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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

February 25, 2024

Epistle: 2 Tim 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14

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, 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, Helen Woytowich, and Wyatt Alexander Jankowski.

PARASTAS: A Parastas is scheduled for JoAnne Nicholas (1 year Anniversary/Memorial of her repose) for tomorrow, Monday, February 26th, at 11:00 a.m. Memory Eternal!

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Anonymous (for Rectory maintenance)	\$200.00
Donation (for rectory maintenance)	105.00

CHURCH DONATION:

Sandra Fisher	\$100.00
Randall Antonishak (in honor of Deacon's Daniel & David & families for there service to the church)	50.00
Deacon Dan Woytowich (good health of Angela Woytowich on her birthday)	25.00

MEMORIAL DONATION:

William Saxby (in memory of Anna Saxby & Family; Telep & Antonishak families)	\$100.00
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SAINTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH – The first Christians were forbidden to practice their faith and were cruelly persecuted by the Romans. Many even died for their beliefs. These Martyrs were honored as saints by their fellow believers in the Early Church.

EARLIEST MARTYRS – The first martyr (protomartyr) known to us was murdered about five years after the death of Christ. St. Stephen was carried to the outskirts of Jerusalem and stoned to death. As he fell to his knees, he cried out, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” Thus, in his dying, he showed his belief in Jesus’ message of love and forgiveness towards the wrongdoer.

WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN:

The Eastern Orthodox Church regards images of the holy saints as “windows of perception”. It is believed these images open a vista leading to God. By so doing, they convey the message of the gospels.

Images of saints often appear on icons and architectural mosaics, rarely as statues. Depictions are lavishly decorated, with details worked in gold. In following the traditional Byzantine style of art, these images reflect the conservative nature of the Orthodox Church.

The icons are portable, being painted on three folding panels, and are designed as objects of meditation. By creating “a window into heaven”, their contemplation and prayer increases the spirituality of the believer, bringing them closer to a knowledge of God.

Whether in church or at home, the icon is positioned with reverence. It may be surrounded by candles or placed near a crucifix, creating the appearance of a small altar. But the icon is never an object of worship. It is a symbol and an aid to spiritual awareness.

JESUS said “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another. (John 13: 34-35). King James Version