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Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

June 12, 2022, Great Feast of Pentecost.

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Schedule of Services

Sunday, June 12, Pentecost Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Abbreviated Vespers & Kneeling prayers
Parastas (40th Day) Kay Fedirko offered by family. St. Michael's Church Cemetery 1:00 p.m. Parastas and
Blessing of Graves

Monday, June 13, The Day of the Holy Spirit – Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 18, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Father's Day)

The First Organizational Parish Festival Meeting was well attended this past Thursday. The next Parish Festival Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. George Petorak and Serge Radionoff are the lay Co-chair of the Festival and Fr. John being the Clergy Co-Chair of the Festival. **The Parish Festival & Car Show will be held on the last full weekend of September.**

Perogi Making Projects will be held on Saturday, July 9, & 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. Please come out and help, as we prepare to get seed money for our Parish Festival with the Perogi Sale, to be held on Friday, July 22, from 11-4 p.m. **Please mark these dates on your calendar of events. All Parishioners will ask to work in making this festival a great success.**

Pentecost Parastas will be held at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery on Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m. (Weather Permitting) Please submit the names of your departed loved ones to be commemorated.

Father's Day will be held on Sunday, June 19. Please submit the names of your fathers to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy by Saturday, June 18. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to grant health and salvation to the living fathers of our parish community and grant eternal rest to the departed fathers and make their memory to be eternal!

Please return the mandatory raffle tickets, which were most-recently sent out to you. Please send them back in a timely basis. **The drawing will be held on Monday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.**

In order to meet our growing financial obligations, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes. **We thank you in advance!**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. 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!**

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. **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!**

Coffee Hour for Sunday: June 12, Millie Telep & Dorthey Allen, **June 19**, Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores, **June 26**, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

The Great Feast of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14.26, 15.26; Lk 24.49; Acts 1.5). The apostles received “the power from on high,” and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and the Lord’s Day is at hand, the “last days” are inaugurated in which “God declares; I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”; This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-7; Joel 2: 28-32).

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the “temples of the Holy Spirit.” God’s Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2-3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received “the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

