

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Luke: 18:35-43

January 23, Sanctity of Life Sunday,
Hieromartyr Clement of Ancyra, Martyr
Agathangeius

Epistle: 1Tim.1:15-17

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 23, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (40th day) for David Essig offered lovingly by his wife Barbara and family. Parastas (9th day) for Nicholas Hanchak offered lovingly by his wife Maureen and children.

Saturday, January 29, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

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

Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. All committee members are asked to attend this organizational meeting.

The Diocesan Assembly of Eastern Pennsylvania will be held this Thursday evening, January 27th and Friday, January 28th at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The delegate from our Church accompanying Fr. John will be David Krenitsky.

Church Lectionary Wall Calendars for 2022 are in back of the Church. A Special thank you to the Battenberg funeral home for the sponsorship of our calendars, and printed by St. Tikhon's Monastery Press.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are underneath the Church. A Special thank you to Gloria Shaw and Eva Demchak for organizing this project. **Please pick-up the offering envelopes for your family!**

Coffee Hour for Sunday January 23, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, **January 30**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Rodionoff.

February Church Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m. We will be planning our schedule of activities for our St. Michael's Center. Please make every effort to attend!

A Special Thank You to Lydia Given for directing our Church choir this morning and offering her time and talent. **May our Lord continue to bless her for many years!**

Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky, who is a guest at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehab Center, 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407. Please send him a get-well card.

Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas who is a patient at the Allied Rehab, 475 Morgan Highway, Scranton, Pa. 18508 Please send him a get-well card. **Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab: 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge**, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa.

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.

Omicron variant is in all 50 states in our country. It is recommended to keep everyone safe to start wearing masks while in Church.

Thought for the Day: "As we witness our society becoming increasingly polarized and divided, we approach the anniversary of one of the most bitter of these divisions: the legalization of abortion in the United States of America. We grieve on this anniversary for the many lives cut short, the emotional and psychological devastation done to so many women, the numerous wounded families, and the persistent hostility embittering our society.

The Orthodox Church continues to hold fast to its ancient belief that all human life, from conception in the womb to our very last moment, is sacred to God. For the Holy Scripture tells us that "God did not make death, and He does not delight in the death of the living. For He created all things that they might exist" (Wis 1:13-14). So, we say, humbly but firmly, that the willful destruction of a person in the womb is an evil act and a rejection of a gift of God.

For Orthodox Christians, the darkness of abortion transcends the political. It extends even beyond morality and ethics. It cuts to the heart of our faith in the Resurrection. On that bright morning of Great and Holy Pascha, Christ forever destroyed death, the last enemy of mankind (cf. 1 Cor 15:26). The empty tomb ennobles humanity and transforms us into a people forever dedicated to life, utterly opposed to death in all its forms. All people, even those still unborn, are created for eternity with God, and it is our unshakable conviction in the Risen Christ which makes the thought of the termination of a child unimaginable." – Metropolitan +Tikhon

