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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 21, 2024

Epistle: Col 1: 12-18

Gospel: Matt 22: 1-14

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.

HOSPITALIZED: *Helen Woytowich* was hospitalized this week at Ascension Hospital, Novi, MI. She was released on Thursday, January 18th and is recovering back at home. Please pray for her continued recovery.

ANNUAL MEETING: This is the *third 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. YOU MAY ALSO START PAYING YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW YEAR of 2024.

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting of the book club will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the church library. Discussed will be Still Life by Lousie Penny. All are invited to attend.

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.

THE WISDOM OF PAUL: *materialism* - They think only of things that belong to this world. (Philippians 3:19). They do not believe because their minds have been kept in the dark by the evil god of this world. He keeps them from seeing the light shining on them, the light that comes from the Good News about the glory of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Superior values – we fix our attention not on things that are seen but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time; but what cannot be seen lasts forever. (2 Corinthians 4:18). You have been raised to life with Christ. Set your hearts, then, on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on His throne at the right side of God. Keep your minds fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:1-3)

Wealth: right attitude, right use: There is not much time left Those who deal in worldly goods (must live) as though they were not fully occupied with them. For this world, as it is now, will not last much longer. (1 Corinthians 7:29,31). Do not conform outwardly to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

What did we bring into the world? Nothing! What can we take out of the world? Nothing! So then, if we have food and clothing, that should be enough for us.

Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, and to place their hope not on such an uncertain thing as riches but on God, who generously gives us everything for us to enjoy. Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share with others. (1 Timothy 6:7-9, 17-18)