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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 Rom 2:10-16

Sunday, June 21, 2020 Gospel: Matt: 4: 18-23

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, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka and Nancy Hawkins.

PARASTAS: Fr. Timothy will serve a Parastas on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** for the repose souls of: *Dale Mark Martin and Lavonne Martin*, (2nd anniversary of falling asleep in the Lord), and *Ronald Kotelly* (18th year of falling asleep in the Lord) offered by Tamara Perri and family. Memory Eternal!

HOSPITALIZED: *Nancy Hawkins* was operated on for a knee replacement on Tuesday, June 9th at Sinai Hospital, Commerce Twp. She was transferred Monday, June 15th to MediLodge of Milford, 55 Highland Ave., Milford, MI. Please pray for her improved health!

HOSPITALIZED: *Sonia Kurtyka* was hospitalized at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She returned home Friday, June 5th, and is recuperating there. Please pray for her improved health.

CHURCH SERVICE THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, June 24th – Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist - Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with the Covid 19 virus, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personnel, fireman, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

STS PETER & PAUL FAST: Started Monday, **June 15 for 14 days**, through June 28. Fast to the best of your ability!

MEMORIAL CHURCH OFFERING:

William Saxby (in memory of Anna Saxby)	\$25.00
William Saxby (in memory of Thomas Harrington)	25.00
William Saxby (in memory of Helen Antonishak)	25.00
William Saxby (in memory of Anna Saxby)	25.00

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FROM THE ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN . . . Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey

A WORTHY CHAMPION OF OUR ORTHODOX FAITH

Saint Athanasius the Great was born in Alexandria, Egypt, about the year 297. His childhood was spent during the years that Christians were persecuted for their faith. He lived among people who suffered, and he was taught by teachers who suffered for Christ. But by 313, peace came to the Christians, for Constantine the Great granted religious freedom after his famed vision of the Cross.

Now, however, a different enemy arose, one from within the Church. The heresy of Arius infected the Church and caused great troubles. It was young Athanasius, now an archdeacon and secretary to the aged Patriarch of Alexandria, who arose to defend the faith. He relentlessly challenged Arians on the real issue: *“Either admit that the Son is of the same substance with the father, or say openly that He is a creature, in which case He cannot be worshipped . . .”*

The controversy resulted in the calling by the Emperor of the Great Council, held in 318 at Nicea. It was Athanasius who led the struggle against the heresy. The Patriarch died shortly after the council, and Athanasius was elected to succeed him. He had a stormy career as Archbishop. The Arian troubles did not fade away but persisted for years. Five times Athanasius was banished; five times he returned in triumph, to the joy of the people.

Athanasius was archbishop of some 46 years, and he was 77 years old when death came in 373. The warrior for Christ finally received his crown of glory.