

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

**November 29, 2020
The Holy Martyr Paramon**

Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6

Schedule of Services

Sunday, November 29, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - Parastas (40th Day) Metropolitan Theodosius

Sunday, December 6, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - **Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker & Archbishop of Myra in Lycia.** Annual Parastas for Mary Jubinski, offered lovingly by Joseph Jubinski & family.

The Next Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m.
Please make every effort to attend!

The second offering basket this Sunday, November 29 will be for the Heat & Air Collection. **Please be generous in your support.**

Christmas Candles \$25.00 offering in memory of Alex and Elizabeth Hockin, **Christmas flowers \$25.00 offering** for the health of John Hockin and John, Jr.

Christmas Poinsettia Flowers \$20.00 large Plant & \$15.00 small plant and \$10.00 for Christmas Candles are being accepted. You may offer them in loving memory of your departed family members or for the continued good health of your family.

St. Tikhon's Seminarians will sing the responses to the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 20th. The Choir will be directed by Zoe Turin. Please make every effort to attend! **A great spiritual blessing to us on the Sunday before Christmas.**

A Special Thank You to: Lydia Given for directing our church choir this morning. She is the wife of Seminarian Brad Given who is in his 2nd year of Theology at St. Tikhon's Seminary **May our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to bless her for many years!**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church before the end of the year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

The renovation of the kitchen at St. Michael's Center is nearing completion. A new cemented floor in the kitchen has been completed. The painting of the Kitchen will take place within the next few weeks and this will be followed by a new tile floor.

Please remember in your prayers: **Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452. **Please send a get well card!**

Online Church School classes for Middle School and High School students will be offered weekly every Tuesday at 7:00 pm EST/4:00 pm PST. The interactive sessions will last approximately one hour. To join the class, visit **oca.org/ocs**. Students should click on the link for their level no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the starting time and they will gain access to the online class.

A Christmas Wish List: Children's sneakers from size 10 to size 5, boys and girls, Socks for children/pre-teens, Coats- boys sizes 8-10, 12-14, 14-16, 18, Girls Coats- same as boys, Boys and Girls outfits in the sizes noted above, Gift cards for food or gas, Gift cards to Walmart, Bakugan (toy), Power Ranger toys/figures, Legos or building supplies- Knex, Board games (not Candy Land or Chutes and Ladders, Board games or STEM projects for children 8+, Pokemon figures, activities, games, Unicorn figures, activities, games, Arts and Crafts, Construction paper, marker sets, crayons, colored pencil sets, Any kind of creative art supplies, A book: Magic Tree House Series; Dogman; Diary of a Wimpy Kid; a book suitable for a pre-teen (boys or girls ages 10-12), This year please purchase any of the above items by Sunday, December 20, and bring them to Church. You don't have to wrap the presents. Please call Sue Schlasta at 570-840-9544

For the first four centuries of Christian history the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord was not a separate Church feast. It was celebrated with Epiphany in one great feast of God's appearance on earth in the form of the human Messiah of Israel. The celebration of the Nativity began to be celebrated on December 25 to offset the pagan festival of the "Invincible Sun" that occurred on that specific day. The Church consciously established it in an attempt to defeat the false religion of the heathens. The Troparion of the Feast calls us to adore Christ, "the True Sun of Righteousness" (Malachi 4:2), who is Himself worshipped by all elements of nature, rather than worshipping the sun and stars. The three Wise Men or Magi (i.e. Sages) were astronomers, people who studied the stars. Even the Pagan World had a prophecy of the birth of a great king. Saints Gaspar, Melchoir and Balthazar followed the unusual star and became the first non-Jewish people to believe in Christ.

