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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Matt.6:22-33

Epistle: Rom.5:1-10

July 3, 2022, Martyr Hyacinth, Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow. Happy 4th of July weekend.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 3, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & prayers for the birthday of our beloved United States of America.

Saturday, July 9, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 10, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education Presentation, next Sunday, July 10, following the Divine Liturgy, during Coffee Hour. Fr. John will talk about the theme of the **20th All-American Council: "Becoming Vessels of Grace"** This will be a **springboard to reintroduce Adult Education and Stewardship** in our Church, since Covid 19 is behind us. The "Sobor" is scheduled to take place took place Monday, July 18th - Friday, July 22nd 2022 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel.

Second Adult Educational Series for Clergy sponsored by our diocese will be held this Thursday, July 7th at 10 a.m. at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlem. Dr. Mary Faraj of Princeton Theological Seminary will speak on **'What Makes a Church Sacred?'** Fr. John will be attending this important educational event.

The Third Organizational Parish Festival Meeting will be held this Thursday at 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 Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25.**
Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

Coffee Hour for Sunday: July 3, Vicky Kravetsky & Charette Radionoff July 10, Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta July 17, Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen July 24, Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores and July 31 Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts.

Perogi Making Project will be held on Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, July 30, 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, August 12, from 11-4 p.m. **Please mark these dates on your calendar of events. All Parishioners will be asked to work in making this festival a great success.**

Parish Festival: Donation List 2022 Venue Tents \$600.00, Advertisement see Fr. John, 6 cases of French Fries \$250.00, Chicken Tenders, \$200.00, ~~Pulled Pork donated.~~ ~~Hamburger Meat for Wimpies donated.~~ \$150.00, Oil for fryers \$150.00, Bottles of Water ~~donated,~~ \$125.00, Hot Dogs/Sauerkraut \$75.00, ~~Kielbasa for sandwiches donated.~~
Monetary Donations: Kitchen Supplies (Aluminium Foil, Bags, Plastic Wrap, Containers) \$150.00 Ketchup/Mustard \$50.00, Paper products (Napkins, Paper Towels) \$100.00, Coffee/Creamers/Sugars/ \$100.00, All Bread Products (All Rolls, Rye Bread) \$150.00, Garbage Products (Bags) \$50.00, Plastic Utensils \$50.00. **Please see George Petorak or Serge Radionoff and make your intention known. Please note, we will update the donation list weekly.**

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!**

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!**

Stewardship reminds us that everything we have has been given to us by God - not for us to have, but for us to care for as stewards, or caretakers. This is why we call those who are actively living the Orthodox Christian life "stewards," because to live the Orthodox Christian life fully means to recognize that we have received everything from God, and therefore we offer some of what we have received back in thanksgiving.

Financial stewardship is an offering, and it is part of how we participate in the saving work of Christ and His Church. By offering back some of what has been given to us, we allow God to work through that offering "for the life of the world." Just as we offer bread and wine for the Liturgy which God transforms into the Body and Blood of Christ to transform us into the living Body of Christ, so do we offer our time, treasure, and talents to Christ and His Church so that God might receive them and transform them into the means not only of our salvation, but for all Creation.