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Gospel: Luke 8:5-15
Epistle: 2Cor.9:6-11

October 16, 2022, Fathers of the 7th
Ecumenical Council, Martyr Longinus the
Centurion.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 16, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 22, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

A Special Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. we will go over the Census of our Parish, prior to sending it to our Diocese. We will review a few **“Vision Statements”** we will incorporate into the life of our Church. **Please make every effort to attend!**

Adult Education Weekly Class will be held on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. We will continue to review **“Igniting the Flames of Renewal in your heart & in your parish”** by Bill Marianes and try to incorporate this new Orthodox Christian concept into our tool box vocabulary when dealing with Effective leadership: **Love, Humility, Trust, Vision and Team.**

Parish Festival Final Report is in back of the Church and has the breakdown of gross and net profit. A special thank you to Dorothy Allen for compiling this financial statement and to everyone who contributed in making our festival successful.

Church School will be held this Sunday, October 16, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. A Special thank you to the parents who made a commitment to Orthodox Christian Education and provide a spiritual and religious dynamic for their children.

Coffee Hour: October 16, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, **October 23**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Rodionoff, **October 30**, Maryann Dubee & Susanne Schlasta.

We pray for the speedy recovery of Dave Krenitsky who is a patient at the Regional Hospital in Scranton and George Petorak as he convalesces at home 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!**

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believed in Christ and confessed before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27:54).

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre of the Lord. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. They also refused to remain silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

The fiery words of those who had actually participated in the great events in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread throughout the city and the surrounding villages. The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion was martyred for the faith and is commemorate on October 16.
