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**Gospel: Luke 18:18-27**

**Epistle: Eph.2:14-22**

**December 1, 2019  
Holy Prophet Nahum**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, December 1,** Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. -.Annual Parastas for Mary Jubinski offered by Joseph Jubinski.

**Thursday, December 5,** Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. – Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia.

**Friday, December 6, Divine Liturgy** 9:00 a.m. – **Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**

**Saturday, December 7,** Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 8,** Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - 40<sup>th</sup> Day Parastas for Irene Kiehart, offered by family.

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**Church Prospora Bread** will be made this Tuesday morning December 2, at St. Michael's Center. We are grateful to Eva Demchak and her crew for the stewardship of time and talent.

**Christmas Cookie Sale – every cookie is homemade** – sponsored by St. Basil the Great Church, 9 Lord Ave, Simpson, 9. Place order by calling 570-582-3481. Pick up order: Friday, December 6, 3p.m. – 6p.m. or Saturday, December 7, 9:a.m. – 12- noon.

**St. Michael’s Christmas Sale: Homemade by the bakers at St. Michael’s Center.** All Holiday Rolls: \$10.00: Nut, Poppy, Lekvar, Apricot, Pineapple, Coconut, & Raspberry Cream. Homemade Bread: Plain \$6.00 or Raisin \$7.00. Perogies (Frozen only) \$7.00 Doz. Soppressate, \$14.00 per stick. Order Call: 876-1456 or Fax 876-3454. Pick up Friday, December 20, Noon- 4p.m. Cutoff date Sunday, December 15.

**Christmas Poinsettia Large \$20.00 Small \$15.00 & Candles \$10.00.** You may offer for the continued good health of family or for the eternal memory of your loved ones. **We thank you in advance for your support.**

**\$25.00 Christmas Candles** in memory of Elizabeth & Alex Hockin offered by their families. **\$25.00 for Christmas Flowers** for the continued good health of John & John Hockin Jr.

**Christmas Light Parade** – Saturday, December 7: 6 p.m. **Christmas Concert & Santa Visit** next Sunday, December 8: 3p.m. Light refreshments after both events in the Jermyn Community Center, Jefferson Ave.

**Church School will be held this morning** 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.

**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: 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 Holidays to come:** “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have to enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger to a friend.” – M.P.

