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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 April 18, 2021

Epistle: Heb 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

CHRIST IS RISEN!

TRULY HE RISEN!

Dear members and friends of St. Michael's:

The Holy Orthodox Church beckons us to “Come let us make ready the Feast.” The feast the church is speaking of is the Feast of all Feast – *The Resurrection of our Lord – the Passover from death to life.*

Whether we are young or old, each year we prepare for this feast with anticipation. We recall the Paschas of past years how we listened to the *twelve Passion Gospel Readings on Holy Thursday; processioned around the Church on Holy Friday symbolizing Christ's body being taken to the tomb, and finally, on Holy Pascha we heard the triumphant words, “Christ is Risen!”* We remember, too, how beautiful the church looked with its *white covers, white flowers, and white vestments.* Surely, we were weary from all the preparation during Lent but, when we arrived home with our baskets of blessed food and ate together with our families, then we knew it was all worth it. No other faith can compare to the Orthodox in its celebration of the *Feast of the Resurrection!* Yet, our weariness is nothing compared to Christ's suffering on the Cross for us. Let us continue on our journey through Lent with patience and love, as the Church teaches, remembering on that First Resurrection Day how the myrrh bearing women by the Tomb had their sorrow turned to joy!

I invite all Orthodox faithful to join us in worship during the Holy Week services this year so that, when we come to that “*Feast of Feasts*”, we can truly rejoice in the Lord and be joyous in His Resurrection.

From my Family, Matushka Sherry, Natasha, and Brian, we wish you a Joyous Pascha!

Fr. Timothy

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, 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, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Sophie Miller, and Deacon David Rehn.

DECEASED: It is with deep sadness that *Patricia Fedoronko*, 82, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, April 12th. Please pray for her soul and Fedoronko family as they deal with their loss. The funeral service was held here at St. Michael's on **Friday, April 16th** with interment at Michigan Memorial, Flat Rock, Mi. Memory Eternal!

RECOVERING FROM SURGEY: *Sonia Kurtyka* was operated on her knee Thursday, April 15th at Michigan Surgical Center, Novi, MI. She came home the same day and is recuperating at home. Please pray for her improved health!

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: TODAY, Sunday, April 18th during Divine Liturgy, Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose soul of *Anna Saxby*, and *Helen Antonishak* offered by William Saxby.

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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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK OF LENT:

Wednesday, April 21st- Confession and Absolution

5:30 p.m.

Presanctified Gifts Liturgy

6:00 p.m.

No Agape meal

Saturday, April 24th- Lazarus Saturday - Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m.

Vespers Palm Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday, April 25th Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy

9:30 a.m.