

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Sunday, October 17: Prophet Hosea &
Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete

Epistle: 2 Cor.6:16-7:1

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 17, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Ann Narcoonis
3rd Anniversary of falling asleep - offered lovingly by her husband Ed and daughter Ann.

Saturday, October 23, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Flea Market will be held this past Saturday, October 16 at St. Michael's Center was a huge success. The
proceeds will go to St. Michael's Scholarship Fund. **Thank you for your support!**

Church Choir Rehearsal will be held this Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. New choir members are
welcome. **Please see Lydia Given this morning for more information.**

St. Michael's Center basement clean-up will be held this coming Saturday, October 23, beginning at
10:00 a.m. Please come out! Your support is needed! **Please see Protodeacon Gabriel for more
information.**

Coffee Hour & hostesses for this Sunday, October 17: Dorothy Allen & Millie Telep. **Sunday, October 24:** Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores. **Sunday, October 31:** Ruth Lasichak & Millie Telep. Please call Millie Telep at 570-876-1151 if you would like to be placed on the list for the month of November.

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: **Daniel Kitchura**, 608 Washington Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433, who is home and recovering. **Steve Franchak** 216 Lackawanna St. Jermyn, Pa. 18433, who is home and recovering. **Please send them a "Get Well Card"**

Please remember in your prayers: Irene **Leschak** who is in rehab 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. **Helen Grancey** 102 Cleveland Dr. Jermyn, Pa. 18433 who is recuperating at home from hip surgery. **Please send them a "Get Well 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!**

The Prophet Hosea that we remember today; is found in the Christian Old Testament. Hosea shows how God's love once again restores His children as He forgets their misdeeds when they turn back to Him with a repentant heart. The prophetic message of Hosea foretells the coming of Israel's Messiah 700 years in the future. Hosea is quoted often in the New Testament.

Foreshadowing: Hosea 2:23 is the wonderful prophetic message from God to include the Gentiles [non-Jews] as His children as recorded also in Romans 9:25 and 1 Peter 2:10. Gentiles are not originally "God's people," but through His mercy and grace, He has provided Jesus Christ, and by faith in Him we are grafted into the tree of His people (Romans 11:11-18). This is an amazing truth about the Church, one that is called a "mystery" because before Christ, God's people were considered to be the Jews alone. When Christ came, the Jews were temporarily blinded until the "full number of the Gentiles has come in" (Romans 11:25). **Practical Application:** The Book of Hosea assures us of God's unconditional love for His people. But it is also a picture of how God is dishonoured and angered by the actions of His children. How can a child who is given an abundance of love, mercy, and grace treat a Father with so much disrespect? Yet, we have done just that for centuries. As we consider how the Israelites turned their backs on God, we need to look no further than the mirror in front of us to see a reflection of those same Israelites.

Only by remembering how much God has done for each of us will we be able to avoid rejecting the One who can give us eternal life in glory instead of the hell we deserve. It is essential that we learn to respect our Creator. Hosea has shown us God's heart of loving commitment. When we do sin, if we have a sorrowful heart filled with repentance, then God will bring us back to Himself and show His never-ending love to us (see 1 John 1:9).