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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome**

Gospel: Matthew.4:12-17

**January 10, 2021– Sunday after
Theophany**

Epistle: Eph.4:7-13

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 10, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (9th Day) for Agnes Kuhar, offered by her daughter Debbie and family.

Sunday, January 17, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

We extend our love and sympathy this morning to the Kuhar family on the recent falling asleep of Agnes. May her memory be eternal!

Church Envelopes for 2021 have been mailed out this past week to all of our parishioners. I'm very grateful for all of you who are attending the Divine Liturgy with regularity and supporting us financially. In order for us to meet our basic monthly bills, we need a steady source of income every week.

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

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.

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!**

Update on the renovation of the kitchen at St. Michael's Center: the installation of the new tile floor has been completed by the Yeselavage floor and carpet company in Eynon, Pa. Thank you to Protodeacon Gabriel for providing the leadership for this project.

A Special Thank You to Louis and Zina Twardzik in giving of time and talent this past Saturday, by applying three coats of wax on the new floor as recommended by the Yeselavage Floor & Carpet company. Thank you for providing your stewardship of time and talent. **May our Lord bless you for many years!**

A Special Thank You to Frank (Alexis) Hoehle in providing much needed assistance in snow removal & ploughing and during the most recent snow storm. Thank you for providing your stewardship of time and talent!

The 57th Annual Diocesan Assembly will take place on Friday, January 29, 2021 online via ZOOM as we cannot plan an in-person meeting with any certainty. The lay delegate from our Church will be Matushka Kathy. A full report will be given to our Church following this unique assembly.

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!**

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

Thought for the Sunday after Theophany: we read from St. Matthew's Gospel about how the people "who sat in darkness have seen a great light," specifically those who dwelt in the "land of Zebulon and Naphtali the Galilee of the Gentiles." A more literal interpretation tells us that Jesus brought the Light of Love into the darkest corners of the world, into those places his own people did not believe the Light would shine, that is, to the Gentiles. If Jesus took on human nature itself, then the light shines in every human being and therefore in every land. That is what our theology teaches us. Going a little deeper we know that our responsibility as followers of Christ is to take the light we have "received" into the dark places in our families, communities, and society. The Gospel has social implications we ignore far too often. Jesus says that we will be judged if we do not care for the "least of the brethren" who are listed as the sick, the hungry, the naked, and those in prison. Of course, that list is not exhaustive. And when we do care for them we are caring for Christ Himself who became for us and remains for us, as He says, "the least of the brethren."