

**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**

**December 10, 2023**

**Epistle** Eph 6:10-17

**Gospel:** Luke 17:12-19

**ST. MICHAEL'S 97<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - 1926-2023**

**COFFEE HOUR:** There is a coffee hour after Divine Liturgy. Come and join in 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.

**RECOVERING:** *Helen Woytowich* is now recovering from knee surgery at home. Please pray for her improved health!

**DECEASED:** *Matushka Mary Donahue*, 100, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She was the wife of deceased Fr. Photius Donahue, who along with her founded St. Andrews Orthodox Church, Lansing MI. Please pray for her soul and family on their loss of Matushka Mary. Memory Eternal!

**MITTEN TREE:** Mitten Trees are again in the vestibule to collect children's hats, scarves, mittens, and socks to be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan. The collection will run from Thanksgiving to Christmas. We appreciate your donations.

**CHARITY COLLECTION:** for Redford Goodfellows organization.

We are collecting toys to be donated to 'No Child without a Christmas in Redford'. Toys for all ages will be accepted but they are especially requesting toys for kids ages 7 – 12 years old. Please place your donation in the box located in the vestibule. Thank You! You can donate up to December 17th.

**COOKIE WALK:** It was a **HUGE SUCCESS!!!** Details and results to follow. Thank you to all who worked hard to make it a success!!!

**DUES for 2023:** Please pay your 2023 church member dues before the end of December. See Nancy Munaco if you are unsure of your status. Yearly dues are \$50.00 for individual membership and \$75.00 for families. Thank you for your attention to this bookkeeping matter!

**2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES:** The offering envelopes for 2024 are ready for pick-up on the pew located on the north side of the church. PLEASE DO NOT USE UNTIL 2024! Additionally, please check that the number written on the top of the envelope box matches the number on the inside envelopes, just as a double check. THANK YOU! See Nancy Munaco for any questions or concerns.

**CHURCH DONATION:**

John Carroll \$112.00

**COOKIE WALK DONATION:**

Friend of the Bakers \$ 20.00

**MEMORIAL DONATION:**

Marion & Sonia Kurtyka (in memory of Scott Kurtyka) \$ 50.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

**Please note:** PARASTAS- for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in December has been canceled until January because of the Christmas Yolka and Christmas services.

**THANK YOU!** To those who helped bring up the Christmas Tree from the cellar and set it up.

**THANK YOU!** Rebecca Jurczynszn for staying after church last week and decorating the tree with red Christmas balls. What a great job she did. The tree looks beautiful and shines!!!

**WISDOM** for the way: **Giving God First Place** – The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old: (Proverbs 8:22)

If some corporate position is the god of your life, then something terrible occurs within when it is no longer a future possibility. If your career, however is simply a part of God's plan and you keep it in proper perspective, you can handle a demotion just as well as you can handle a promotion. It all depends on who's first and what's first.

the magnet that draws things ahead of God is a lengthy and sometimes painful process. There is a line found in the Jewish Talmud that puts it well: "*Man is born with his hands clenched; he dies with them wide open.* Entering life, he desires to grasp everything; leaving the world, all he possessed has slipped away."

Just remember: Whatever is in first place, if it isn't Christ alone, it is in the wrong place.

(Living Above the Level of Mediocrity)