

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Sunday, November 7, 33 martyrs of  
Melitene, Venerable Lazarus of Mt.  
Galesius

Epistle: Gal.1:11-19

**Schedule of Services**

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

**Monday, November 8, Divine liturgy 9:00 a.m.** Michael the Archangel and the other heavenly  
bodiless powers & Patronal Feast Day of our Church.

**Saturday, November 13, No Great Vespers – (Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.)**

**Sunday, November 14, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**The Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held this 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.

**Thanksgiving Bread Sale** will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at St. Michael's Center from  
12 (Noon) to 4:00 p.m. **Please call Ruth Lasichak at 570-876-1456. Plain \$6.00 Raisin \$7.00.**

**Prospora (Church Bread)** will be made this Tuesday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center.  
We are grateful for the Prospora baking volunteers and for Eva Demchak for coordinating this project.

**Coffee Hour & hostesses; Sunday, November 7:** Vicky Kravetsky and Susan Schlasta, **November 14,** Maryann Dube 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.**

**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 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 recovering at home; 216 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **Ronald Sernak,** Forest City Rehab, 915 Delaware St. Forest City, Pa. 18421 **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. **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!**

**On Monday, November 8** we celebrate the glorious feast of the lightning-like Archangel Michael and all the heavenly bodiless powers. On this day let us talk of the boundless world of the angels; of their nature, of their hierarchy, and of the infinite mercy of God which has added us, Orthodox Christians, to this angelic host and has formed a single Church made of angels and men; and subsequently of our responsibility to venerate them in a worthy manner and try to emulate them as our future compatriots in the celestial homeland; for which we earnestly pray to God, our common Creator. St. Cyril of Alexandria says: If our earth, which serves as a focal point between two worlds, carries upon itself such a countless multitude of people and various other creatures, then how many times greater is the number of denizens inhabiting the immaterial heaven, which is so immense and incomprehensible to the mind?

The angelic world is divided into nine orders, and these are divided into three ranks each. The leading radiant angels (Michael and Gabriel), as the shining dawn of the Most-holy Trinity, stand directly before the fiery throne of God, are illuminated by His light, and pass on the illumination and the knowledge of God's mysteries to the lower ranks, and the lower ranks are ruled by the higher ones. This heavenly citizenry, this universal, holy, radiant, and blessed assembly of celestial denizens is known as the heavenly hierarchy. Glory to God's immeasurable bounty, which prepared for us an eternal kingdom, a kingdom of radiant light, peace, and immovable bliss, together with the countless hosts of angels!

Let us use the small amount of time that we have here on earth to progress in Christian virtue in order to inherit that boundless rapture, and may the Lord grant it to us by the prayers of the Most-pure Theotokos and the intercession of the honorable celestial bodiless powers, especially the radiant, lightning-like Michael and Gabriel, and our holy guardian angels. Amen.

