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Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

December 17th, 2017

Epistle: Col.3:4-11

Holy Forefathers

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, December 17th, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - Parastas for Ann Ferenchak offered by Andrew Petorak. Parastas for the departed members of the Petorak and Meholic families offered by George & Marilyn Petorak.

Saturday, December 23rd, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Confession 3:30 .m.

Sunday, December 24th, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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 Thursday, 12/21/17 from Noon -4pm. To order call: 570 876-1456 or (Fax) 570 876-3454**

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.

A Special Annual Meeting will be held this morning, to present the Template of our up-dated By-laws to the Parish for ratification. - Third & Final Reading

Advent Confession & Holy Communion visitation to our shut-ins will continue this week. Fr. John will call the evening prior to the visit.

Church Dues are being collected prior to the end of the year. 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.

\$50.00 Flowers & Candles donation offered by the Lasichak family, **\$50.00 Christmas donation** offered for the continued good health of George, Marilyn, & Joshua Petorak, **\$25.00 Christmas Flowers** for the health of John Hockin, Sr. & John Hockin, Jr., **\$15.00 Poinsettia & \$10.00 candles** in memory of the 9th Anniversary of the falling Asleep of Sam Mattise, offered by wife Joanne, **\$20.00 Poinsettia** for the health of the Grancey & Schlasta Families, **\$10.00 Candles** in memory of Helen & Nicholas Myshak, Olga & Andrew Grancey and Stephen Schlasta, **\$15.00 Poinsettia & \$10.00 Candles** in loving memory of Robert Telep and Parents – Mary & Nikita Hrichuk, from Millie Telep.

St. Michael's Scholarship Raffle is being held to benefit five church graduates for next year. Please see Protodeacon Gabriel during Coffee hour and show your support!

Church School will be held on Sunday, December 17th, 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 this Sunday, December 17th during the second collection** and we will read the gifts provided to our local children on Christmas morning December 25th, 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; Peter & Helen Senio who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. 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, and Irene Kiehart is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

Hostesses: Sunday, December 17th; Kay Fedirko, Helen Grancey, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, December 31st; Theresa Krenitsky, Susan Schlasta, Valerie Nidoh

Thought for the Day: "And the Word became flesh!...in order to make us earthly beings into heavenly ones, in order to make sinners into saints; in order to raise us up from corruption into incorruption, from earth to heaven; from enslavement to sin and the devil – into the glorious freedom of children of God; from death – into immortality, in order to make us sons of God and to seat us together with Him upon the Throne as His royal children. O, boundless compassion of God! O, inexpressible wisdom of God! O, great wonder, astounding not only the human mind, but the angelic [mind] as well!"

+ St. John of Kronstadt, Sermon on the Nativity of Jesus Christ