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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, August 9, 2020** Epistle 1 Cor 3: 9-17

Gospel: Matt 14: 22-34

**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.

**MARRIAGE BANS:** This is the second announcement of the marriage of: *Anna Justine Munaco and Max Benjamin Rujan* who will be married here at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, on *Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.* Anna is the daughter of Drs. Anthony and Nancy Munaco, and Max is the son of Adam and Toni Rujan.

**REMEMBERED AT LITURGY:** TODAY, Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose souls of: Anna Saxby and Helen Antonishak 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.

**DORMITION FASTING:** A two week fast began Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - Feast of Dormition (Falling Asleep of the Holy Virgin Mary). Please fast to the best of your abilities.

**SCHEDULED SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

**TODAY, Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Divine Liturgy after Holy Feast of Transfiguration 9:30 a.m.**

**BLESSING OF FRUIT**

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Vespers – Dormition/Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - Divine Liturgy Dormition/Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 10:00 a.m.**

**Blessing of Flowers during Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy after Dormition 9:30 a.m.**

**FLOWERS WILL BE BLESSED FOR THE DORMITION**

**CHURCH DONATION:**

Brian Dominick (for the health of Pat Dominick & Dominick family) \$400.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!**

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

**GROWTH THROUGH TRIALS**

There is a wise saying that claims: *“into each life some rain must fall.”* We all realize that we are instruments of God. His plan for us includes birth, growth, and maturity. God uses the Bible, the church, and other believers to help shape us. He also uses TRIALS in our life to mold us.

Why does Mankind face trials? It is because we live in a sinful world. It is written in *Romans 3:10-23* that we are all part of a fallen race and fall short of the glory of God. Our world is filled with turmoil, crime, and sickness. Our adversary is Satan. He tempts us to be unfaithful and to do evil. Our goal must be to strive to overcome this evil with good.

But why are CHRISTIAN TRIALS different? We are aware that we do not suffer alone. There is a design to our difficulties. We look to JESUS, the One Who cares and understands. Through Him will come our glory.

Let us examine how Christians should react to several tribulations. Perhaps, we have financial troubles, maybe not of our doing. These trials may teach us to care and show gratitude for the assistance the Lord gives. Sometimes health problems get in our way. They teach us to sympathize, pray, and lean on Jesus. Maybe we have family concerns. Rejoice in the fact that you are part of a larger family of God and seek out help from Christian counselors. The question is this: How are you doing in God's School of Trials? Let's hope these trials are making you BETTER and not BITTER.