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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 10: 1-10

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Gospel: Matt 8: 28-9:1

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.

DECEASED: *John Ogen*, 71, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, July 3, 2020 at home. John was a musician who played a lot of weekends in a band, but when available he would come to St. Michael's. He loved St. Michael's Orthodox Church. Please pray for his soul and for his daughter Crystal Catherine Ogen and family. Memory Eternal!

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: TODAY, during Divine Liturgy Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose souls of *Anna Saxby* and *Ann Telep* offered by William Saxby. Memory Eternal!

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY WHILE ATTENDING CHURCH, as mandated by the governor. Also, follow safe distancing practices and sanitize your hands.

SPECIAL THANKS: To members and friends for your continuing support of St. Michael's Church through your generous offerings sent in during this difficult time of the Covid 19 virus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

A MASTER OF "WORSHIP"

This Sunday's Church Bulletin highlights the life of a relatively modern Saint: **NIKODEMOS of the Holy Mountain**. He was born on the island of Naxos in 1749, and was educated in Smyrna. At the age of 27, Nikodemos set off for *Mt. Athos – the Holy Mountain* – where he entered a monastery. At this ancient center of Orthodox monasticism, Nikodemos put to good use his God-given talent for writing and composing music.

Nikodemos travelled extensively throughout Asia Minor and Eastern Europe, gathering material for his literary and musical projects. Some of his works include: The "Philokalia," a spiritual guidebook drawing from the writing of Saints of the Church and the "Pedalion," a masterful compilation of all of the sacred canons of the church. This volume is commonly referred to as the "Rudder of the Church" because of its clear, concise interpretations of our dogmas, doctrines, and disciplines. Nikodemos also compiled a two-volume edition of "The Lives of the Saints." One of his most noted musical accomplishments was his writing of the hymns for the services on *Great and Holy Friday*.

Nikodemos died in 1809. He will live on, however, through the vast amount of spiritual and catechetical material that he authored during his 60 years of service to the Lord. This theological giant has enriched all our spiritual lives.

"Some visitors to Calcutta asked me to tell them something that would be useful for them to lead their lives in a more profitable way. I answered, "Smile at each other. Smile at your wives, at your husbands, at your children, at all. Let mutual love for others grow each day in all of you."

Mother Teresa
Heart of Joy