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**<u>Church Website</u>**: stmichaeljermyn.org & 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

November 25, 2018

Hieromartyr Clement Bishop of Rome

Epistle: Eph.5:9-19

## **Schedule of Services**

<u>Sunday, November 25</u>, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (40 day Parastas for Ann Narcoonis offered lovingly by husband Edward and daughter Ann.)

<u>Saturday, December 1</u>, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

<u>Sunday, December 2</u>, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

<u>Thanksgiving Bread Sale</u> held this past week was a huge success with approximately 170 loaves of bread which were sold. A special thank you to all the bakers at St. Michael's Center and to all who showed support!

Parish Festival Wrap-up Meeting has been rescheduled for this Thursday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Everyone who worked to make our 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas in September a success is invited to attend the meeting. We will have a complete breakdown of income and expenses. Refreshments will be served.

<u>Special Heat & Air Collection</u> will be held during the second offering. Please use the special envelopes which can be found in back of the Church... <u>Thank you in advance for your generosity!</u>

<u>The Parish Financial Books</u> will be audited this Monday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m. Parish financial books are audited twice a year in preparation for our annual meeting.

<u>The Nativity Fast</u> began on Thursday, November 15, and will end with the celebration of the Nativity of Christ our Lord on December 25. Please make every effort to keep this fast!

<u>Christmas Poinsettias</u> \$20.00 Large Plant & \$15.00 Small Plant and \$10.00 for Christmas Candles are being accepted. You may make your offering in loving memory of your departed loved ones or for the continued health of your family.

<u>Church School will be held this Sunday, November 25,</u> following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. Please make every effort to bring your children to Church School.

<u>Advent Visitation to our Shut-ins will begin this week.</u> Fr. John will call the evening before to schedule his visit and will bring Holy Communion and anoint with the Holy Myrrh streaming from the Hawaiian Icon of the Mother of God.

<u>Fr. John has been invited by the Drexel Medical College</u> in Philadelphia to deliver a paper on "bereavement and healing when confronted with the reality of death" this Wednesday, November 28, for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Forensic Conference.

<u>Church Dues are being collected</u>. If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

<u>Please remember in your prayers: Peter & Helen Senio</u> who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., <u>Marie Derkash</u> & <u>Ann Butler</u> are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 Michael <u>Klaptach</u> who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. <u>Mary Slenska</u>, Allied Rehab, and <u>Irene Kiehart</u> is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

<u>Sunday Hostesses:</u> <u>November 25</u>, Vicky Kravetsky, Sue Schlasta, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, December 2, Theresa Krenitsky, Mary Mathena, Jeanne Malec, December 9, Millie Telep Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko.

<u>Thought for the Day:</u> St. Kosmas of Aitolos says that, "Life is spiritual warfare. If you're not fighting, you're losing." So, ask yourself. Are you fighting or are you losing? There is no in between. It says in the Scriptures, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12