

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church  
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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

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Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

December 9, 2018  
Icon "Unexpected Joy"

Epistle: Col.1:12-18

**Schedule of Services**

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

**Saturday, December 15**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 16**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**A Special Collection to assist needy families** will take place this morning during the second offering. According to Susan Schlasta we are helping 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 or to make a personal donation please call 570-840-9544.**

**Pirogi Construction Project will be held on Monday, December 10 beginning at 8:00 a.m.** at St. Michael's Center. Please show us your support, we need workers. Please see Protodeacon Gabriel for more information.

**Christmas Bread making** will be held on Wednesday, December 19 and Thursday, December 20 at St. Michael's Center. **Please mark this date on your calendar and give us a hand!**

**St. Michael's Christmas Ethnic Food Sale** will be held on Friday, December 21 from Noon – 4:00 p.m. Holiday Rolls; Nut, Poppy, Lekvar, Apricot, Pineapple Coconut, Raspberry Cream - \$10.00  
Homemade Bread; \$6.00, Raisin \$6.50, Perogies (Frozen Only) \$7.00 doz., Kielbasa \$7.00 ring,  
Horseradish \$4.00 (Red & White) Soppressata-\$13.00 lb. **to order please call Ruth at 876-1456.**

**\$50.00** for Christmas Flowers & Candles from the Lasichak family, **\$50.00** Christmas donation for the continued health of George, Marilyn and Joshua Petorak, **\$15.00** Christmas Flower & **\$10.00** Candles from Millie Telep in loving memory of Robert Telep and Parents Mary & Nikita Hrichuk

**Church School will be held this Sunday, December 9,** 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. **Theme Basket to benefit our Church School will be in the Church Basement until Christmas, please purchase a ticket and show your support!**

**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.

**The Parish Financial Books** will continue to be audited this Monday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. Parish financial books are audited twice a year in preparation for our annual meeting.

**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 9,** Millie Telep Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **December 16,** Jeanne Malec, Mayann Dubee, Sue Schlasta, **December 23,** Helen Grancey, Marilyn Petorak.

**Thought for the Day:** “The pre-eternal God becomes a newborn babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger, in the dark cave in Bethlehem in the midst of dumb beasts. The cave in Bethlehem becomes heaven and is filled with the uncreated light of Divinity. Christ is born that our dark souls may be filled with light; for do we not invite the Divine Son of God to come and dwell in us when we pray in the Pre-Communion prayers: “And even as Thou didst deign to lie in a cave and in a manger of irrational beasts, so also deign to lie in the manger of my irrational soul and to enter my defiled body.” If He was born in the first Bethlehem, it was only that He might come and be born in the second Bethlehem – your soul and mine”