

## 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 21, 2024**

**Epistle Rom 6: 18-23**

**Gospel: Matt 8: 5-13**

**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, Susan Telep.

**MEMORIAL LUNCHEON:** A special luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** in our Church Cultural Center in memory of *Brandon Henkel* who fell asleep in the Lord on *Tuesday, June 18, 2024*. It is offered by the Henkel Family in his memory. There will be a Parastas during the Divine Liturgy in memory of Brandon. Dean & Stephanie Henkel and family are inviting everyone to please join them for Divine Liturgy and Parastas and then a luncheon in the Church Cultural Center. Please come and support the family and enjoy a delicious meal in memory of Brandon. Memory Eternal!

### **OPERATION:**

Please pray for *Susan Telep* who had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Beaumont Hospital, Farmington, MI and is now recovering at home. Pray for her improved and good health during her recovery.

**MARRIAGE BANS:** This is the third 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.

### **MEMORIAL DONATION:**

Nicholas Obrizok Jr. (in memory of my father Nickolas Obrizok Sr. on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, July 20<sup>th</sup>) Memory Eternal! \$100.00

## **HOW TO PRAY . . . AND HOW NOT TO PRAY**

Jesus loved to tell stories, which we call parables. He told them not to entertain, but to teach. One of the best known of these is the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee, the Gospel Lesson During Lent.

The Gospel begins with the words: "*Two men went into the temple to pray . . .*" There are many reasons why people go to church on a Sunday morning. Some go to sing, to hear the sermon, to listen to the choir, to expose themselves and their children to moral and ethical teaching, some go out of habit. But these two men went to pray. Now it is possible to pray anywhere, anytime, but the Church is pre-eminently a place of prayer. This is so especially on the Lord's Day as the Lord's people gather for worship. Jesus Himself said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I amongst them . . .".

It is instructive to compare the two prayers – how to pray and how not to pray. The prayer of the Publican was brief, humble, saving; while the prayer of the Pharisee, if it could be called that, was long, proud, and not saving. One felt a need for God, while the other felt no such need, being more than satisfied with himself.

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