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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 November 19th, 2017

Epistle: Eph.2:14-22 Prophet Obadiah & Martyr Barlaam

Schedule of Divine Services

<u>Sunday, November 19th</u>, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for the departed Franchak family members offered by Anthony, Steve & Rose Franchak.

<u>Tuesday, November 21st</u>, Divine Liturgy (Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple)

Saturday, November 25th, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Confession 3:30 p.m.

<u>Sunday, November 26th</u>, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (40th Day) for Paul Bazink, offered by Alex Bazink.

<u>A special thank you to Reader Bill and Maryanne Dubee</u> for chanting the Divine Liturgy this morning in the traditional Carpatho-Russian Plain Chant and to Dorothy Allen in singing the response to the Sunday morning Obednitsa for the 8:00 a.m. service. <u>May our Lord Bless Them For Many Years!</u>

<u>We pray for the speedy recovery:</u> of Oleg Beljaeff who is in the Regional Hospital in Scranton, Pa., in room 829 and George Kitchura who is in the Geisinger Hospital in Scranton. Please remember them in your prayers and send them a get-well card.

Making Bread: Monday, November 20th 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 21st (afternoon – bag & fill orders)

<u>Thanksgiving Bread, Holiday Rolls, and Perogi Sale</u> will be held at St. Michael's Center on Wednesday, November 22nd, from Noon – 4pm. Featuring: Loaves of Home-made Bread, plain & raisin, Frozen Perogi Holiday Rolls; Nut, Poppy, Apricot, Lekvar, Pineapple Coconut, Raspberry Cream. Phone orders to Ruth at 570=876-1456 or Fax 570-876-3454.

<u>Annual St. Michael's Day Dinner Celebration</u> was a huge success. We thank you for your support. A profit of \$500.00 was realized to St. Michael's Scholarship Fund. The Church School made a profit of over \$300.00 from the Bake Sale and Raffle.

<u>Church Committee Special Parish By-Laws Meeting</u> will be held on Monday(s) 20th, 27th, and Monday, December 4th, and we will have our By-Laws in conformity to the Orthodox Church in America. A Special Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10th to present the Template of our updated By-laws to the Parish for ratification.

<u>Church School</u> will be held on Sunday, November 26th, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. <u>Please plan to bring your children to Church School!</u>

<u>Please remember in your prayers</u>: Ann Butler a guest at the Elmeroft of Mid-Valley, Michael Klaptach & John Lasichak Sr. are guests at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. Mary Slenska, Allied Rehab, <u>and Irene</u> Kiehart's address: Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

<u>Thanksgiving Day out-reach to needy families in our area:</u> is being organized by Susan Schlasta, Patricia Cadwalader and the children of her school who collected boxes and cans of food, and financial assistance from our Parish will provide much needy meals. If you would like to participate please see Fr. John this morning!

<u>Hostesses:</u> Sunday, Nov. 19th, Matushka Kathy, Vicky Kravetsky, Theresa Krenitsky, Sunday, Nov. 26th, Mary Mathena, Jeanie Malec and Ann Narcoonis.

Thanksgiving Prayer: O God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth. The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name! On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world. We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.