

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

Gospel: John 17:1-13
Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

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**May 28 2023, Fathers of the First
Ecumenical Council, Afterfeast of
Ascension**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, May 28: (No Matins), Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Feast of Ascension transferred)

Sunday, June 4: (No Matins), Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Pentecost, Feast of the Holy Trinity)

Additional Services: will be announced.

The Feast of the Ascension of Christ was transferred to this Sunday, May 28, because there was no Church on Thursday, May 25.

After 38 years as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Jermyn, **Fr. John Kowalczyk** has accepted a full-time position at St. Tikhon's Seminary, as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Interim Chair of the Department. Fr. John served his final Divine Liturgy at our Church on Sunday, May 21, 2023. **We wish Many Blessed Years to Father John and Matushka Kathy!**

If you are in need of a Priest during the interim, until a Priest is assigned: please contact Fr. Paul Witek, the rector of All-Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant at 201 315-5722, or call the Dean of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, Fr. Innocent Neal at 570-691-9076.

Coffee Hour Hostesses: May 28: Matushka Dolores & Mille Telep.

Please Note: The water at St. Michael's Cemetery is shut off until the water leak is found and repair is completed. **We are sorry for the inconvenience.**

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**, who is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave., Scranton, Pa. **Nicholas Mattise**, who is a guest at the Personal Care at Allied Terrace, 100 Terrace Ln., Scranton, Pa. **Dr. Joseph Danyo**, Hershey Medical Center (ICU), 500 University Dr., Hershey, Pa. 17033.

Vision Statement: "We seek to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church. We are here to provide a loving and caring community, by participating in the worship services, so we may reach-out to those who are lost and witness the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

- **Adopted on October 17, 2022.**

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council: *The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Among the assembled bishops were many confessors who had suffered during the persecutions, and who bore the marks of torture upon their bodies. Also participating in the Council were several great luminaries of the Church: Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (December 6 and May 9), Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Tremithos (December 12), and others venerated by the Church as Holy Fathers. With Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria came his deacon, Athanasius, who later became Patriarch of Alexandria (May 2 and January 18). He is called "the Great," for he was a zealous champion for the purity of Orthodoxy. In the Sixth Ode of the (Matins) Canon for today's Feast, he is referred to as "the thirteenth Apostle."*

“Glory to God for all things”