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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 24, 2022

Epistle: Acts I:1-8

Gospel: John I:1-17

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!
XPNCTOC BOCKPECE!**

FOR 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, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Matthew Kerrigan, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran and JoAnne Nicholas.

ALTAR CANDLES: were lit today by Thomas & Mary Kabrovich in memory of Nick & Elena Kabrovich.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – The next Council Meeting will be May 1st. All Council members please make every effort to attend the meeting!

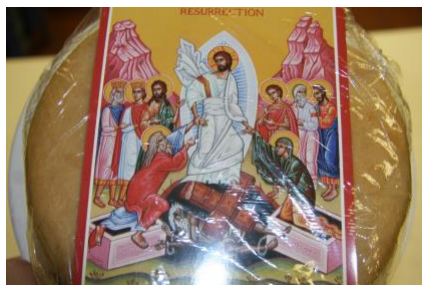
REMINDER: THERE IS NO KNEELING FROM PASCHA TO THE PENTECOST KNEELING PRAYERS!

PASCHA VIGIL LIGHTS: There were 195 vigil lights lit for Holy Friday. On Holy Pascha, additional vigils were lit. Thank you to everyone for lighting vigils for their loved ones and for special intentions.

ARTOS – During Easter Week a loaf of bread, representing the Bread of Eternal Life, and called Artos, is placed under the Icon of Christ. The custom of having this bread in church on Easter dates back to the time of the first Apostles who always left an empty place at the head of the table to honor the memory of Christ. It was their firm belief that He was invisibly present with them.

The Artos is kept on the lectern during Easter week. On St. Thomas Sunday, the eighth day after Easter, the Artos is again blessed by the priest and is then broken up and given to the worshippers.

During the period between *Easter* and *Pentecost*, because of the glory bestowed on mortals by Christ's victory over death, Orthodox Christians do not kneel in church. (taken from Faith of our Fathers)



CHARITY COLLECTION: The May charity collection will be donated to the Ukraine. Please give generously to support their needs at this time.

SPRING FLING – *Orthodox Detroit Outreach* is having a 'Spring Fling' on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 4 PM to 8 PM, here at St. Michael's Cultural Center. You are invited to join in an old-fashioned, Detroit style dance, with live music by The Off Beats. Admission is \$10, 18 and under are FREE. Food will be available and there is a cash bar. Questions? – Contact Phil at 313-815-2719. Proceeds go to Orthodox Detroit Outreach.

PRAYER FOR ARTOS ON ST. THOMAS SUNDAY:

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Angelic Bread, the Bread of life eternal, who came down from heaven, and hast fed us on these most bright days with the spiritual food of thy divine benefits, for the sake of thy three days' burial and redeeming Resurrection: Look now also, we humbly entreat thee, upon our prayers and thanksgivings; and as thou didst bless the five loaves in the wilderness, so now also do thou bless this bread, that all who shall partake of it may be vouchsafed bodily and spiritual health and blessing, through the grace and bounties of thy love toward mankind. For thou are our sanctification, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now, and ever, and unto age of ages. Amen.