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Gospel: Luke 6:31-36
Epistle: 2Cor.6:1-10

October 2, 2022, Hieromartyr Cyprian &
Martyr Justina & Andrew Fool for Christ.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 2, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (9th Day) for Alexander Wanas, offered by the children; Alexander Jr., Melanie & Karen.

Saturday, October 8, Baptism/Chrismation Benjamin Krenitsky 11:00 a.m. Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

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

We extend our love and sympathy to the Wanas family and the children; Alexander Jr., Melanie and Karen, on the falling asleep of Alexander Wanas. **May his memory be eternal!**

Our Parish Festival & Car Show held last weekend was a huge success. A full report will be given when everything is finalized. **A Special thank you to everyone who worked so hard at our festival.**

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, October 3rd at 5:45 p.m. We will review the theme from the Deanery Retreat this past Saturday; **“Igniting the Flame of Renewal in your heart & in your parish”** and **take steps to incorporate what we have heard in the life of our Church.**

Church (Prospora) Bread will be made on Tuesday, October 4th at St. Michael's Center at 9:00 a.m. We are grateful to Eva Demchak and the prospora committee for giving of their time and talent.

Adult Education Weekly Class will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. We will continue to explore the Biblical Concept of Giving. **Hand-outs will be given.**

Church School will begin on Sunday, October 9th following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to bring your children to Liturgy and Church School.

We pray for the speedy recovery of George Petorak as he convalesces from surgery.

Please remember in your prayers; **Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab; 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **John Drutarosky**, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Peter Senio** is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please send them a get-well card!**

When Hearts Become Flame is about the mystery of love revealed in those "Emmaus Road" experiences where God's presence suddenly kindles fire in the heart. The act of listening and speaking from the heart involves not just flesh and blood but faith in the Uncreated Source of life invisibly present in our midst. To refuse the other is to refuse Christ. To meet the other is to welcome Him. To care for the other is to be cared for by God. Compassion is a reciprocal encounter. All healing and growth come to us through dialogue with the "other," in silence and in words, for it is God who meets us in between.

"Man is like a breath; his days are like a fleeting shadow." Psalm 144:4

Our brief time on earth is God's gift. As faithful Christians, we are accountable for our stewardship of this precious gift. The American scientist, Thomas Edison said, "Time is not a commodity that can be stored for future use. It must be invested hour by hour or else it is gone forever."

Our lifetime is a small bit of eternity – "...a fleeting shadow...." (Psalm 144) which we receive as stewards. Time is a precious gift that we dare not waste. Like the three stewards in the Parable of the Talents, one day God will call each one of us to give account of how we have used the time entrusted to us.

As Christians it is also important to value the time we spend at church, in worship, service and activities. Every member of the Body of Christ plays a role, according to their gifts, in the life of the local church. The church is not a social club, but rather a place where people of faith gather for worship, fellowship and service.

Most importantly, we gather together in worship, praising and thanking God for the blessings in our lives and hearing His Word. Of the 168 hours in every week with which we have been blessed, we offer back the short time we spend in church on Sunday morning, gathered together as the Body of Christ. We are united in prayer and united in Holy Communion. We become his hands and feet carrying out His work in the world. As we offer ourselves and our time as His Church, we are part of something much bigger than we can imagine – much bigger than the project we support, the service we provide, the prayer we offer.
