St. Michael's Orthodox Church 308 Walnut St. Jermyn, Pennsylvania 18433

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

Gospel: Matt.1:1-25 Epistle: Heb.11:9-10,17-23,32-40 Dave Krenitsky: Church President 570-280-6656 St. Michael's Center: 876-3454

Reader Vladimir Kitchura: 903-3475

Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee:254-9720

December 18, 2022, Sunday Before the Nativity, Martyr Sebastian & his companions at Rome.

Schedule of Services for Christmas

Sunday, December 18, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

<u>Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve -</u> Compline & Matins 6:30 p.m. (Strict Fast Day) <u>Sunday, December 25, Nativity of Christ -</u> Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

<u>St. Michael's Christmas out-reach</u> to the marginalized families & children in our area. Please call Susan Schlasta at 570-840-9544 if you would like to participate<u>. A Special collection will</u> <u>be taken this Sunday, December 18. We thank you in advance for your support!</u>

Perogi & Bread Sale will be held this Wednesday, December 21, from 12-4 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Perogi \$10.00 Dozen, Bread \$8.00 Raisin, \$7.00 plain, orders call Ruth at 570-876-1456.

<u>Church School will be held this Sunday, December 18,</u> 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.

<u>Coffee Hour Hostesses:</u> <u>December 18</u>. Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores, <u>December 25</u>: No Coffee Hour

<u>Adult Education Class will resume on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m</u>. We will examine the importance of the Feast Day of Theophany and how we can renew a new relationship with Jesus Christ in the New-Year 2023. <u>Please mark this date on your calendar</u> <u>and make every effort to attend!</u>

<u>Vision Statement:</u> "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." - <u>Adopted on October 17, 2022</u>.

<u>Christmas Poinsettias</u> <u>& Candles \$50.00</u> for the continued good health of George, Marilyn & Joshua Petorak. departed members of our family. <u>\$15.00 Poinsettia &\$15.00 Candles</u> in loving memory of Robert Telep & Parents; Nikita and Mary Hrichuk, offered by Millie Telep. <u>Christmas Poinsettia \$20.00 large \$15.00 regular -Christmas Candles \$10.00</u>

<u>\$100.00</u> – in loving memory of Stephen Malec, offered by Jean Malec, <u>**\$100.00**</u> - for the health of James Petro, offered by Karen Landi, <u>**\$50.00**</u> Christmas Wine offering, given by Millie Telep, <u>**\$100.00**</u> Christmas Flowers, in loving memory of Frank & Mary Bowan from children, John & Julia Pash, offered by John & Patsy Pash & family, and in loving memory of Joseph & Madlyn Chup & Steven Demora, offered by John & Patsy Pash. <u>**\$20.00**</u> Poinsettia, offered by Tom & Helen Grancey, <u>**\$20.00**</u> Poinsettia for the health of Joyce Landi from Karen Landi, <u>**\$25.00**</u> Poinsettia & <u>**\$10.00**</u> Candle in loving memory of Paul & Degee Serniak, offered by their children and grandchildren, <u>**\$20.00**</u> Poinsettia in loving memory of Andrew Petrilak, offered by his wife Margaret and family. <u>**\$50.00**</u> for Christmas Flowers & Candles in loving memory of Sam Mattise, offered by Joanne Mattise.

<u>St. Nicholas Raffle:</u> *First Prize* \$250.00 - Millie Telep <u>Second Prize</u> \$100.00 - Karen Landi <u>Third Prize</u> \$100.00 Gift Card - Margaret Petrilak -<u>Congratulations!</u>