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Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Epistle: 1 Tim.1:15-17

**January 19, 2020
Venerable Marcarius the Great**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 19th, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 25th, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 26th, Obednetsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

A very Special Thank you to Very Rev. David Hester, who celebrated the Sunday Divine Liturgy and the Feasts of Christmas and Theophany during the time of the recovery of Fr. John from his surgery. Please continue remember Fr. John in your prayers.

Special Heat & Air Envelopes will be distributed this morning and a special offering will be taken next Sunday during the second collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

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.**

The Diocesan Assembly will be held this year at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, on Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th. Fr. John and Matushka Kathy will be attending and representing our parish.

The Annual March for Life will held this year on Friday, January 24th in Washington D.C. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Fr John.

Church Committee & St. Michael's Center will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 28th underneath the Church and plan activities and food sales for February and March. More information will be forthcoming as it develops. We thank you in advance for your support.

Church School will be held this Sunday, January 19th, 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: **January 19**, Jean Malec, MaryAnn Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky, **January 26**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **February 2**, MaryAnn Dubea, Matushka Kathy, Matushka Dolores, **February 9**, Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak Charette Rodionoff.

Thought for the Day: "Active spiritual life is much more than "minimalism." It is, in fact, nothing less than a sincere attempt to fulfill the Lord's command, Be ye perfect, even as your Father Who is in Heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48), so that at death we might be presented to God, holy, without blame or reproachable in His sight (Col. 1:22). The Church, in all of her grace-filled manifestations (the Sacraments, the Divine services, and even parish life itself), is the proper school for spiritual life, for the Church possesses abundant wisdom and experience, and this is the primary purpose — to lead us to sainthood by showing us how to unite our will to God.

Since the essence of spiritual life consists "in healing our impaired will, uniting it with the will of God and sanctifying it by this union," and since "in order to do the will of God it is necessary to know it," spiritual direction is a careful process by which we first learn and then apply the principles of spiritual life, thus coming to know God's will for us with assurance with more frequent attendance at Divine services — all of which are calculated to slightly challenge and tax the body and its natural energies, putting it under additional discipline and control."

