend what I saw. I confess before God: when I was with John, who shone among the Apostles like the sun in the sky, when I was brought before the countenance of the Most Holy Virgin, I experienced an inexpressible sensation. Before me gleamed a sort of divine radiance which transfixed my spirit. I perceived the fragrance of indescribable aromas and was filled with such delight that my very body became faint, and my spirit could hardly endure these signs and marks of eternal majesty and heavenly power. The grace from her overwhelmed my heart and shook my very spirit. If I did not have in mind your instruction, I should have mistaken Her for the very God. It is impossible to stand before greater blessedness than this which I beheld.”

Saint Dionysius lived originally in the city of Athens. He was raised there and received a classical Greek education. When the holy Apostle Paul preached at the place on the Hill of Ares (Acts 17:16-34), Dionysius accepted his salvific proclamation and became a Christian. For three years Saint Dionysius remained a companion of the holy Apostle Paul in preaching the Word of God. Later on, the Apostle Paul selected him as bishop of the city of Athens. And in the year 57 Saint Dionysius was present at the repose of the Most Holy Theotokos.