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**Gospel: Matt.15:21-28**

**February 3, 2019  
Righteous Simeon & Prophetess Anna**

**Epistle: 1Tim.1:15-17**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **Parastas** for Helen Gurka Susko and Mary Wallace offered by John Susko. **Parastas** for Keith Mills & Oleg Beljaeff offered by Kay Fedirko.

**Saturday, February 9**, Baptism & Chrismation of Sawyer (Cleary) Motsay 10:00 a.m.  
Great Vespers 4:00p.m.

**Sunday, February 10**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - **Zacchaeus Sunday**

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**Special Thank You for the support shown for our Soup Sale** held his past Wednesday. A profit of over \$500.00 was realized.

**St. Michael's Center Hoagie Sale will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, and the deadline for orders will be Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> **Menu: Italian (Italian no onions) Turkey (no onions) \$5.00 per hoagie. Please call Ruth Lasichak at 570-876-1456 and place your order.** Please mark this date on your calendar of events. Thank You in advance for your support!

**Church School will be held this Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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.

**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.

**Lenten Ethnic Food Sale** will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Center from 12:00 (noon) -3:00 p.m. Perogi work schedule will be published shortly. Please show your support by coming to help. More information call Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak at 570-876-0411.

**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: February 3**, Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vickey Kravitsky, **February 10**, Mary Ann Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky, Jean Malec, **February 17**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen Kay Fedirko, February 24, Maryann Dubee, Matushka Dolores and Matushka Kathy.

**The feast of The Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple** (also called The Presentation of Christ in the Temple) is celebrated 40 days after the Nativity on February 2nd. The date is significant, because it corresponds with the Jewish law's requirement to bring every firstborn male to the Temple 40 days after birth and dedicate the child to God. **The parents offered a sacrifice as a redemption of the child—a lamb if the parents were wealthy or turtle doves if they were poor.**

Being faithful Jews, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple 40 days after his birth. **There they meet two elderly people who were eagerly awaiting their Messiah.** The righteous Simeon was a noted scholar who had spent much time studying the prophecies foretelling the Messiah. During his prayer and study, he was told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Redeemer of Israel.

**Inspired by the Spirit, Simeon recognized the baby brought by Mary and Joseph to be redeemed under the Law to be the Redeemer himself.** He took the child into his arms and blessed the Lord, saying his famous canticle that is sung in every Vespers service in the Orthodox Church today:

*"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. For mine eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:29).*