

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, October 31, Hieromartyr John
Kochurov

Epistle: 2 Cor.11:31-12:9

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 31, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 6, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Bread Sale will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at St. Michael's Center from 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Please call Ruth Lasichak at 570-876-1456. Plain \$6.00 Raisin \$7.00.**

Coffee Hour & hostesses; Sunday, October 31: Ruth Lasichak & Millie Telep. **November 7:** Vicky Kravetsky and Susan Schlasta, **November 14,** Maryann Dubee and Charette Radionoff, **November 21:** Millie Telep and Dorothy Allen, **November 28:** Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores. **Please call Millie Telep at 570-876-1151 if you would like to be placed on the list for the month of December.**

Heat & Air Special Collection will be held this morning, the last Sunday of the month. Please give at the designated offering basket. **We thank you in advance!**

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!**

The Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 5:45 p.m. The agenda and Budget for 2022 will be discussed. **The date for the Annual Meeting will be set at this meeting.**

Archangel Michael and the bodiless hosts the Patronal Feast Day of our Church, will be held on Monday, November 8, with the celebration of the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Great Vespers will be held on Sunday evening, November 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The Advent - Pre-Nativity Fast will begin on Monday, November 15 until Friday, December 24. The Feast Day of Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 25 with the celebration of the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. **The Feast Day of the Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple** will be held on Sunday, November 21 for the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Please remember in your prayers: Daniel Kitchura, 608 Washington Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433, who is home and recovering. **Steve Franchak** who is a patient at the Moses Taylor Hospital. 700 Quincy Ave, Scranton, Pa. 18510 **Please send them a "Get Well Card"**

Please remember in your prayers; Irene Leschak who is home receiving rehab.:229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **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 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!**

Hieromartyr John Kochurov was born on June 13, 1871 in Russia. His father was a priest. His education included attendance at the Ryazan Theological Seminary before continuing at the St. Petersburg Theological Academy. He excelled at his studies at both the seminary and academy. He was ordained a priest at the St. Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg by Bishop Nicholas (Ziorov) of the Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska.

Having expressed the desire to be a missionary priest in the United States, Fr. John was soon transferred and became the first permanent priest at St. Vladimir's Church in Chicago. This parish was later to become the Holy Trinity Cathedral. He also translated religious texts into English, looking to the time when the church in America would consist of English-speaking members. Before his return to Russia, Fr. John helped to organize the first All-American Council that was held in Mayfield, Pennsylvania, in 1907.

Fr. John returned to Russia and on October 31, 1917, the Bolsheviks entered Tsarskoe Celo in force and arrested Fr. John. He was taken by the Bolsheviks out of town where he was summarily shot and his body was attached to a train and dragged on the railroad tracks. By this act, Fr. John became the proto-Hieromartyr of the Bolshevik revolution and the Soviet yoke. Fr. John was buried several days later in the crypt of St. Catherine's Cathedral.

On December 1994, Fr. John was glorified by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church, in session at St. Daniel's Monastery, Moscow, Russia, as the first of the new martyrs of the 20th century. In the United States he is also honored as a missionary and inspired preacher.