

## 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**

July 7, 2024

Epistle Rom 2: 10-16

Gospel: Matt 4: 18-23

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

**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, Wyatt Alexander Jankowski, Dr. Anthony Munaco, Helen Woytowich, Jim Fisher, and Lida Keem.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to *Doris Sprague* who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, tomorrow July 8<sup>th</sup>. Doris will be in church today, so please greet her with joy and happiness and her family on this joyous celebration. There will be a cake at coffee hour to honor Doris offered by her family. Many Years!

**GENERAL CONFESSION:** Reminder that **TODAY, Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**, is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month and there will be general confession.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for **TODAY, Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>** after Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour. Please, all church council members, make every effort to attend.

**MARRIAGE BANS:** This is the first announcement of the marriage of: William Shirak and Tracy Kole who will be married here at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

### CHURCH IS NECESSARY EVERY SUNDAY

In the coal mines of Pennsylvania, mules were used underground to pull the heavy carts to the elevator. These animals lived most of their lives in the darkness of those mines. *But on Sunday morning, those mules were led out into the sunlight so that they would not go blind in the darkness below.*

Is this not true of man also? If he does not take his eyes off the ground and raise them up to heaven regularly (at least once a week) his soul will become blinded to God's will, and he will lose his spiritual usefulness.

By virtue of Divine authority, we Christians are obliged to cease our work and recreation and attend the Church services on Sunday; to worship God, so that He may refresh and inspire us.

Why Sunday? Because it is the Lord's Day, on which He rose from the dead. It is the Christian "Sabbath Day".

**"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"** is a commandment given us by God Himself. Excuses such as it is too hot, too cold, or I was tired, or I could worship God watching TV or by myself or in my backyard, are just that, excuses: excuses that blind us to the truth about our existence and our rightful relationship with God.

The Christian's first duty is not to himself and his own physical desires, but to God. The surest way to lose one's relationship with Him is to neglect going to church on the Sabbath. As a man lives, so he will die. And as he dies, so will he spend eternity, which begins here and now.

If we don't wish to enjoy God's Light in this life, what will we have in the next?

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