

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Matt.25:31-46

**February 27, Sunday of the Last
Judgement, Venerable Procopius, St.
Raphael Bishop of Brooklyn**

Epistle: 1 Cor.8:8-9:2

Schedule of Services

Sunday, February 27, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Last Judgement) Parastas for Helen Susko & Mary Gurka Wallace, offered by John Susko & Family.

Saturday, March 5, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday March 6, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Abbreviated - Forgiveness Vespers

Ethnic Food Sale will be held this Wednesday, March 2, from 1-4p.m. at St. Michael's Center. **Menu:** Clam Chowder, Perogi; deep fried, butter & onions and (Halushki) Noodles & Cabbage. Please mark this date on your calendar of events. **We thank you in advance for your support!**

The end of the month Heat & Air Collection will be taken this 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 use the special envelopes and be generous in your response.

Blini Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 6, following the abbreviated Forgiveness Vesper Service, in leu of Coffee hour. Please come out and show your support. This is being sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society. **The Blini will be made on Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. underneath the Church. Please come out and help!**

Coffee Hour for Sunday February 27, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, **March 13**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charette Rodionoff, **March 20**, Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta, **March 27**, Mille Telep & Dorothy Allen.

A special Thank You to Lydia Given for directing the Church Choir this morning. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, bless her for many years!

Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky, who is a patient at the Regional Hospital, 746 Jefferson Ave, Scranton, Pa. 18510

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.

Sunday of the Last Judgement – The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, “Who will render to every man according to his deeds” (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God’s mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ’s brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Kontakion — Tone 1

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble / and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat; / the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed! / Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, / and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, Most Righteous Judge!

