

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

January 5, 2020

Epistle: 1 Col 9:19-27

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

CHRIST IS BORN!

GLORIFY HIM!

COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship.

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka and Ryan Kerrigan.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Sunday January 5th, 2020 – Theophany Eve – Grand Compline/ STRICT FAST 5:00 p.m.

Blessing of Waters

Monday, January 6th, 2020 – Theophany - Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Waters 10:00 a.m.

2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES: Dr. Nancy has the new church envelopes available to be picked up in church on the north side bench. Please don't forget to pick up your envelopes. **YOU MAY NOW START USING YOUR NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR THIS YEAR 2020. THANK YOU!**

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!

ANNUAL MEETING: This is the *first announcement* of St. Michael's Annual Yearly Meeting, which is scheduled for **Sunday, February 2, 2020**. Everyone, please mark this date on your calendar and come and participate. We need more people involved in the life of the church.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING – If you would like to run for office on the church council, please call Bill Harvey or Fr. Timothy (Bill Harvey at home 313-410-5225 or Fr. Timothy at 313-937-2120) or see them in church. To be eligible to hold office on the church council, you must be an Orthodox Christian, a dues-paying member, and a communicant of the church. All officer positions on the church council and one trustee position will be voted on at the annual meeting on *Sunday, February 2, 2020*. There will be a sign up sheet, for offices available, at the candle stand. If you are interested in serving St. Michael's as a Trustee on the Council, please sign up or see Bill Harvey or Father Timothy.

DUES! - A REMINDER, dues for the year 2019 are due. If anyone has not paid their dues in full, please do so before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Dr. Nancy needs to calculate a quorum for the annual meeting, which is based on the percentage of dues-paying members. Therefore, it is important and helpful to pay your dues and SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH NOW,-- if you haven't done so. This also allows you to vote at the Annual Meeting. YOU MAY ALSO START PAYING YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW YEAR of 2020. THANK YOU!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 12th. Please all council members make every effort to attend.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on **Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Church Library. The book being discussed is Lincoln's Last Trial by Dan Abrams.

CHURCH DONATION:

Stephanie Kennedy

\$1,000.00

Jim & Alice Lusko (in memory of Mary Lusko)

500.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!