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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

March 3, 2024

Epistle: 1 Cor 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON – Today, Brian, Betty, and Tanner Dominick invite everyone to a celebration luncheon in honor of Patricia Dominick’s 90th birthday - March 2nd. Please, everyone come and enjoy honoring my mother Pat. Love you Mom! From your family and friends. Happy Birthday and many more!

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.

CHURCH DONATION:

Myrrh Bearer Sisterhood \$150.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATION:

Myrrh Bearer Sisterhood \$150.00

MEMORIAL DONATION:

Nick Nicholas (in memory of JoAnne Nicholas – 1st year Anniversary – Falling asleep in the Lord February 26th). Memory Eternal! \$250.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

SANCTIFY THOSE WHO LOVE THE BEAUTY OF THY HOUSE!

The Holy Orthodox Church assists us in making the right choice of following the narrow path that leads to Life, by surrounding us with beauty divine. The Orthodox belief in the power of beauty to transform the soul is clearly expressed in the “Prayer before the Ambon” said at the end of **Divine Liturgy**: “*Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy House!*” God loves beauty and the Devil hates beauty – this is an absolute, not subject to debate or ‘personal opinion.’ This is why beauty is so important in the Orthodox church, and why we seek to create beautiful churches, icons, liturgy, music, vestments and everything connected with the church and its worship. We don’t try to save a few bucks by throwing out the beautiful decorative elements that transform something ordinary into something extraordinary and beautiful. Similarly, we don’t try to save a few minutes by rushing through hymns or prayers to get through them as fast as possible, and slurring the words, at the cost of reducing the liturgical and spiritual beauty and meaning. We offer the very best that we possibly can, according to our circumstance and ability, and should not settle for the ‘least we can get by with.’ (Sister Ioanna)

THAT’S SO BEAUTIFU! The church temple represents the kingdom of Heaven, where God reigns. Therefore, it must be as beautiful as we can possibly make it, so it can adequately reflect the Divine Beauty. And our Orthodox architects, iconographers, musicians and all those involved with the church’s liturgical arts, including worship, must be well-trained and conscientiously offer their best. If we spend so much money and time to adorn our homes and our bodies to make them as beautiful as possible, should we not offer far more to God to adorn His home on earth? Surrounding ourselves with beautiful churches, beautiful icons, beautiful sacred things, beautiful Divine Services with the music rendered beautifully, can be an effective antidote and vital means of drowning out the ugliness and cacophonous noise of the dark secular world around us – if we leave ourselves open to letting Divine Beauty and Light enter us and fill us. When we enter our Orthodox churches, we should open ourselves up so we can recognize, “That’s so beautiful!” While we are worshiping God during the Divine Services, we should be recognizing, ‘That so beautiful!’ If we are singing, chanting or serving at the altar, we should be doing our liturgical work in such a way that not only us, but all the people present will be caught up into the beauty divine of the Kingdom of Heaven, so we all might have the opportunity to have a foretaste of Eternal Life in God’s Presence, and be overwhelmed by its Beauty, Truth, Goodness, Peace and Love, and therefore peacefully murmur from the depths of our hearts: “*That’s so beautiful!*” (Sister Ioanna)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: starts On **Sunday, March 10, 2024**. Turn your clocks ahead one (1) hour on Saturday Night March 9th when you go to bed. Lose one hour of sleep but gain 1 hour of sunlight!