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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

Sunday March 14, 2021

Epistle: Rom 13: 11-14:4

Gospel: Matt 6: 14-21

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, John Saba, Susan Telep, Michael Kerrigan, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears and Sophie Miller.

HOSPITALIZED: *Sophie Miller* was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia on Friday, March 12th. Please pray for her improved health.

GREAT LENT

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY: TODAY, SUNDAY - MARCH 14th– this is the day before Great Lent begins – this is the time to ask forgiveness to all for the past year. I ask all of you for forgiveness if I have offended you my brothers, or sisters in anyway, whether by my words, deeds, or thoughts. Fr Timothy

GREAT LENT: Great Lent begins TOMORROW - **Monday, March 15th** - Now is the time to start preparing for Holy PASCHA by attending more church services, praying during Great Lent, giving to others, helping the needy, visiting the sick, and cleansing our souls through the Holy Sacrament of Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER: The Lenten newsletter was mailed, Wednesday, March 10th, 2020. There are three envelopes attached to the newsletter: *Lenten envelope*, *Memorial Souls Saturday envelope* and the *7 Day Vigil Light envelope for Good Friday*. Please use these envelopes for your Lenten purposes.

LENTEN ENVELOPE: You will find a Lenten Envelope attached to the newsletter. We send these out every Lenten period. Please donate as best you can. God loveth a "cheerful giver". Thank you for your donation.

MEMORIAL SOULS SATURDAYS: As in previous years, Fr. Timothy will pray for the repose souls of families and friends of our parish at Divine Liturgy on these Memorial Saturdays. Please list the names on the "Souls Saturday" envelope attached to the newsletter or found in the church vestibule, and bring it to church or give to Fr. Timothy before **Friday, March 19th**. The first service will be served on **Saturday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m.**

7 Day Vigil Light envelope for HOLY FRIDAY: Attached to St. Michael's Newsletter is a 7 Day Vigil Light envelope for Holy Friday. These vigils will be lit at the grave of our Lord and will burn throughout Paascha & Bright Week. Please mail or turn in your envelope before Holy Friday, April 30th for your special intentions.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE 1st WEEK OF LENT:

Wednesday, March 17th - Confession and Absolution	5:30 p.m.
Presanctified Gifts Liturgy	6:00 p.m.
No Agape meal	
Friday, March 19th - Akathist to our Lord Jesus Christ	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 20th - Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.

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 all the night we spend 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!