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**Gospel: Luke:15:11-32**

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

**Epistle: 1Cor.6:12-20**

**Schedule of Divine Services**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m., **followed by the blessing of Candles**  
Parastas for Helen (Gurka) Susko & Mary (Gurka) Wallace offered by John Susko.

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Confession 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**Oleg Beljaeff fell asleep** in the Lord on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Hospital in Scranton, Pa. May our Lord Jesus Christ, grant him eternal rest and may his memory be eternal!

**A Warm Welcome to Alexander Ignatov**, Samantha Cerra, Adrain Ignatov, who will be joining our Church family. May our Lord Bless them for many years!

**Perogi Construction will take place on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** at St. Michael's Center. **Please come and show your support!**

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

**Blini Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please see Mary Mathena and Matushka Kathy this morning if you will be making blini.

**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 Allied Rehab Center and Marie Derkash who is a patient at the CMC Geisinger Community Medical Center Hospital in Scranton. Please visit them or send a get-well card!

**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, February 4<sup>th</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!**

**A Special Donation of \$100.00** was given to our Church from Joseph Piwowarski. May our Lord continue to bless him and restore him to full health.

**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,** Hostesses; Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Melanie Wanas, Marilyn Petorak and Maryann Serafini., February 11<sup>th</sup>, Theresa Krenitsky, Mary Mathena and Jean Malec.

**Thought for the day:** The **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** is the second Sunday of pre-Lent, the weeks of preparation preceding Great Lent. This pre-Lent is the start of the Easter cycle of worship in the Orthodox Church. On this Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent, Orthodox Christians are read Christ's parable about God's loving forgiveness (Luke 15:11-24). They are to see themselves as being in a foreign country far from the Father's house and to make the movement of return to God, where we truly belong. The parable gives assurance that the Father will receive them with joy and gladness in their journey through Great Lent, their journey home.

**Kontakion (Tone 3)** I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; And among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; Receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants."