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5TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., July 13 5th Sunday of Pentecost. Synaxis of the 12 Apostles

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – pp. 90–92

Special Collection: Support *Paint the Town*, hosted by Habitat for Humanity.

Men's Club regularly scheduled mtg.

Sun., July 20 6th Sunday of Pentecost. Great-martyr Kyriake.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – pp. 93–95

Parish Board Meets

FEASTS . . . & FASTS

Fasting: We return to the ordinary weekly fast of Wednesday and Friday. The next Fast Period is the Dormition Fast, Aug. 14 – Aug. 27.

Feasts: The next Feast Day is the Holy Prophet Elias, on August 2.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Living: Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Mary Chupron. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Fr. George Dursa. Jada Eiden. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Mildred Orzolek. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Fr. Donald Valasek. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga.

George & Anna Senich. Kathryn Stocoski.

Assisted Living Homes: Michael Besket. Julie Kovacs. Julie Roberts.

Eternal Light: Memory of Floyd Swingle, Jr by Lovie Swingle.

PARISH STUFF

Men's Club regular monthly meeting today.

Knoebel Family Day Saturday, August 9- This year the parish Family Day will be on Saturday, August 9. The Men's Club will be offering ride tickets to the children of the parish, as in past years. They may also be making some other arrangements. For more information, please contact Bill Wassel at 570-241-3700 or bwassel@hibblerealty.com.

Annual Men's Club Baseball Outing. Thanks to the Men's Club for sponsoring this outing for dads and sons. It was a bit rainy, but still a good time!

Chicken Barbeque & Bake Sale! Saturday, August 16, Noon to 5 PM. The Men's Club is holding the BBQ, and the Altar Society will be having a bake sale in support of the BBQ. Put it on your calendar!

Parish Board Meeting, next Sunday, July 20.

PAINT THE TOWN! Hill Section Rehab! NWNEPA and Habitat for Humanity of Lackawanna County are hosting a Paint the Town event for **homeowners** in the Hill Section of Scranton. This event will be at no cost to the homeowner and **volunteers** will assist with exterior painting, interior painting, general home maintenance and clean-up. ***Our Parish's will be a Sponsor for this event by*** donating toward the

materials needed for this event. *A SPECIAL COLLECTION* will be taken today at Liturgy to help support this project. All are asked to be generous.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Sunday, July 6, 2014

\$ 456.00	General Collection
\$ 65.00	1 st Sunday
\$ 76.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 61.00	Holy Days
\$ 10.00	Tapers
\$ 15.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 100.00	Easter
\$ 14.00	Eternal Light
\$ 797.00	Total Collection

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Concert: A Tribute to Johnny Richards, composer, arranger, genius musician. The "Upper Valley Winds" Founder and conductor Patrick J. Marcinko Jr. is having a concert in Scranton, PA, on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Scranton High School at 7 PM. Please dress appropriately. Tickets are \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 High School Student with I.D. Questions, contact Mr. Marcinko at 570-876-2888.

47th ANNUAL MSGR. MICHAEL TIDICK MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. Sunday, July 27th, Binghamton, NY. See Poster in hall for details!

Flea Market & Ziti Dinner St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 North Main Street, Pittston, Pa. will be having their 18th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & ZITI DINNER on August 2nd & 3rd, 2014. The Flea Market will be in the Church Hall. Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9am to 4pm and Sunday, Aug. 3rd from 9am - 3pm. We will also have a BAKE SALE, RAFFLE and ETHNIC FOOD SALE during the Flea Market. The ZITI DINNER will be Sat. Aug. 2nd from 12 to 4pm and on Sun. Aug. 3rd from 10am to 3pm. Take-outs are available only during dinner time schedule. Walk-ins are welcome! All proceeds benefit St. Michael's! Come one, come all!

GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH OF RUSSIA

July 18/5. Edited from www.oca.org.

Saint Elizabeth, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria of England, was born in 1864. She was considered to be one of the most beautiful women in Europe during her time. She was the older sister of Tsarina Alexandra of Russia, and was married to the Grand Duke Sergius,

the governor of Moscow. She converted to Orthodoxy from Protestantism of her own free will, and organized women from all levels of society to help the soldiers at the front and in the hospitals.

Grand Duke Sergius was killed by an assassin's bomb on February 4, 1905, just as St Elizabeth was leaving for her workshops. Remarkably, she visited her husband's killer in prison and urged him to repent.

After this, she began to withdraw from her former social life. She devoted herself to the Convent of Sts Martha and Mary, a community of nuns which focused on worshiping God and also helping the poor. She moved out of the palace into a building she purchased on Ordinka. Women from the nobility, and also from the common people, were attracted to the convent.

St Elizabeth nursed sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals and on the battle front during WWI and during the Bolshevik Revolution. On Pascha of 1918, the Communists ordered her to leave Moscow, and join the royal family near Ekaterinburg. She left with a novice, Sister Barbara, and an escort of Latvian guards.

After arriving in Ekaterinburg, St Elizabeth was denied access to the Tsar's family. She was placed in a convent, where she was warmly received by the sisters.

At the end of May St Elizabeth was moved to nearby Alopaevsk with the Grand Dukes Sergius, John, and Constantine, and the young Count Vladimir Paley. They were all housed in a schoolhouse on the edge of town. St Elizabeth was under guard, but was permitted to go to church and work in the garden.

On the night of July 5, 1918, they were all taken to a place twelve miles from Alopaevsk, and executed. The Grand Duke Sergius was shot, but the others were thrown down a mineshaft, then grenades were tossed after them. St Elizabeth lived for several hours, bandaging the wounds of Duke John, even though she was mortally injured herself from the fall. Witnesses guarding the mineshaft could hear her singing hymns until she finally died.

The bodies of St Elizabeth and St Barbara were found mostly incorrupt and were taken to Jerusalem in 1920, and buried in the church of St Mary Magdalene at the foot of the Mount of Olives, where they remain today. St. Elizabeth was canonized in 1981.