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Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

January 21st, 2018

Epistle: 1 Tim. 4:9-15

Zacchaeus Sunday

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, (Zacchaeus) January 21st, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27th, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 28th, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

We have a potential new choir director for our Church and I want to welcome Michael and his wife Elizabeth to our Parish this morning. We thank Michael for chanting Matins and directing our choir.

Everyone is invited following the Divine Liturgy for a Buffett Lunch in honor of their visit this morning. Michael will give us a brief background of his musical abilities and you will have an opportunity to welcome them. Following the lunch and brief program, we will be having a Special Church Committee Meeting.

Heat & Air Collection will be held next Sunday, January 28th, during the second offering. Please use the special envelopes distributed this morning.

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!

Lenten Ethnic Food Sale will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, at St. Michael's Center from 12p.m.-4p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar of events and plan to support us. A date for Perogi making will be established for next week's bulletin. **We thank you in advance for your support!**

The Diocesan Assembly will be held this Thursday, January 25th and Friday, January 26th at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Wilmington DE. Fr. John & Matushka Kathy will represent our Church and Susan Schlasta will be attending as the elected Metropolitan representative from our Diocese.

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 28th, 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.

Sunday, January 21st, Buffett Lunch sponsored by St. Michael's Church, Hostesses; Helen Grancey, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, and Theresa Krenitsky, Sunday, January 28th; Mary Mathena, Jeanie Malec and Ann Narcoonis.

Thought for the day: "When Zaccheus heard that Jesus was coming, the tiny flame in the depth of his heart that cannot be extinguished leapt for joy. And wonder of wonders! The Lord noticed and called him down from the sycamore tree and invited himself for lunch. The Way, the Truth and the Life sat down at his table and the little tax collector's heart burst open. There was a way out of the mess he had made! It was the Way of Repentance. At his repentance Jesus rejoices saying, "Today salvation has come to this house." "Repentance does not take a moment, it takes a lifetime. Transformation needs not only a decision, but a change in thought that creates a lasting transformation of life. What Jesus revealed had been lying latent in Zaccheus from the very beginning. It is a gift God has given everyone. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This kingdom, Jesus says, is within and repentance is the key."