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Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Epistle: Eph.2:4-10

**November 24, 2019
Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria**

Schedule of Services

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

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

Sunday, December 1, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Church Committee & St. Michael's Center Meeting will be held this Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church.

Church School will be held this Sunday, November 24, 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.

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.

Annual Christmas Out-Reach to underprivileged children in our area will be held with a special collection to be held on Sunday, December 15, during the second offering. This is being coordinated again by Susan Schlasta. Any direct donations can be given to Susan by calling her at 570-840-9544.

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 24, Maryann Dubee, Matushka Kathy, Matushka Dolores. **December 1,** Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak Charette Radionoff. **December 8,** Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vicky Kravetksy. **December 15,** Jean Malec, Maryann Serafini Theresa Krenitksy.

Thought for the Day on "Thanksgiving" "Orthodoxy, therefore, has the great opportunity to be able to dissect the word "Thanksgiving," to show this fullness. In fact, we are constantly showing what it really means at every Liturgy, for it is here that thanksgiving is not only a memory, not only a day; it is a "state" or a "position" that we are in. What is that "state" which is holy? It is a standing together – no, it begins earlier – it begins with the procession of each of us from the bed of our homes to the place where we will stand, to be together, even as those pilgrims were, to give thanks. The height of this thanksgiving is when we offer up the gifts of bread and wine – "Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto thee, in behalf of all and for all" – while we are offered life in return from God". J.A.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." **Psalm 136:1**

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations." - **Psalm 100**

