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Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Epistle: Gal.6:11-18

**November 17, 2019
St. Gregory the Wonderworker**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, November 17, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Parastas for the departed members of the Franchak family, offered by Steve & Rose Franchak.

Wednesday, November 20, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. (Eve of the Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.) & Blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil.

Thursday, November 21, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. (Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.)

Saturday, November 23, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 24, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Perogi Construction Project will take place this Monday, November 18, at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michel's Center. Please come out and help us. Please see Protodeacon Gabriel for more information!

Home-made bread for Thanksgiving Day will be made by our bakers at St. Michael's Center. **Please call Ruth at 876-1456** for your order - \$5.00 & \$6.00 for raisin

A Special Donation of \$100.00 was given in loving memory of Helen (Kantor) Senio, by Harold Schoppman family members. **May her memory be eternal!**

Special Heat & Air Collection will be taken on Sunday, November 24, during the second offering. Please use the special envelopes distributed this morning. We thank you in advance for your support

Church Committee & St. Michael's Center Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church.

Church School will be held this Sunday, November 17th, following the Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children to Church School. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers.

Church Calendars for 2020 have arrived. A special thank you to the Battenberg Funeral Home for their annual donation.

A Solid Oak Hand Carved Processional Cross blessing has been rescheduled at a later date, following a Sunday Divine Liturgy in loving memory of Eleanor (Deak) Phillips), offered lovingly by Sister Sarah Jubinski.

Carpatho-Rusyn Society – Eastern PA Chapter presents: “Winter in the Carpathian Mountains” will be held this Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. It will cover the period between the Feast of Nativity and the Feast of Resurrection through photos and discussion. **A complimentary breakfast buffet will be served at 9:30 a.m.** The speaker will be Bonnie Burke, and will cover these questions: How did our ancestors survive the very long, very cold winter months in the Carpathian Mountains? How did they stay warm? What did they wear? What did they eat and how were the foods prepared? What were the social activities and how did they stay busy? **Please see Dorothy Allen if you plan on attending, there is no charge.**

This past Friday, November 15, was the beginning of the Nativity Fast, As Orthodox Christians we begin this journey to the **Feast of the Nativity** which is celebrated as 'Christmas' on December 25. This is a joyous Fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. This fast is observed as a kind of winter Lenten season in preparation for the coming of Christ at His birth.

Please remember in your prayers: **Annabel Franchak** who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. **Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 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.

Sunday Hostesses: November 17, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **November 24,** Maryann Dube, Matushka Kathy, Matushka Dolores. **December 1,** Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak Charette Radionoff.

Thought for the Day: The Feast Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple is celebrated this week. Mary is lead as a child to the "Holy of Holies," to the place where no one except the priests are allowed to go, the mystical inner sanctum of the temple. She is the future mother of Jesus Christ, the one through whom, as Christians believe, God himself came into the world to join the human race, to share its life and reveal its divine content.