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Gospel: Luke 4:16-22

September 1, 2019
Church Liturgical New Year

Epistle: 1 Tim.2:1-17

Schedule of Services

Sunday, September 1st, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - **Church New Year**

Saturday, September 7th, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. - **Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos & Blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil.**

Sunday, September 8th, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - **Nativity of the Theotokos**

The Weekly Meeting of the Church Committee will be held this Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m. because of the Labor Day Holiday on Monday.

The Next Christmas in September Parish Festival Weekly Meeting will be held this Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Please make every effort to attend!

Theme Baskets for our Parish Festival are being accepted underneath the Church. Please take time out and begin planning your theme basket and bring it to Church. **Please see Matushka Kathy this morning!**

Christmas Cookies for our Parish Festival will be made at St. Michael's Center on Friday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m. Josh and Rita will be heading the project. Please come out and help! Please start making your Christmas cookies, as many as you can at home and have them ready for wrapping during the festival week. If you baked last year, please consider helping again and we are always looking for new bakers.

Christmas in September Raffle Tickets have been sent out to all our parishioners as a means of establishing seed money to get the festival up and running. Please return the tickets ASAP. **We thank you in advance for your support!**

Christmas in September Festival: Donation List 2019: Venue Tents \$600.00, Stage/Tent for Bands, Advertisement \$500.00 see Fr. John, Music Entertainment for Saturday \$600.00, ~~Potato Pancake Mix \$45.00 per bucket (8 buckets), 6 cases of French Fries \$250.00,~~ Propane for fryers \$150.00, Oil for fryers \$150.00, ~~Hamburg for Wimpies/Hamburgers \$125.00,~~ Hot Dogs/Sauerkraut \$75.00, Kielbasa for sandwiches \$100.00.

Monetary Donations: Kitchen Supplies (Aluminium Foil, Bags, Plastic Wrap, Containers) \$150.00 Ketchup/Mustard \$50.00, Paper products (Napkins, Paper Towels) \$100.00, Coffee/Creamers/Sugars/ \$100.00, All Bread Products (All Rolls, Rye Bread) \$150.00, Garbage Products (Bags) \$50.00, Plastic Utensils \$50.00. **Please see Vladimir Kitchura or Fr. John and make your intention known. God bless you for your donation in advance!**

Please remember in your prayers: **Dave Butler** who is a guest at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 10 Hart Pl, Carbondale, Pa. 18407. **Annabel Franchak** who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. **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: **September 1,** Maryann Dubee, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy, **September 8,** Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak, Charette Radionoff, **September 15,** Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vicky Kravetsky, **September 22,** Jean Malec, Maryann Serafini Theresa Krenitsky. **September 29** – Breakfast at St. Michael's Center & Festival

Thought for the Day: The Orthodox Church has its own liturgical calendar and its own New Year too! The Orthodox New Year is September 1st. This is the day that the Church year begins its cycle again (not in every aspect though). This has been the custom of the Church from its existence. Constantinople celebrated the New Year all the way up to its fall in 1453. The first major feast of the Orthodox Calendar is September 8th, the Birth of the Theotokos, and the last major feast is August 15th, the Dormition of the Theotokos. Our whole year is begun and ended with the life of the Theotokos, the woman who contained Christ. And we, as the Body of Christ, all call her our mother.