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Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

**February 9, 2020
Publican & Pharisee**

Epistle: 2Tim.3:10-15

Fast Free Week

Schedule of Services

Sunday, February 9th, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (Annual) for the departed Elizabeth Hockin offered lovingly by her son John Hockin.

Saturday, February 15th, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 16th, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (Annual for Helen Gurka and Mary Gurka Wallace, offered lovingly by John Susko.

Perogi Construction Project will be held this Monday morning February 10th at St. Michael's Center in preparation of our first ethnic sale to be held on Wednesday, February 26th. **Please come out and give us a hand.**

Women's Diocesan Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at St. Tikhon's Monastery Trapeza. Offering \$10.00, includes, breakfast, lunch and registration. Talk: "Preparing our Hearts for Great Lent": Mother Gabriella (Ursache) Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery. Please sign up this morning with Dorothy Allen.

Mandatory Diocesan Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat will be held on February 26 and 27 at the Franciscan Spiritual center, in Aston, Pa. The Retreat Leader this year is Bishop John Abdallah, of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. Theme: “Taking a Fresh Look at Great Lent”

Looking ahead – Please mark your calendar. Perogi Construction Project will be held on Monday, February 17, at St. Michael’s Center in preparation of our ethnic food sale to be held on **Friday, March 20th** Take out **Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage Dinner)** to be held at St. Michael’s Center. On Sunday, April 26th, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cutoff date will be Sunday, April 12th.

Planning Ahead – A joint St. Michael’s Church Committee Meeting will be held with St. Michael’s Center at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend!

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.**

Church School will be held this Sunday, February 9th, 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. **Anthony Franchak** is a guest at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehab Center, 10 Hart Pl. Carbondale, Pa. 18407

Sunday Hostesses: February 9, Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak Charette Rodionoff, **February 16,** Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancy Vicky Kravetsky, **February 23,** Jean Malec, MaryAnn Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky.

The Publican and the Pharisee: “The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a Pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk 18.9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the Pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching, and to beg for mercy”

