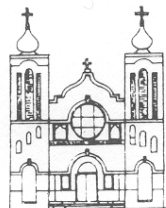




**The Holy Assumption of  
Saint Mary**  
**Byzantine Catholic Church**  
695 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705



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Served by Rev. Michael Kerestes, Deacon Edward Frey, Deacon Basil Soroka,  
with the ministry of Sister Theodosia, OSBM and Sister Regina, OSBM

**Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM / Sunday 8:30 AM or Weekdays by request**

**4 November 2018**

**Schedule of Divine Services**

SATURDAY 3 November	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / SEVENTH AFTER THE HOLY CROSS</b> HOLY FATHER JOANNICUS THE GREAT / HOLY HIEROMARTYR NICANDER, BISHOP OF MYRA  4:00 PM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> + <i>Stephen Wudmaska</i> by Daughters Rita & Joan
SUNDAY 4 November	8:30 AM <b>Morning Prayers</b>  9:00 AM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> For the <i>People of St. Mary Parish</i>
MONDAY 5 November	THE HOLY MARTYRS GALACTION AND EPISTEME / HOLY FATHER GREGORY OF ALEXANDRIA 12:00 PM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> + <i>Russell Solovey, Jr.</i> by Family
WEDNESDAY 7 November	THE HOLY THIRTY-THREE MARTYRS AT MELITENE / VENERABLE FATHER LAZARUS 9:00 AM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> + <i>Ann Marie Slavish Milligan</i> by Husband, Ed

**SOLEMN HOLYDAY: SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS**

THURSDAY	6:00 PM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> + <i>Dorothy Hayer</i> by Andrea, Janet, and Sonya
SATURDAY 10 November	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / EIGHTH AFTER THE HOLY CROSS</b> THE HOLY MARTYRS MENAS, VICTOR, AND VINCENT / THE HOLY MARTYR STEPHANIS  4:00 PM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> For the <i>People of St. Mary Parish</i>
SUNDAY 11 November	8:30 AM <b>Morning Prayers</b>  9:00 AM <b>Divine Liturgy:</b> + <i>Joyce Solovey</i> by Mr. & Mrs. James Bridgland and Michael Kundla

**BASKET RAFFLE:** Please stop by the Candle Room and buy your lucky tickets for the Christmas Basket Raffle that will take place during our Parish St. Nicholas Dinner.

<b>Stewardship:</b>	<u>10/28/18</u>
Offertory	\$2,089.00
Holy Days	180.00
Building/Reno	29.00
Fuel	222.00
ECF	50.00
Candles	<u>188.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,758.00</u></b>

**Propers**  
for  
**The Divine Liturgy**  
  
*Resurrection Tone 7*  
  
**Divine Liturgy Book, page 156**

**Let us remember in prayer:**

... Those who are ill or convalescing. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

... All those who are in some special need of God's loving kindness and mercy at this time. Let us remember particularly the "Candle Prayer Requests" of all who have asked for the prayerful support of our Parish Family in their special intentions . . . +MaryAnn T. Sakalas by Michele; Special Intention of Roz by Andy; Special Intention of Andy and Jonathon by Judy and Bud; Special Intention for William B. Evans by Mom; Special Intention for Jack Selepak by Diana; Better Health for Linda G, Dolores Swiderski, Bridget Evans, Linda Evans, Paige Evans by Dolores D. Evans; Better Health for Cindy Fernandez; Improved Health of Robert McGuire by Andrea McGuire; Better Health out of ICU for Maryanne Pienta by Andrea McGuire.

**TOY BINGO:** St. Andre Bessette Parish is sponsoring a Toy Bingo this weekend – Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary Byzantine Parish Social Hall. Doors open at 12:00 PM, games begin at 1:00 PM.

**BUS TRIP:** St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Scranton is sponsoring a Christmastime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be several stops in Manhattan: the Ground Zero area (for those who have made advance 9/11 Museum reservations), Little Italy, the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side, Bryant Park's Winter Village housing 125 vendors in midtown, and the Christmas-themed Fifth Avenue area. We'll have an opportunity to enjoy an Italian lunch, buy some Ukrainian goodies, see many beautiful Christmas decorations including the famous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and more. Participants can follow the above three-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue will be at 8:00 AM and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:45 PM. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and to make reservations contact Paul Ewasko at 570-563-2275. Checks should be made payable to St. Vladimir Church and mailed to Paul at 55 Waterford Road, Dalton PA 18414.

**300 Club: Week #7– 10/21/2018**

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| 1. (\$25.00) #194 – Sue Ann Pogorski | 2. (\$25.00) #187 – Charlotte Hendershot |
| 3. (\$10.00) #57 – Anna Jean Leib    | 4. (\$10.00) #59 – Carol Tomashunas      |

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