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& 360 virtual tour and 4 part welcome**

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**Gospel: Matt.25:14-30**

**January 31, 2021 Unmercenary Saints  
Cyrus & John, Martyr Athanasia**

**Epistle: Col. 3:12-16**

#### **Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, January 31, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, February 7, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & followed by the blessing of Candles**

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**We extend our love and sympathy** to the Demora family on the falling asleep of Steven Demora. The funeral and committal service will be held this Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Valley View Memorial Park Cemetery, Scott Twp. **May his memory be eternal!**

**We extend our love and sympathy** to the Fedorchak family on the recent falling asleep of Bogdan Fedorchak. The Parastas will be held this Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Battenberg Funeral Home. The Funeral will be held this Tuesday, February 2, at 10:00 a.m. at our Church. **May his memory be eternal!**

**Monthly Church Committee Meeting** has been rescheduled for Monday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

**The Heat & Air Special Offering** will be held this morning at the special designated basket. **We thank you in advance for your support!**

**Please remember in your prayers. Madilyn Chup** who is a patient at the Regional Hospital, 746 Jefferson St. Scranton, PA **Please send her a get well card.**

**The installation of the new tile floor at St. Michael's Center has been completed** by the Yeselavage floor and Carpet Company in Eynon. **A Special Thank you to Protodeacon Gabriel for the additional work, painting and cleaning he has been doing and providing the leadership for this project.**

**Church Envelopes for 2021** have been mailed out to all of our beloved 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. Please send in your envelopes when you are not in Church.**

**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 as we began the New 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 Day:** When St. Simeon took the Child Jesus into his arms, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit and chanted the hymn, "Now You can let Your servant go in peace, O Master. ..." (Lk. 2, 29-32), which was integrated into the service of Vespers. In his inspired hymn, St. Simeon referred to Jesus as the "Light to the Gentiles," it prompted the first Christians to carry a lighted candle or lamp in the procession that day, symbolizing the mystical presence of the "True Light" (In. 1, 9), Jesus, and that He dwells in the "inaccessible light." (I Tim. 6, 16) In the Old Testament, God Himself ordered the Israelites to burn lamps as a sign of His presence among the people. (Lev. 24, 14) St. John the Evangelist presents Our Lord Jesus Christ to us in his gospel as the "Light of Life" (In. 8, 12),

**Troparion** (Tone 1) Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

**Kontakion** (Tone 1) By Your nativity, You did sanctify the Virgin's womb, And did bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

**Troparion** (Tone 1) The celestial choir of heavenly angels Bends down to the earth and sees the First-born of all creation being carried into the Temple as a babe By a Mother who has not known man, And in amazement sings with us a pre-festal hymn.