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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

July 7, 2019

Epistle: Rom 5: 1-10

Gospel: Matt 6:22-33

COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship.

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, Mary Lusko, Barbara Lamendola, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Thomas Cherup, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, and Ramon Wodkowski.

HALL RENOVATION: If you would like to donate to the hall renovation, please use an envelope found in the pews and mark it “Hall Renovation”. Thank you, and remember, God Loves a Cheerful Giver!

REFRIGERATOR: If you would like to donate towards the new refrigerator that was purchased to replace the broken one, please use an envelope found in the pews and mark it “Refrigerator”. Thank you!

FOURTEEN (14) PATRIARCHAL PARISHES CONVOCATION: This is a notification that by the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Matthew of Sourozh, a 14th Convocation of the Patriarchal Parishes will take place at the Antiochian Village, 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA (near Latrobe, PA) 15923-3512, starting on **September 30th thru October 3, 2019**. Members who would like to go and represent St. Michael’s, please inform Fr. Timothy.

Each church may be represented by their priest, clergy, and a lay representative. Information will soon be coming with all the facts and data and how many people can attend. All are invited to attend and observe, but you must pay your own way. Those appointed by the church will be paid for in full.

ST. MICHAEL’S BOOK CLUB: Next scheduled meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cultural Center in the library. The book discussion will be All by Myself, Alone by Mary Higgins Clark.

THE SACRAMENTS – COMMUNION (From Faith of Our Fathers)

Communion, the third Sacrament, is also called the Holy Eucharist. This Sacrament was ordained by Jesus Christ when, with prayer, He broke bread and offered the chalice of wine to His disciples at the Last Supper. It is a Sacrament which perpetuates the eternal love of God through sacrifice.

In the Sacrament of Communion, at the moment of the priest’s invocation, the Holy Spirit descends upon the bread and wine, which have been prepared and sanctified, and transubstantiates them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a transubstantiation and not a transformation because the substance becomes changed while in the form of bread and wine and remaining unchanged to the eyes.

Through this Sacrament we are spiritually fed and the Sacrament of Communion is an essential part of the third portion of the Divine Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Faithful.

“Take ye and eat. This is my Body . . . Drink ye all of this. For this is My Blood . . . shed for many for the remission of sins.” (Matthew 26:26-28)

HOLY HUMOR: This story was told by Jim Reed a life-long golfer and United Methodist layman who retired from golf to Cotter, AR where he now paints watercolors because he says, “they require fewer strokes.” – A golfing preacher, who too often committed the golfing sin of looking up too soon started a round by suggesting that his caddie pray for him. The bag-toter watched carefully as the minister addressed the ball. “Are you praying for me?” the minister asked. “Yes sir,” was the reply, “I’m praying, but you gotta keep your head down.”