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Gospel: Matt.4:12-17

January 7th, 2018

Epistle: Eph.4:7-13

Sunday after Theophany

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, January 7th, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 13th, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14th, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Blessing of Home Schedule

Sunday, January 7th: 1:00 p.m. Mayfield, - 5:30 pm Carbondale & Simpson.

Monday, January 8th: - 1:00 pm Pleasant Mt. 2:00 p.m. Vandling, Richmondale, Uniondale, Forest City & Dundaff, 4:30 pm Dickson City, Peckville, Olyphant, Eynon, Archbald.

Tuesday, January 9th: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Waymart, Seelyville, Beach Lake, Honesdale, Moscow
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm Clifford, Greenfield, Chapman Lake & Clarks Summit.

Wednesday, January 10th: Make-Up Day (in afternoon). Wanas Family & Alexander's Restaurant. - Fr. John Kowalczyk 570-561-8696 (Cell Phone)

Church Offering Envelopes for 2018 are underneath the Church. Please pick-up your envelopes this morning. A Special Thank You to Gloria Shaw and Eva Demchak in organizing our envelopes.

Please remember in your prayers: Kay Homish who is a patient at the Geisinger Community Medical Center, and Oleg Beljaeff who is a patient at the Regional Hospital in Scranton, Please visit them or send a get-well card!

A Special Thank You to St. Michael's Center for the generous \$2,000.00 Christmas offering. May our Lord continue to bless all the hard-working bakers, perogies, holiday rolls and bread bakers.

St. Michael's New Church By-laws have been unanimously ratified by our Special Parish Meeting held last Sunday. His Eminence, Archbishop Mark blessed and accepted our new By-laws and we are now in conformity with the statutes of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Orthodox Church in America.

Church Dues are being collected. 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.

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 16th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is our first meeting of the New Year please make every effort to attend!

Church School will be held on Sunday, January and Sunday, January 14th, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. **Please plan to bring your children to Church School!**

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, January 7th, Melanie Wanas, Marilyn Petorak and Maryann Serafini, January 14th, Maryann Dubee, Kay Fedirko, Annabel Franchak.

The Great Blessing of Water and the Home: Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church - through the priest and cantor - go to the homes. There the service of blessing, which began in the church, is finished with the sprinkling of water in the home. Traditionally, in most Orthodox parishes, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany (January 6) By sanctifying our living quarters, our private place, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. The blessing of homes by these holy waters maintains the spiritual association between the 'family church' and the parish, as well as again providing for the sharing of God's spiritual gifts.....