

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21
Epistle: Eph.2:4-10

**November 20 2022 Forefeast of
Entrance of the Mother of God into
the Temple.**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, November 20, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. (Eve of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple)

Monday, November 21, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple.

Saturday, November 26, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 27, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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 will be held on Sunday, December 18. We thank you in advance for your support!**

Church School will be held this Sunday, November 20, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. A Special thank you to the parents who made a commitment to Orthodox Christian Education and provide a spiritual and religious dynamic for their children.

Coffee Hour Hostesses: November 20, Ruth Lasichak and Roxanne Neutts, **November 27** Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Radionoff

Christmas Cookie Sale – sponsored by The Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Jermyn, Pennsylvania. Please call Mary Malec at 570 -319 -1028, one pound \$10.00 and two pounds \$18.00. The pick-up date is Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (Noon)

An Akathist to the Theotokos will be held on Wednesday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. **Adult Education Class will be held at 7:00 p.m.** We will examine the importance of keeping the Advent Fast as a preparation for the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please remember in your prayers; Irene Leschak who is home receiving rehab; 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **John Drutarosky**, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Peter Senio** is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa.

Vision Statement: “We seek to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church. We are here to provide a loving and caring community, by participating in the worship services, so we may reach-out to those who are lost and witness the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

- Adopted on October 17, 2022.

\$25.00 Christmas Candles & \$25.00 Flowers; offered lovingly by John Hockin in memory of Elizabeth and Alex Hockin.

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.**

St. Nicholas Raffle has been sent out to help off-set the expenses at St. Michael’s Center. Please return them in a timely manner. **We thank you for your support!**

One of the Twelve Great Feasts, and the first major feast of the Advent period, is that of the **Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple** at Jerusalem. As the hymn for the feast says, the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple is the “prelude” of God’s plan for Salvation: the Incarnation. The details of the feast (Gr: Η είσοδος της Θεοτόκου στον Ναό; Ru: Введение во храм) are recounted in the 2nd century writing, the [*Protoevangelion of James*](#), which details the birth and early life of Mary, before [the Annunciation](#) of the divine plan for her to be the Mother of God. After God granted a child to the elderly couple Joachim and Anna, it was decided that she would be entirely dedicated to God. And so, when their girl was three, Mary was brought by her parents to the Temple in Jerusalem
