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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 26, 2025

Epistle: 1 Tim 1:15-17

Gospel: Mat 15: 21-28

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

THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Judy Wadysz, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Sonia Kurtyka, Bradley Webster, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran, Marge Wade, Mary Varchola, Zlatko Petrovich, Ronald Miller, Tamara Perri, Wyatt Alexander Jankowski, Jim Fisher, Eileen Fremont, Pat Dominick and MaryAnn Harvilla.

RECUPERATING: *Ron Miller* is now home from his surgery on Saturday, January 11th from U of M Hospital. Please pray for a speedy recovery and his continued health.

ANNUAL MEETING: two (2) weeks from the Annual Meeting to be held on **Sunday, February 9, 2025.**

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 9, 2025.** 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 2024 are due. If anyone has not paid their dues in full, please do so before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9, 2025. 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 2025.

REMINDER: *May we remind you that in order to register for quorum and be able to vote, you must have your dues for the year 2024 paid and be a communicant of the church.*

SOUPER BOWL: Participate in the Saint Michael's Charity SOUPER BOWL over the next few Sundays as we experience the football playoffs. Donation boxes will be in the vestibule allowing you to "vote" for your favorite team with a non-perishable food item that will be donated to CARES of Farmington Hills. CARES top needs are cereal (any type), dinner sides, canned soup, canned meals, canned meat and peanut butter. There are two boxes in the vestibule – (to be decided) -- one for NFC Conference -- *Philadelphia Eagles vs Washington Commanders* and one for the AFC Conference -- *Buffalo Bills vs Kansas City Chiefs.* Put your donations in either one!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A big THANK YOU to all who donated to the Redford Goodfellows Toy Drive and the Mitten Tree in December 2024. Two full boxes of toys were given to the Goodfellows, and 125 various items from the Mitten Tree were donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan for distribution to hospitalized children in need. GREAT JOB all, in spreading LOVE to our community.

Thanks, Nancy

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB: The next book club meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, during coffee hour and will be held in the library. The book to be discussed is the classic novel The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. All are welcomed!

Are you thankful no matter what? Look at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter—but wasn't. The man was the Apostle Paul—a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, *"Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Ephesians 5:19–20, NIV). Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything—no matter the circumstances!
How to Be Thankful in All Things, By Billy Graham (November 22, 2024)