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**Gospel: Matt.2:13-23**

**Epistle: Gal.1:11-19**

**December 29, 2019  
Sunday after Nativity**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** Parastas (Annual) for Michael Klapatch offered lovingly by his sons.

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - **Strict Fast Day**- Eve of the Feast of Theophany

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Theophany – followed by the Great Blessing of Water!

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**The 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.**

**\$1,000.00 Christmas Donation** from St. Michael's Center. We thank all of you for the successful support of our Homemade Christmas Sale and from all the hard work of our bakers at St. Michael's Center.

**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!**

**Heat & Air Special Collection** will be held this morning during the second offering. We thank you in advance for your support.

**St. Michael's Church Dues.** If you are in the arrears in paying your church dues, please try to complete this financial obligation before the end of the year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506 to find out your balance.

**\$1,000.00 Christmas donation given to the Church by Thomas Keklak** from Johnstown, Pa. This is being offered in loving memory of his father, Alex and mother, Margaret. May their memory be eternal!

**\$20.00** Poinsettia for the continued good health of Kay Fedirko, children & grandchildren, **\$10.00** Christmas Candle offering in memory of John Chihon, Dorothy & Joseph Keklak, Keith Mills and Nicholas Fedirko.

**A Special Thank You to Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak** and his crew in doing an outstanding job in decorating the Church for Christmas. We also thank all those who offered flowers and candles for our Christmas services.

**Church School will be held this 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.

**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 29,** Maryann Dubee, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy, **January 5,** Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak, Charette Rodionoff, **January 12,** Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vicky Kravetsky, **January 19,** Jean Malec, MaryAnn Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky, **January 26,** Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko

### **I Am the New Year**

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**"

