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Gospel: Matt 3:13-17

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

**January 6, 2019
Feast of the Theophany of Christ**

Schedule of Services

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

Saturday, January 12, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Blessing of Home Schedule

Sunday, January 6th: 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm East-side Jermyn, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm West side Jermyn.

Monday, January 7th: 4:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Mayfield, Carbondale & Simpson.

Tuesday, January 8th: - 4:00 pm Dickson City, Peckville, Olyphant, Eynon, Archbald.

Wednesday, January 9th: 4:00 p.m. Clifford, Greenfield, Chapman Lake & Clarks Summit.

Thursday, January 10th: 4:00 p.m. Pleasant Mt Vandling, Richmondale, Uniondale, Forest City & Dundaff,

Friday, January 11th, 4:00 p.m. Seelyville, Beach Lake, Wanas Family & Alexander's Restaurant
after 6:00 p.m. - Fr. John Kowalczyk 570-561-8696 (Cell Phone)

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.

\$10.00 for candles from Paul Kostiak for his health. **\$10.00** for candles from Delores Brophy for the health of Delores, Stephen, Ellen, William and Megan. **\$10.00** for candles in memory of Stephen & Mary Kostiak and Helen Wahal, offered by Delores Brophy and Paul Kostiak.

Please remember in your prayers Michael Klapatch who is in the Geisinger Medical Center in Scranton, Pa. Rm. #642

Church School will be held this Sunday, January 6, 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.

Orthodox Christians for Life will participate in the March for Life 2019 in Washington, D.C. to mark the dark anniversary of Roe v. Wade, hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers from across the country will descend on Washington, DC to march for our unborn brothers and sisters. The March for Life Rally will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Friday January 18 followed by the March at 1:00 p.m.

The 55th Diocesan Assembly will be held on Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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 **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: January 6, Maryanne Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky, Jean Malec, **January 13,** Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **January 20,** MaryAnn Dubee, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy, **January 27,** Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak Millie Telep, **February 3,** Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vickey Kravitsky.

The Blessings of Homes: since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church - through the priest and cantor - go to the homes. There the service of blessing, which began in the church, is finished with the sprinkling of water in the home. By sanctifying our living quarters, our private place, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. We also bring the blessed water to our homes to use throughout the year and to drink whether we are ill or as part of our daily prayer life. "There are many occasions in family life when a sip of holy water can help to remind us of the blessing that was given 'to bestow sanctification', 'unto healing of soul and body. When the priest comes to bless our homes, he asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. **What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!**