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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

Epistle: Heb. 2: 11-18

Gospel: Luke 1:24-38

March 25, 2018

COFFEE HOUR: COMMUNION BREAKFAST: TODAY, after Divine Liturgy, we will be having our Annual Communion Breakfast which will be catered by Stefan's Catering. Please, everyone come and enjoy the fellowship and meal together. The Donation is **\$10.00 for adults and students are free**. We have one child taking her 1st Confession – *Grace Saba*. As in the past, I'm sure we will have a great turnout to support our Sunday school teachers, our children, and their families.

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Ann Telep, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Chuck Ealovega, Mary Lusko, Jestin Spears, Jacob Ruppert, Barbara Lamendola, Kenneth Chambers, Mildred Cislo, John Vasilco, Anna Hagopian, Michael Kerrigan, Tamara Perri, George Krett, Sister Mary Hickey and Gregory Patrick.

BLESSED VESTEMENTS: Today, Sunday, March 25th, the Holy Feast of the Annunciation, Fr. Timothy blessed new White Pascha vestements and Chalice covers during the Divine Liturgy. They were donated in memory of *Michael Varchola* by Mary Varchola, the Shuster family, Varchola family, Rodish family, and Colgon family. Memory Eternal!

ALTAR SOCIETY: Today, Fr. Timothy also blessed 2 new gold plated cups and 2 new paten plates used at the Altar. Thank you to the Altar Society for donating these items!

NEW WHITE PODRIZNIK: Fr. Timothy also blessed a white podriznik to be worn with the new vestments while serving the Divine Liturgy.

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: TODAY, SUNDAY MARCH 25TH, Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose soul of *Michael Varchola* (on his 7th year of falling asleep in the Lord on March 26th, 2011) and deceased members of the Shuster, Rodish, & Colgon families, offered by Mary Varchola,. Memory Eternal!

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: Today, Father Timothy prayed for *Edwin John Avey*, (cousin of Donna Marie Harvilla) who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, March 17, 2018. He was a Navy veteran and had been in hospice for 17 days. Our deepest sympathy to Donna Marie and family for their loss of Edwin John . Memory Eternal!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, March 28th - Confession and Absolution	5:30 p.m.
Presanctified Gifts Liturgy	6:00 p.m.
Agape meal to follow in our church cultural center	
Saturday, March 31st - Lazarus Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Vespers for Palm Sunday	5:00 p.m.

PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS LITURGY: During Great Lent we do not celebrate the Divine Liturgy on weekdays, except for the Holy Feast Day of the Annunciation of the Theotokos on March 25th. This is because the Divine Liturgy is a joyous celebration and great Lent is a time for repentance of our sins. So that the faithful are not left without Holy Communion, the Presanctified Liturgy is usually celebrated on Wednesday (and Friday). "Presanctified" means "already consecrated" because the bread and wine of Holy Communion were consecrated on the preceding Sunday. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be served on Wednesday of each week during Great Lent at 6:00 p.m. (except the Wednesday of Holy Week). Fasting before the Liturgy should start at 12:00 noon (6 hours before receiving the Holy Sacraments). Confessions will be heard before Liturgy, or after, or by appointment.

FASTING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY: If you would like to take communion at the Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent, you must fast by taking no food from 12:00 noon until you receive Holy Communion. Confession must be taken before Liturgy. If you have taken private confession or General Confession during a given month (or 4 weeks), then you may receive Absolution at the Presanctified Liturgy and Sunday Liturgies in that four (4) week period. We pray that many of our members will partake of Holy Communion more than once during Great Lent!

'AGAPE MEAL' - Each Wednesday, after Presanctified Liturgy, there will be a gathering of our members in St. Michael's Cultural Center to partake of an evening meal. All who are at the Presanctified Liturgy, are invited to join in this fellowship meal. We only ask that each family bring a Lenten Dish (casserole, dessert, salad, bread). There is no fee. Our agape meals have always been enjoyed by all.