

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church  
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Gospel: Matt.1:1-25

Epistle: Heb.11:9-10,17-23,32-40

**December 22, 2019  
Sunday before Nativity**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**, Christmas Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & singing of Carols

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**A Warm Welcome to Very Rev. David Hester**, who will celebrate the Divine Liturgy this morning and during the time of the recovery of Fr. John from his surgery. **Please remember Fr. John in your prayers.**

**Perogi Construction held Project** held this past Monday, was very successful. We thank everyone who came out to help.

**Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Liturgy** will be held this Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The rehearsal is being call by summer intern; Peter Simko. **Please make every effort to attend!**

**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. **The Pick-up date is this Friday, December 20, Noon- 4p.m.**

**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.**

**\$100.00** Christmas donation for the continued good health of George, Marilyn and Joshua Petorak, **\$50.00** in memory of Frank & Mary Bowan by children and in memory of John & Julia Pash, by John & Patsy Pash. **\$50.00** Christmas Flowers & Candles for the continued health of the Lasichak family. **\$15.00** Poinsettia & **\$10.00** Candle in memory of Robert Telep & Parents; Nikita & Mary Hrichuk from Millie Telep. **\$20.00** Large Poinsettia in memory of Andrew Hanchak, from Dorothy Hanchak. **\$20.00** Large Poinsettia, in memory of Michael Kitchura. **\$20.00** Christmas Poinsettia in memory of Helen Senio & son Allan. \$20.00 Christmas Poinsettia in memory of Daniel & Mary Kitchura & daughter Barbara.

**Church Offering Envelopes for 2020** are underneath the Church in Alphabetical Order. A Special Thank You to Gloria Shaw and Eva Demchak for all the hard-work in organizing this project. **May our Lord Bless Them for Many Years!**

**Church School will be held next Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>,** 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.

**Annual Christmas Out-Reach** to underprivileged children collection **came to a total of \$1,227.00 and also new clothes donated and organized by Patricia Cadwalader.** This is being coordinated again by Susan Schlasta. **Any direct donations can still be given to Susan by calling her at 570-840-9544.**

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**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 22,** Mille Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **December 29,** Maryaan Dube, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy.

**Thought for the day:** “The initiation of love of God the Father is perfectly expressed and embodied in the Person and Ministry of Jesus Christ. The whole purpose of the Incarnation of the Son of God was to restore humanity to fellowship with God. The great teachers and Fathers of the Orthodox Church constantly reaffirmed this conviction by proclaiming that God had become what we are in order that we could become what He is.”

