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**Gospel: Matt.15:21-28**

**Epistle: 1 Tim.1:15-17**

**January 26, 2020  
New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, Obednetsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. (Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple) blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil.

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Obednetsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (Meeting of Christ in the Temple) followed by the blessing of candles.

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

**Church Committee & St. Michael's Center** will hold a joint meeting this Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church and plan activities and food sales for February and March. More information and schedule of sales will be forthcoming as it develops.

**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 Pre-Lenten Sunday Gospels** will already begin next Sunday, with the Zacchaeus Sunday and the theme of “desire” and having the same desire to develop a stronger relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Church School will be held this Sunday, January 26<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:** **January 26**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **February 2**, MaryAnn Dube, Matushka Kathy, Matushka Dolores, **February 9**, Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak Charette Rodionoff.

**“The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple”** commemorated next Sunday, February 2, followed by the blessing of Candles.

**Troparion — Tone 1** “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.”

**Kontakion — Tone 1** “By Your nativity, You did sanctify the Virgin’s womb, And did bless Simeon’s hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man”

**Thought for the Day:** “Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek, and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility.” – **Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica**

