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Gospel: Matt.25:31-46

**February 23, 2020
Sunday of Last Judgement**

Epistle: 1Cor.8:8-9:2

Schedule of Services

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

Saturday, February 29th, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1st, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. followed by abbreviated Forgiveness Vespers. & Blini Breakfast underneath the Church.

First Ethnic Food Sale will be held this Wednesday, February 26th 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!

Case of Altar Wine Donation (\$150.00) offered by Becky, Paula & Karen in loving memory of their beloved Dad; Robert Telep. **May his memory be eternal!**

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"

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

Blini Breakfast will be held next Sunday, March 1st 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 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 on Thursday, March 26th 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 23rd, following the Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children to Church School. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers.

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 23, Jean Malec, MaryAnn Serafini, Theresa Krenitsky., **March 1:** Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, **March 8,** Maryann Dubee, Matushka Dolores, Matushka Kathy, **March 15,** Ruth Lasichak, Joan Lasichak, Charette Rodionoff.

Meatfare & Sunday of Last Judgment: As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, and it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

