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Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Epistle: Eph.2:14-22

**November 11, 2018
Martyrs Menas, Victor. Vincent &
Stephanida**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, November 11, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 17, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 18, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Bread Sale will be held at St. Michael's Center on Wednesday, November 21st at 12:00 (Noon) The Bread will be made on Tuesday, November 20 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please come out and give us a hand! **Please call Ruth Lasichak at 876-1456 for the orders.**

Parish Festival Wrap-up Meeting will be held this Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Everyone who worked to make our 9th Christmas in September a success is invited to attend the meeting. **We will have a complete breakdown of income and expenses. Refreshments will be served.**

The Nativity Fast will begin this Thursday, November 15, and will end with the celebration of the Nativity of Christ our Lord on December 25. Please make every effort to keep this fast!

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Diocesan Pre-Nativity Fast Clergy Retreat will be held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston Pa on Tuesday, November 12, and Wednesday November 13, with His Grace Bishop Anthony of Toledo. The presentation is entitled *The American Religious Experience: Sacred Worship in a Secular World*. All Diocesan Clergy will be in attendance.

Church School will be held next Sunday, November 18, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. Please make every effort to bring your children to Church School.

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.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter & Helen Senio who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash & Ann Butler** are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 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: November 11, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen Kay Fedirko, **November 18,** Eileen Bruzchlaksi, Maryann Dubee, Jeanne Malec, **November 25,** Vicky Kravetsky, Sue Schlasta, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk

The Nativity Fast: By fasting, we “shift our focus” from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we can gain control over things which we sometimes allow to control us—and for many people, food is a controlling factor. We live in the only society in which an entire TV network is devoted to food!] While fasting from food, however, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.