

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Epistle: Heb.4:14-5:6

March 27, Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration
of the Cross of Christ

Schedule of Services for the Fourth Week of Great Lent

Sunday March 27, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **Mid-Lent Sunday of the Cross**

Wednesday, March 30, Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. **Confession 6:00 p.m.**

Saturday, April 2, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00p.m.

Sunday, April 3, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

The Sunday of the Cross Lenten Mission on March 27, will be held at our Church for the 4:00 p.m. Vesper Service. A Lenten meal will be held underneath our Church following the services.

Choir Rehearsal for the Lenten Mission at our Church this Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. Please see Lydia Given and show support by attending the rehearsal.

Lenten Pot-Luck Meal will be held on Wednesday, March 30, following the celebration of the Presanctified Liturgy underneath the Church. **Please see Maryann Dubee, who will be organizing the Lenten meal.** Fr. John will be giving a Lenten Adult Education meditation.

Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, March 27 at 5:45 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

Flower Donation for the Sunday of the Cross has been offered by Ruth Lasichak and John Lasichak in loving memory of John Lasichak Sr. **Memory Eternal!**

Easter Flowers & Candles are being collected large Lily \$20.00, Lily \$15.00 and \$10.00 for Easter Candles. You may offer in loving memory of your family, or for the continued good health. God bless you in advance for your donation.

Easter "Pascha" Bread & more: bread loaves, & Home-made Kielbasa. Pascha Bread - plain \$9 and raisin \$10; Loaves - plain \$7 and raisin \$8; Home-made Kielbasa - \$10 per ring. For orders, please call Ruth at (570) 876-1456. **The cut-off date for orders is Thursday, April 7th. Pick up on Wednesday, April 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center.**

Helping the displaced and War-Torn Ukrainian families in Poland during Great Lent with special collection of the following items which are needed: Baby formula, baby food, diapers, wipes, soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, children's Tylenol and adult Tylenol, feminine hygiene products, sleeping bags, linens, crayons, small toys & winter clothing. Any first aid supplies, including bandages, gauze pads, band aids, Anti-diarrhea medicine, Dry Pedialyte, Antacids, Diaper rash cream, non-perishable food, dry cereal, Ramen Dry Soups, please contact Susan Schlasta at 570 840-9544, if you would rather make a monetary donation and we will purchase these items. **Please start bringing these items underneath the Church.**

Willows for Palm Sunday are needed. If anyone has leads where we can get some cut, please contact Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak at 876-0411.

Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanias 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.

Coffee Hour for Sunday March 27, Mille Telep & Dorothy Allen. **April 3**, Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores, **April 17**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Rodionoff, **April 24 – Pascha**

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

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.

The Cross thus represents not only God's love for us, but is revealing God to us. It shows us what the God who is love is like. It also reveals what we are to be like as Christians and in Christian community. The Cross not only reveals God but it reveals how we are to live as Christians. The connection between discipline and disciples, God and Church, self-denial and the cross are being made for us. In Lent, in self-denial, we are learning how-to live-in love for one another through self-denial, which it turns out is also to be living a god-like existence. Lenten self-denial and abstinence are meant to soften our hardened hearts so that we can love one another as God loves us.

