

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Gospel: Matt.4:12-17

**Sunday, after the Theophany of Jesus
Christ our Lord. January 9, 2022**

Epistle: Eph.4:12-17

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 9, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 15, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

The Installation of our Church & St. Michael's Center Committee for 2022, will take place this Sunday, January 9, immediately following the reading of the Holy Gospel. **May our Lord Bless our New Church Committee for many blessed years in serving our Holy Orthodox Church.**

A Special St. Michael Church & Center Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church, strictly dealing with St. Michael Center; on how to better utilize our facility in the coming year. **We will try to come-up with fresh ideas.**

A Special Donation of \$3,000.00 was given to our Church by Daniel Demora, in loving memory of his Uncle Steve Demora and his Father, Samuel Demora. **May their memory be eternal!**

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.

Offering Envelops for 2022 are underneath the Church. A Special thank you to Gloria Shaw and Eva Demchak for organizing this project. **Please pick-up the offering envelopes for your family!**

Coffee Hour for Sunday, January 9, Dorothy Allen & Millie Telep, **January 16,** Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores, **January 23,** Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, **January 30,** Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Rodionoff.

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!**

Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky, who is a patient at the Commonwealth Regional Hospital, 746 Jefferson Ave, Scranton, Pa. 18510. Please send him a get-well card.

Two large Christmas Poinsettia \$40.00 and \$10.00 Candle offering was given by Debbie Bernosky and Steve Serniak. **Christmas Candle offering of \$40.00 given for the health of Ed Salva.**

Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas who is a patient at the Allied Rehab, 475 Morgan Highway, Scranton, Pa. 18508 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.

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.

Omicron variant is in all 50 states in our country. It is recommended to keep everyone safe to start wearing masks while in Church.

Thought for the Day: On the Sunday after the Feast of 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."

