

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church  
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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome**

**Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee:254-9720**

**Gospel: Luke 14:16-24**

**December 13, 2020 – Holy Forefathers &  
the Falling Asleep of St. Herman of Alaska**

**Epistle: Col.3:4-11**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, December 13, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Feast of the Falling Asleep of St. Herman of Alaska**

**Sunday, December 20, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - Sunday before the Nativity of Christ -**

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**Holiday Rolls are available; Nut, Poppyseed, Pineapple coconut, Raspberry crème, Apricot & lickvar for the Christmas holidays. Please call Ruth Lasichak at 876-1456 and place your order to be picked up next Sunday, December 20, underneath the Church. **We thank you for your support!****

**Christmas Candles \$20.00 in loving memory of parents: Joseph & Dorothy Zrowka, offered by Dorothy Allen & Family, Christmas Poinsettia Flowers \$20.00 for the health of the Grancey family. **\$10.00****

**Christmas Candles offered in loving memory of Olga Grancey, Helen & Nicholas Myshak, **\$10.00****

**Christmas Candles for the continued health of the Grancey & Schlasta families. **\$10.00 Christmas****

**Candles for the health of Paul Kostiak, **\$10.00 Christmas Candles** for the health of Stephen, Ellen, Will and Megan Brophy, offered by Delores Brophy, **\$10.00 Christmas Candles** in memory of Stephen & Mary Kostiak and Helen Wahal, offered by Paul Kostiak and Delores Brophy.**

**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.

**Next Sunday, December 20, St. Tikhon's Seminarians** will sing the responses to the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The 2021 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available to be picked up this morning, following the Divine Liturgy. We are grateful to the Battenberg family for their annual donation.

**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 Christmas card!**

**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. **You can also give a cash donation. Please call Sue Schlasta at 570-840-9544**

**The Repose of Father Herman:** "The time of the Elder's passing had come. One day he ordered his disciple Gerasim to light a candle before the Icons, and to read the Acts of the Holy Apostles. After some time his face glowed brightly and he said in a loud voice, "Glory to Thee, O Lord!" He then ordered the reading to be halted, and he announced that the Lord had willed that his life would now be spared for another week. A week later, again by his orders, candles were lit, and the Acts of the Holy Apostles were read. Quietly, the Elder bowed his head on Gerasim's chest; the cell was filled with a sweet-smelling odor; and his face glowed, and Father Herman was no more! Thus he died in blessedness, he passed away in the sleep of a righteous man in the eighty-first year of his life of great labor in 1837 on the 13th of December."

