

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - TODAY SUNDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> –St. Gregory Palamas – at Sts Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, 750 N Beech Daly Rd., Dearborn Hts (b/f Ford & Cherry Hill) Service begins at 6:00 p.m.**

**COCC COMING TO ST. MICHAEL'S – NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>** – St. Michael's will again be hosting a COCC Mission Lenten Vesper Service here at St. Michael's. It will take place on the evening of **NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.** This is the third Sunday of Lent. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. We need your attendance and support.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church on *Saturday, March 10th following Liturgy*. We want the church to be clean and sparkling for PASCHA. Also, we will be hosting the **COCC that Sunday, March 11th Mission Service**. All are welcome to come and clean. You don't have to be a member of the Myrrh Bearing Sisterhood or on the Church Council. Come and clean the church for the LORD! The more that come, the faster we can finish! Please see Fr. Timothy and let him know if you will be helping. Thank You!

**REMINDER - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:** A reminder -- daylight savings time begins on the **2nd SUNDAY of MARCH – March 11<sup>TH</sup>**. Remember to “spring forward” and set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night.

**FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY PRECIOUS CROSS:** Anyone who would like to donate towards flowers to beautify the *Holy Precious Cross* for **SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**, please fill out an envelope found in the pews and mark it: **Flowers for the Cross! Thank You.**

**LOOKING** – We are looking for interested persons to form a group to discuss moving toward making social media connections to persons interested in Orthodoxy. Please contact Deacon Daniel if you are interested.

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – Holy Feast Day of the Annunciation March 25<sup>th</sup>**– Once again we will have our Annual Communion Breakfast, which will celebrate some of our Sunday School children's first confessions. As in the past, I'm sure we will have a great turnout to support our Sunday School teachers, our children, and their families. Please mark this date on your calendar.

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT LENT:**

It is possible for one who fasts not to be rewarded for his fasting. How? When, we abstain from foods, but do not abstain from iniquities, When we do not eat meat, but gnaw to pieces the homes of the poor, When we do not become drunkards with wine, but become drunkards with evil pleasures, When we abstain all the day, but we spend all the night in profane entertainment. Then what is the benefit of abstention from foods, when on the one hand you deprive your body of a selected food, but on the other, offer yourself unlawful pleasure? **St. John Chrysostom**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:** This is one of the seven holy “Mysteries” of the church, e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, etc. It is also called the sacrament of Repentance, from the Greek word *metanoia*, a change, a turning around of our heart, mind and will. The Lord instituted this mystery when He conveyed His own Priesthood upon the bishops and priests of the Church, through His Holy Apostles. He breathed on them and said, “*Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.*” (John 20:22-23) While confessing frequently throughout the year, the faithful are to do so, especially, during Great Lent!

**MEMBERS:** Just a reminder: To be a member of St. Michael's it is your obligation to pay your annual membership dues and also to partake of holy communion, at least on a yearly basis. If you have not paid your dues for 2017 – we ask you to please do so now. Dues are \$50.00 for a family and \$30.00 for a single person. It is important that you be sure to meet both of these obligations of St. Michael's so we may consider you a member. You may also pay your dues for 2018 now.

**OCW (Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan)** – presents *Mary and the Orthodox Woman* on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 29150 Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Guest Speaker – Rev. Fr. Joshua Genig, Ph.D. For more information call Mary Ann Dadich, OCW President at 586-775-4799.