

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church  
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Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

**December 16, 2018  
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**

Epistle: Col. 3:4-11

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, December 16**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Ann Ferenchak offered by Judy Osnick.

**Saturday, December 22, Baptism/Chrismation - Liam Schlasta 10:30 a.m.** Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 23**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**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.**

**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.

**A Special Christmas Collection to assist needy families** 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.**

**\$500.00** donation for Christmas offered by James Zeleniak. **\$20.00** for Christmas Flowers for the health of the Grancey family. **\$20.00** large poinsettia in memory of Andrew Hanchak, offered lovingly by his wife Dorothy, **\$20.00** for Christmas flowers for the continued good health of Steve and Rose Franchak, **\$75.00** wine donation for the health of Anthony Franchak, **\$20.00** for Christmas flowers for the health of Anthony Franchak

**Church School will be held this Sunday, December 16** 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!**

**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 16**, Jeanne Malec, Mayann Dubee, Sue Schlasta, **December 23**, Helen Grancey, Marilyn Petorak.

**Thought for the Day: The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers** is the second Sunday before the Nativity. The ancestors of Christ according to the flesh are remembered on this Sunday of the Nativity Fast. All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, the Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy Prophet Zechariah (Zachary), Joachim and Anna, Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos. They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).