

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

**February 13**, Fast-free Week, Publican & Pharisee, Ven. Martinian & Ven. Simeon the Myrrhgusher.

Epistle: 2Tim.3:10-15

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, February 13**, (Publican & Pharisee) Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, February 19**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday February 20**, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Prodigal Son) Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> day) for Nicholas Hanchak, offered lovingly by Maureen & children.

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**PSP Training for Church Committee Members** will be held on Monday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. Susan Schlasta will provide the training and a light meal will be served underneath the Church. **Please make every effort to attend!**

**Eat In or Take Out Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage) Dinner** will be held on Saturday, February 26 at St. Michael's Center. This will be co-sponsored by Windsor Inn and St. Michael's Center. **Menu:** Three Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans. 1pm -6p.m. \$11.00 for dinner. Please call Ruth at 570-876-1456 for RSVP and tickets.

**A Special thank you to** Eva Demchak and her crew for organizing the Church Bread (Prospora) baking this past Tuesday at St. Michael's Center. A job well done!

**Lenten Ethnic Food Sale** will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at St. Michael's Center. Please mark this date on your calendar of events. More information on menu will be available soon.

**A Special Congratulations to Melanie Ringa**, who recently retired after 15 years as Treasurer of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York. We are very proud of her accomplishments for doing her part in building up "The Orthodox Church in America" and using the talents our Lord has given her in finances for the Seminary and in directing Church Choirs. **May Melanie be granted many blessed and healthy years in retirement.**

**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.

**The balance of the Offering Envelops underneath the Church for 2022** has been sent to the homes of our parishioners. **When you are not in Church, please send the weekly offering.**

**Coffee Hour for Sunday February 13**, Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen, **February 20** Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores, **February 27**, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

**The end of the month Heat & Air Collection** will be taken on Sunday, February 27, a special basket will be provided. Please keep in mind we have seen a 40% increase in our Gas and Electric Utility bills for the Church. Please be generous in your response.

**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 recuperating at home; 604 Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Childs, Pa. 18433. 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.

**Publican & Pharisee Sunday:** The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk 18.9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, and to beg for mercy.

