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Gospel: Luke 18:18:18-27

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Epistle: Eph.5:9-19

Prophet Zephaniah

**Schedule of Divine Services**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Mary Jubinski offered by Joseph Jubinski.

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. (Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra & Lycia) and the blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil. Parastas for John Franchak, offered by family members.

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. – Feast of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra & Lycia

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Confession 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**CHRISTMAS SALE AT ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER:** Homemade by the bakers at St. Michael's All Holiday Rolls \$10.00: Nut, Poppy, Lekvar, Apricot, Pineapple Coconut, Raspberry Cream. Home Made Bread: \$5.00 plain or \$6.00 raisin, Perogies \$7.00 doz. (frozen only), Sopperssata \$12.00 lb. **Pick-up Wednesday, 12/21/17 from Noon -4pm. To order call: 570 876-1456 or (Fax) 570 876-3454**

**A Special Thank You to Reader Bill and Maryanne Dubee** 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. **May our Lord Bless Them For Many Years!**

**Christmas Flowers & Candles are being accepted.** \$20.00 Large Poinsettia plant \$15.00 small plant and \$10.00 for candles can be offered in loving memory of departed family members, or for the health of your family.

**Church Committee Special Parish By-Laws Meeting** will be held this 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 10<sup>th</sup> to present the Template of our up-dated By-laws to the Parish for ratification.**

**We pray for the speedy recovery:** of Oleg Beljaeff who came home this Thursday, and continues to receive rehabilitation treatment at home. Please remember Oleg in your prayers and send him a get-well card.

**A Special Collection will be held for (O.C.P.M)** Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> during the second offering. This is their annual Christmas Appeal. Please be generous in your offering. Fr. John Kowalczyk is Secretary of this National Prison Organization.

**Church School** will be held on Sunday, December 10th, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. **Please plan to bring your children to Church School!**

**Christmas out-reach to needy children in our area:** is being organized by Susan Schlasta. Our Church will provide special assistance and purchase Christmas presents. **A Special Collection will be taken on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the second collection** and we will read the gifts provided to our local children on Christmas morning December 25<sup>th</sup>, during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

**2018 Church Calendars are available.** A Special Thank you to the Battenburg Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars. Please take extra for you family & Friends.

**Please remember in your prayers;** Ann Butler a guest at the Elmeroft of Mid-Valley, Michael Klaptach who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. Mary Slenska, Allied Rehab, **& Irene Kiehart's address: Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.**

**Hostesses:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>; Melanie Wanas, Marilyn Petorak and Maryann Serafini, December 10<sup>th</sup>; Debbie Bernosky, Eileen Brzuchalski, Maryann Dubee, December 14<sup>th</sup>; Kay Fedirko, Helen Grancey, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, December 31<sup>st</sup>; Theresa Krenitsky, Susan Schlasta, Valerie Nidoh

**Thought for the day:** "If someone offends you, don't tell anyone about it except your elder, and you will be peaceful. Bow to everyone, paying no attention whether they respond to your bow or not. You must humble yourself before everyone and consider yourself the worst of all. If we have not committed the sins that others have, perhaps this is because we did not have the opportunity – the situation and circumstances were different. In each person there is something good and something bad; we usually see only the vices in people and we see nothing that is good." + **St. Ambrose of Optina,**