

**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 7, 2024

Epistle: Eph 4:17-13; Act 19:1-8

Gospel: Matt 4:12-17; John 1:29-34

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! GLORIFY HIM!

COFFEE HOUR: There is Coffee Hour today. Come and enjoy Christian Fellowship.

THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Judy Wadysz, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran, Marge Wade, Mary Varchola, Zlatko Petrovich, Thomas Barkulis, Ronald Miller, Ronald Buck, David Tomchuck, Joanne Kowalenok, Tamara Perri, and Helen Woytowich.

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – General Confession

9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – Sunday after Theophany

9:30 a.m.

PARASTAS:

Fr. Timothy will resume praying for the departed members of family and friends on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting Sunday, January 21, 2024. Thank You

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 14th, 2022**. All church council members mark this on your calendar.

ANNUAL MEETING: This is the *first announcement* of St. Michael's Annual Yearly Meeting, which is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4, 2024**. 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 Patric Hermes or Fr. Timothy (Patric Hermes at home 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 4, 2024**. 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 Pat Hermes or Father Timothy.

DUES! - A REMINDER, dues for the year 2023 are due. If anyone has not paid their dues in full, please do so before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4, 2024. 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 2024.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – You may take home a Christmas poinsettia after church today.

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.