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Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

**December 2, 2018
Prophet Habbakuk**

Epistle: Eph.6:10-17

Schedule of Services

Sunday, December 2, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Mary Jubinski, offered by the Jubinski family.

Wednesday, December 5, Great Vespers 4:30 p.m. (Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia) Blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil.

Thursday, December 6, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. (Feast of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia)

Saturday, December 8, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine liturgy 9:30 a.m.

A Special Collection to assist needy families will take place next Sunday, December 9, during the second offering. According to Susan Schlasta there are three homeless families, a family with a dad with cancer, a mom who is requesting a pair of shoes, and one family with several children in need that would benefit from our generous support. Please see Susan this morning for more information.

The Parish Financial Books will continue to be audited this Monday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. Parish financial books are audited twice a year in preparation for our annual meeting.

St. Michael's Christmas Ethnic Food Sale Planning Meeting will be held this Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00p.m. Underneath the Church. Please plan to attend!

Christmas Poinsettias \$20.00 Large Plant & \$15.00 Small Plant and \$10.00 for Christmas Candles are being accepted. You may make your offering in loving memory of your departed loved ones or for the continued health of your family.

\$25.00 Christmas Candles in memory of Alex and Elizabeth Hockin. **\$25.00 for Christmas flowers** for the health of John Hockin and John Hockin Jr.

Church School will be held this Sunday, December 2, 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.

Advent Visitation to our Shut-ins has begun. Fr. John will call the evening before to schedule his visit and will bring Holy Communion and anoint with the Holy Myrrh streaming from the Hawaiian Icon of the Mother of God.

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: December 2, Ruth Lasichak and Joan Lasichak, **December 9,** Millie Telep Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **December 16,** Jeanne Malec, Mayann Dubee,

Thought for the Day: St. Nicholas, was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day.