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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 23, 2020**

Epistle 1 Cor 9: 2-12

Gospel: Matt 8:23-35

**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.

**PRAYER:** 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 SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** – Vespers for the Holy Feast day of Beheading of St. John The Baptist 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** – Divine Liturgy of Beheading of St. John the Baptist 10:00 a.m.

**STRICT FAST DAY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH is the Holy Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist** and is considered a **STRICT FAST DAY on the church calendar**. For centuries the church has remembered the holy feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Tradition tells us that we should not eat off of plates on this day in remembrance that St. John's head was carried on a platter. Teach your children about this, and let them honor this Holy Saint who baptized Christ and was the forerunner of Christ, in this way.

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

**A PROPHET OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE**

A large number of those who believe in God are not completely familiar with both the OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS. We have all heard of the more popular Prophets such as Moses, Elias, Daniel, and David. Emerging from the pages of the OLD TESTAMENT, today we focus on PROPHET SAMUEL.

This wise man was an instrument of God who lived eleven hundred years before Christ. He was the last judge of the Israelites and anointed their first two kings. He was born to the barren woman Hannah. This gift from above was named Samuel, meaning "Heard by God." Being the fruit of Hannah's prayers, she dedicated him to God when he was around three years old.

Samuel grew up in a pious environment, eventually being chosen as protector of the Israelites. He judged them with holiness and righteousness. He displayed leadership by counseling both kings and military leaders. Samuel realized the need for a central leader of his people whose tribal disunity was impairing their service to God. Many ascribed to him the authorship of the Books of Judges and Ruth, and of the first 24 Chapters of the First Book of Kings.

Through Prophets, God has instructed and prepared us for future Incarnation and ultimately universal salvation. Our Faith was established by wise and educated people who interpreted the Holy Scriptures accurately and who enlightened us with inspired teachings. Let their words serve as our light and foundation, guiding us thru our earthly journey.

**CHURCH DONATIONS:**

The Munaco's donated to improve the church grounds by having all the beds around the church and hall landscaped. Thank you for your kindness and improving and beautifying the church and cultural center grounds. Everything looks beautiful!

Building and Maintenance (Woman's room toilets by Anonymous)

\$650.00

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

