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**Gospel: Luke 18:35-43**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17**

**Leave-taking of Theophany**

**Schedule of Divine Services**

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** Parastas for Anna, Joseph and Steven Kravetsky offered by Thomas Kravetsky and family.

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Confession 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, (Zacchaeus) January 21<sup>st</sup>**, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**The Annual Blessing of Homes for Theophany has been completed.** A special to Vladimir Kitchura for accompanying Fr. John for three out of the five days of house blessings. A Special thank you to all for the warm reception given to Fr. John during his visitation.

**We have a potential new choir director for our Church** and will be chanting Matins and directing our choir next Sunday, January 21st and directing for Great Vespers on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. **Please make every effort to be in Church next Sunday.**

**A Special Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held this Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There will be no meeting on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is our first meeting of the New Year please make every effort to attend!

**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!

**The Annual March for Life** will be held this Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will give the invocation prior to the March. Fr. John will be attending and participating in the March for Life and will be traveling with the St. Tikhon's Seminary Community.

**St. Michael's New Church By-laws** have been unanimously ratified by our Special Parish Meeting. 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.

**Church School** will be held on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, Melanie Wanas, Marilyn Petorak and Maryann Serafini, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Maryann Dube, Kay Fedirko, Annabel Franchak, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Helen Grancey, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, and Theresa Krenitsky,

**Thought for the day:** "We see the water of a river flowing uninterruptedly and passing away, and all that floats on its surface, rubbish or beams of trees, all pass by. Christian! So does our life. I was an infant, and that time has gone. I was an adolescent, and that too has passed. I was a young man, and that too is far behind me. The strong and mature man that I was is no more. My hair turns white, I succumb to age, but that too passes; I approach the end and will go the way of all flesh. I was born in order to die. I die that I may live. Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!" —*St. Tikhon of Voronezh*