

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** A scheduled Red Cross blood drive is set for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 here at St. Michael's Cultural Center. Starting time is from 1 P.M to 7 P.M. Please contact the Red Cross Blood Donation at <http://www.redcrossblood.org> for an appointment.

**IF NOT A MEMBER;**

Think about this. Our life is short. How are we going to live it? How shall we prove our love of God and neighbor? How can we intercede for those who die and were indifferent to Christ and His Church? Let us find the answers to these questions and amend our life in a hurry, before it is too late. Remember that belonging to the Body of Christ opens Paradise for us. Therefore, O lovers of God, let us come and activate our faith and all her virtues, which we have received as gifts from God at our Baptism. When we submit an annual financial pledge or offer regular donations, that only reflects what is in our heart; and as the Gospel says, "Where your treasure is, there is your heart also." Christ is lovingly waiting for each of us. Will you respond to Him? (borrowed)

**BLESSING OF HOMES** – Fr. Timothy will be blessing homes at your convenience. Please call the rectory at 313-937-2120 or see Fr. Timothy in church if you want your home blessed.

**BLESSING HOMES**

The Feast of Theophany commemorates the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The church commemorates this with the Great Blessing of Water, and the Church is blessed with this sanctified water. Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church – through the priest – goes to the home. Traditionally, in most Orthodox parishes, the priest personally visits his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. It has been the practice of Orthodox Christians for centuries to have their dwellings blessed. By sanctifying our living quarters, our private place, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. All the rooms are sprinkled with holy water (New dwellings are anointed with the sign of the Cross with holy oil on each of the four outer walls). At the conclusion of the blessing, the inhabitants are blessed with the holy water.

When the priest comes to bless our homes, he asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!

**CHURCH DONATIONS:** Please note, if you do not want your donations for special intentions published in the bulletin or newsletter mark your envelope "Do not publish" or mark it "anonymous".

**CHURCH DONATIONS:**

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| <b>Stephanie &amp; Drake, Conrad and Wellington Kennedy (heating for church)</b>  | <b>\$2,000.00</b> |
| <b>Stephanie &amp; Drake Kennedy and family (candles)<br/>for health of Drake, Stephanie, Conrad, Wellington Kennedy, and<br/>Bob Turcheck family; and in memory of Anna &amp; Stephen Turcheck Sr &amp; Jr,<br/>Helen Mosorxak, George Kennedy, and Anna &amp; George Volsko</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |

**MEMORIAL DONATION:**

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| <b>Brian, Betty Ann, and Tanner Dominick<br/>(in memory of Marvin Dominick &amp; Etsvko Tanner)</b> | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |
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**CHARITY DONATIONS:**

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| <b>Anonymous</b> | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |
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**COOKIE WALK BOXES:**

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| <b>Anonymous (additional boxes purchased for Cookie Walk)</b> | <b>\$ 67.00</b> |
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

**PARASTAS:**

Fr. Timothy will resume praying for the departed members of family and friends on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month starting Sunday, January 15, 2022. Thank You