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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome

**Gospel: Luke 15:11-32**

**February 16, 2020  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Epistle: 1Cor.6:12-20**

**Schedule of Services**

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

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (Annual) for Dorothy Yurchak, offered lovingly by Dorothy and Daniel Franchak.

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**We extend our love and Sympathy** to Steve Franchak and the entire Franchak family on the recent falling asleep of Anthony Franchak. **May his memory be eternal!**

**Perogi Construction Project** will be held this Monday morning February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Center in preparation of our first ethnic sale to be held on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. **Please come out and give us a hand.**

**Women's Diocesan Retreat** will be held this 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”

**First Ethnic Food Sale will be held on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** at St. Michael’s Center from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Factory orders are welcomed. Menu: Manhattan clam chowder, Perogi, (Butter & deep fried) halushki. Please show us your support!

**Blini preparation will be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** underneath the Church. Please sign up this morning with Kay Fedirko during coffee hour.

**Blini Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy underneath the Church. **Please plan to attend!**

**Looking ahead – Please mark your calendar.** Lenten Ethnic Sale will be held on Friday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>** Take out **Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage Dinner)** to be held at St. Michael’s Center. On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cutoff date will be Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Ahead** – A joint St. Michael’s Church Committee Meeting will be held with St. Michael’s Center on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 School will be held this Sunday, February 16<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.

**Sunday Hostesses:** **February 16**, Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancy Vicky Kravetsky, **February 23**, Jean Malec, MaryAnn Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky.

**THE PRODIGAL SON:** In the parable we are told and in our minds we think of the younger as being the Prodigal. But which one of these two brothers is truly the Prodigal Son? Is it the younger who leaves and comes back in repentance, or the older brother who refuses to welcome him back?

