

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**

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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Matt.1:1-25

**Sunday, December 19**, Sunday before the  
Nativity of Christ.

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

**Christmas Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, December 19**, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (**Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> Day) for Steve Franchak**, offered lovingly by his wife Rose and family. Parastas (**9<sup>th</sup> Day) for David Essig**, offered lovingly by his wife Barbara and family.

**Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve** – Great Compline & Christmas Canon 6:30 p.m. -Strict Fast

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

**Sunday, December 26**, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Christmas Carolers

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**Bread & Perogi Sale** will be held on Wednesday, December 22, 12-4 p.m. Order cut-off date: Monday, December 20. Please call Ruth at 570-876-1456. **Thank you in advance for your support!**

**St. Michael's Christmas out-reach** to the marginalized families & children in our area. Please call Susan Schlasta at 570-840-9544 if you would like to participate. **A Special collection offering basket will be on the Tetrapod this morning. We thank you in advance for your support!**

**Christmas carolling Sign up-sheet** is in the back of the Church by the Church Bulletins. Please sign the sheet if you want the Christmas Carollers to visit your home. It will be held Sunday afternoon & evening on December 26. The carollers will begin at the Church Rectory following the Liturgy. **A special thank you to Lydia Given for organizing this beautiful tradition.**

**Church Lectionary Wall Calendars for 2022** are in back of the Church. A Special thank you to the Battenberg funeral home for the sponsorship of our calendars, and printed by St. Tikhon's Monastery Press.

**Coffee Hour & hostesses:** December 19, Maryann Dubee and Susan Schlasta. December 26, No Coffee Hour

**A Special Thank You to Lydia Given** for directing our Church choir this morning and offering her time and talent. **May our Lord continue to bless her for many years!**

**Christmas Poinsettias** \$15.00 and \$20.00 are being accepted. \$10.00 for Christmas Candles. Please make an offering for your continued good health, or for the departed members of our family. **God bless you in advance for your donations.**

**Christmas offering: \$200.00** from Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, **\$100.00** Barbara Essig, **\$50.00** Miles Neutts.

**\$50.00** Poinsettia & Candle in memory of Samuel Mattise, offered by Joanne Mattise, **\$20.00** Poinsettias; for the good health of the Fedirko family, **\$10.00** Candle for deceased members of Fedirko, Mills & Kutch families, **\$20.00** Poinsettia in memory of Ann Ferenchak, offered by her family, **\$20.00** Poinsettia in loving memory of Andrew Petrilak from Miles & Roxanne Neutts, **\$20.00** Candles in loving memory of departed members of the Zrowka & Krasowski families, **\$15.00** Poinsettia and **\$10.00** Candle offered by the Barbara Essig for the health of her family.

**Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas** who is a patient at the Geisinger Community Medical Center, 1800 Mulberry St. Scranton, Pa. 18510. Please send him a get-well card. **Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab: 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge**, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa.

***Come and hear members of the GRAMMY®-Nominated Saint Tikhon Choir*** sing music of the Christmas season! Featuring selections from the Russian Orthodox tradition together with new arrangements of holiday favorites by acclaimed composer Benedict Sheehan, The Saint Tikhon Choir will be joined by ensembles from the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. These groups will present a captivating program this Sunday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. that will highlight the beauty and profundity of the season. It's an event not to be missed! For more information, please feel free to reach out to Lydia Given.

**If your Church Dues are in arrears**, please make an effort to send them to the Church. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance.

**Thought for Christmas:** "Today the DIVINE BEING took upon Himself the seal of our mankind, With the ultimate objective for humankind to be enhanced by the Seal of DIVINITY."

