

## St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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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**

May 5, 2024

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel: John 1: 1-17

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

### XPNECTOC BOCKPEC!

**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 SERVICE THIS WEEK:

**PASCHA MONDAY – May 6th – Divine Liturgy (Bright Monday)**

**10:00 a.m.**

#### CHURCH PASCHA DONATION:

Vantsevich family

\$50.00

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Vantsevich family (Landscaping)

\$ 50.00

Myrrh Bearers Sisterhood (Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mary Varchola)

\$100.00

Mary Varchola (Thanking God for all his Blessing of

\$100.00

Celebrating my 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

#### LENTEN DONATION:

\$125.00

#### FLOWER DONATIONS:

\$120.00

#### MEMORIAL DONATION:

Randal Antonishak (in memory of my mother Helen Antonishak

\$ 10.00

4 years falling asleep in the Lord 4-25-2020). Memory Eternal!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

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)

**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 worshipers.

**BLESSING OF BASKETS:** A colorful Easter custom observed in the Orthodox Church is the blessing of Easter baskets. Each family prepares a basket which contains all the essentials for a family repast (special golden-colored bread decorated Easter eggs, ham, sausage, butter, and special foods such as an egg cheese) which is brought to church to be blessed on Easter/Pascha Sunrise service to be blessed after church services in the church hall. A lighted candle is placed in each basket. People often eat their Pascha's foods after the blessing in the hall or take them home to their families. These baskets represent a humble offering brought to the Resurrected Christ. (Faith of our fathers)