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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

Sunday, July 26, 2020 Epistle: Rom Rom: 15: 1-7
Gospel: Matt 9: 27-35

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, Nancy Hawkins, Jim Fisher, and Mark Sudia.

CONGRATULATIONS: to *Russell & Judy Masura* who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 25, 2020. God Grant Them Many Years!

HOSPITALIZED AND HOME: two weeks ago, *Jim Fisher* had an operation and spent a few days in the hospital. He is now at home. Please pray for his improved health!

MEDICAL PROCEDURE: Mark *Sudia* had a medical procedure on Friday, July 24th at Oakwood/Botsford Hospital in Dearborn. He is now home. Please pray for his improved health.

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.

CHURCH DONATION/BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Paul & Sharon Kerns \$260.00

CHURCH DONATION:

From John (pray for the trouble in Egypt) \$ 40.00

MEMORIAL DAY OFFERING:

Nicholas Obrizok Jr. (in memory of my father Nickolas Obrizok Sr. \$100.00
(on the 16th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord July 20th) Memory Eternal!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: A drive is scheduled here at St. Michael's Cultural Center on **Wednesday, July 29th 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Please contact: Red Cross Blood.Org or call **1-800-RED CROSS** to schedule an appointment. Also see the email sent from Deacon Dan Woytowich concerning the blood drive.

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

THE PILLAR OF THE PROPHETS:

Prophet Elias (Elijah) was in constant conflict with King Ahab, speaking out relentlessly against his wickedness and idolatry. He told Ahab that because the nation had turned away from God, no rain would fall until the Prophet gave the word. As a result of his boldness, Elias was forced to flee for his life, relying on God to sustain him in various ways as he lived the life of an exile.

The prophecy of Elias proved to be true. For 3 ½ years, not one drop of rain fell! The land of Israel was plagued by a terrible drought, which led to an equally disastrous famine.

Finally, Elias returned to King Ahab and proposed a contest to determine whose power was greater: The God of Israel or Baal. These were the conditions of the contest: the priests of Baal were to build an altar and prepare an animal for sacrifice upon it. Elias would do the same. Each would then pray to their respective "god" to ignite the wood for the sacrifice. 450 priest of Baal prayed intensely throughout the entire day, with no results. When Elias prayed to the "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," fire blazed down from heaven, igniting the sacrifice! Those who had gathered for this spectacle fell to their knees, giving praise to God and repenting for having abandoned Him. Soon, showers began to fall. The drought had ended!

The earthly life of the Prophet Elias also ended in a spectacular manner. After anointing Elisha as his successor, Elias was taken into heaven by means of a chariot of fire.