

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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Gospel: Matt 2:13-23

Epistle: Gal.1:11-19

**December 30, 2018
Sunday after the Nativity**

Schedule of Services

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

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve – Vespers 4:00 p.m. & prayers for the New Year!

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. & prayers for the New Year!

Saturday, January 5, Eve of the Feast of Theophany - Great Complines 4:00 p.m. & Blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil - **Strict Fast Day!**

Sunday, January 6, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – **Great Feast of Theophany** - followed by the Great Blessing of Water

A Special Thank You to everyone for your Christmas offerings to the Church and for your attendance at the Christmas Liturgy this past week.

Special Heat & Air Collection will be taken during the second offering this morning. We thank you in advance your support

The Church Envelops for 2019 are underneath the Church. They are listed in alphabetical order. Please pick up yours and family members. Special thank you to Gloria Shaw and Eva Demchak.

\$50.00 Wine donation offered by Matushka Elizabeth Geeza. **\$20.00** for Poinsettia in loving memory of parents; Frank & Mary Bowan and Gabriel & Barbara Petorak, offered by Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak and Matushka Dolores.

Church School will be held this Sunday, December 23 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.

The Weekly Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2 at 5:00 p.m.

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 30, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, Vicky Kravetsky, Sue Schlasta. **January 6**, Maryanne Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky, Jean Malec, **January 13**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko.

The first day of the New Year is a traditional time we evaluate our past and set new goals for the coming year. Often we couch these as "resolutions." We commit to losing weight, exercising more, improving our business and so forth. We might even commit ourselves to reading the Scriptures every day or making a commitment to daily prayer or regular Church attendance. It is proven fact, such resolutions last only a few weeks. -Why is this? Simply because we don't set out to make a habit out of what we commit to, making them part of our normal life routine. We are so influenced by our culture that we expect instant results. We are impatient, too used to comfort, and quickly tire of things that require discipline and hard work. Being an Orthodox Christian is about a way of life. We must seek to live in a way that we become the "aroma of Christ" to our surroundings (2 Cor. 2:15). This means that we must develop a presence that influences others by our way of living and acting.