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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

**September 29, 2019** Epistle: 2 Cor 4:6-15

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

**COFFEE HOUR:** There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship.

**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, and Alice Caddy.

**DECEASED:** It is with sorrow that I inform you that *Mary Lusko, 90*, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Funeral services were held at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with internment at Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock, MI. Please pray for Mary's soul and for her brother Jim, his wife Alice, and the Lusko Family. Memory Eternal!

**OPERATION:** *Zlatko Petrovich* was operated on yesterday, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Novi, MI. Please pray for his improved health.

**CHURCH DONATIONS:**

Jim & Evon Gray (for health & safety of Jim & Evon Gray) \$ 20.00

**CHURCH MEMORIAL DONATIONS:**

Pat Dominick (in memory of Jerry Colling) \$ 50.00

Phillip Pargoff & family (in memory of Diane Pargoff - 40<sup>th</sup> day) 50.00

**FOURTEENTH CONVOCATION OF THE PATRIARCHAL PARISHES OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN U.S.A. - will be held in Antiochian Village, 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, Pa (near Latrobe, Pa.) on Monday, September 30 thru October 3, 2019.**

Fr. Timothy and Sub-deacon Theodore Maloney will be attending the convocation. They will be leaving Monday morning September 30<sup>th</sup> and return on Thursday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pray they will have a safe trip to Pennsylvania and returning back to Redford, MI.

**EYE GLASS DONATIONS:** There is a box in the vestibule for eye glass donations to the Lions Club. Please put your old eye glasses in this box. Thank you.

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB:** The next scheduled meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, in the Cultural Center Library. The book being discussed is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. All are invited.

**THE CENSER:** The burning of incense is an important part of every Orthodox service. The burning incense is contained in a golden vessel called the censer. To this three long chains are fastened, enabling the priest or deacon to manipulate the censer freely in any desired direction.

The censer, with the incense placed within it, symbolizes the gifts offered by the Wise Men to the Infant Jesus – gold, frankincense and myrrh. Censing is sometimes performed before sacred icons or in front of the altar. This is done to express the desire that the prayers of the worshipers may ascend to heaven just as the sweet perfume of the incense rises heavenward.

When the priest swings the censer toward the worshipers, called censing, it expresses his prayer that God may gather up the prayers of all assembled and send His blessing down upon the worshipers and that God's love and the Grace of the Holy Spirit may cover, or surround the souls of those in church, just as the fragrant incense cloud envelops them. A little reverence should be made whenever the priest swings the censer toward the worshipers.

Incense is a mixture of fragrant tree-gum ingredients. Aaron, the High Priest of Israel in the Old Testament, burned incense in the morning and evening. This was offered as a symbol of prayer, and in the New Testament the same symbolism was perpetuated. (Faith of our Fathers)