

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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Gospel: Matt.1:1-25

**December 20, 2020 – Sunday before the
Nativity of Christ**

Epistle: Heb.11:9-10,17-23,32-40

Schedule of Services

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

Christmas - Friday, December 25, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & singing of Christmas Carols

Sunday, December 27, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – 3rd Day of the Nativity of Christ & singing of Christmas Carols

St. Tikhon's Seminarians will sing the responses to the Divine Liturgy this morning, directed by Zoe Turin. A free will offering basket is in back of the Church for the Seminarians. Thank you for your loving support!

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.

The Holiday Rolls you ordered are underneath the Church this morning, please see Ruth Lasichak. We thank you for your support!

Christmas offering \$100.00, for the continued good health of George, Marilyn & Joshua Petorak, \$100.00 Christmas Altar Wine offering, in loving memory of Steve Malec, offered lovingly by Jeanie

Malec, **\$100.00 Christmas offering** from John Hockin, in loving memory of departed family members, **Christmas Flowers:\$100.00** in loving memory of John Anna, John & Joan offered by John E & Ruthann Lasichak, **\$50.00**; in loving memory of Dolores & Paul Serniak, offered by Debbie Bernosky & Family, **\$50.00** in loving memory of Olga Soroka, offered by Gerald & Marilyn Soroka, **\$25.00** offered in loving memory of Paul & Dolores Serniak, offered by Steve Serniak, **\$25.00** in loving memory of parents, Frank & Mary Bowan & Gabriel & Barbara Petorak, given by Protodeacon Gabriel & Matushka Dolores Petorak, **\$30.00** in loving memory of Sam Mattise, offered lovingly from his wife, Joanne, **\$20.00** in loving memory of Bob Telep & Mary Goether, offered by Rebecca & Chris Goether, **\$20.00** in loving memory of Dolores Frenchko, offered by Peter Frenchko, **\$20.00** in loving memory of Frank & Mary Bowan, & John & Julia Pash, from children John & Patsy, **\$20.00** in loving memory of Donald Vaverchak Jr. and Donald Vaverchak Sr. from Karlee & Ryan, **\$20.00** in loving memory of Andrew Petrilak, offered by Milesa Roxanne Neutts, Peg Petrilak & Paul Petrilak, **\$20.00** in loving memory of the Wyziak & Demchak Families, offered by Eva Demchak, **\$20.00** in loving memory of Serge, offered by Valentina Markov, **\$20.00** offered in loving memory of Andrew Hanchak, offered by Dorothy Hanchak, **\$20.00** offered in loving memory of Robert A. Furiosi, offered by Melanie Furiosi, **\$20.00** offered in loving memory of the Keklak & Leschak Family, by Irene Leschak, **\$20.00** offered in congratulations to Karlee Vaverchak, recent graduate from Kutztown University, Summa Cum Laude- degree in Criminal Justice, best wishes from Grandparents, **\$15.00** in loving memory of Aunt Helen Krasowsky Caines, from Dorothy Allen, **\$15.00** in loving memory of the Kitchura, Shaw & Tokarczyk families, offered by Gloria & Tom Shaw, **\$15.00** offered by Dorothy Allen for the good health of her family.

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 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 for the marginalized and suffering children in our area is near completion. Please call Sue Schlasta at 570-840-9544 if you would like to participate and we will read the result of our offering on Christmas in Church.

Please Note: Thursday, December 24th, (Christmas Eve) is a Strict Fast Day!

Thought for the Day: We read the genealogy of Christ in Matthew's Gospel today about some of those people of the Old Testament who were part of God's preparation for the incarnation. Entire generations of people preparing the way for the Lord. All these women and men heard about the promise of the coming of the Messiah but none of them lived to see it, yet they remained faithful to God. **St. Gregory Palamas** describes them as refining humanity, slowly moving us from the original rebellion of **Eve and Adam** to the time of Blessed Virgin in whom God would become incarnate.

