

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The Rummage Sale was a huge success thanks to the work of many. Quite a few customers remarked how nicely it was set up and how it was a pleasure to shop the sale. We also got compliments about how friendly everyone was. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY. Update on money taken in is \$3,204.** Superb!

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to Victoria Lawrence for helping to organize and clean the Storage Room and Library. Your help is appreciated.

**METAL FOLDING CHAIRS FOR SALE** – We are cleaning house and have metal folding chairs that are available for purchase. The price is \$5.00 per chair. If you are interested, please see Matushka Sherry, Dr. Nancy, or Pat Hermes.

**JUST A REMINDER:** Please be reminded that YOUR help is needed to clean up at Coffee Hours. We ask that you please bus your table (remove all plates, cups, utensils, coffee pots etc. *to the kitchen*). We need everyone to help so that it does not become the responsibility of just a few people.

**EYE GLASS COLLECTION** – There is a box in the church vestibule for your unwanted eye glasses - to be given to the Lyon's Club.

**FOOD COLLECTION:** During **the month of September** we will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Redford Interfaith Relief organization. A box will be available in the vestibule for you to place your donation of canned goods, boxes of pasta, or any other non-perishable food items. Please be generous with your donation. We thank you.

**Orthodox Christian Women** – The OCW presents “Including the Church in Daily Life” by guest speaker Rev. Fr. Michael Manos on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7 PM. The program will be held at St. Mark Orthodox Church, 400 W. Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Dadich, OCW President at 586-775-4799. They are accepting contributions for ZOE for Life, Orthodox Detroit Outreach, & South Oakland Shelter.

**ST. MICHAEL BOOK CLUB:** The next scheduled book club meeting will be on *Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cultural Center.* The book being discussed is The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson.

#### **FUNERAL DONATION – USE OF CHURCH**

**Funeral for Lawyer Daniel's Father - (Zlatko Petrovich's friend)**

**\$300.00**

#### **LEAVE ME ALONE:**

What do you think of the Church? Are you under the impression that because the Church needs your help it is constantly trying to get you into it for its own selfish reasons? Do you judge the church to be an “institution” that is merely one of many human institutions that contribute to the social welfare? Do you perhaps feel that the Church is composed of people who have nothing else to do but “go to church and cook dinners or do whatever else they're asked to do”? Do you think someone has to be a little abnormal to be interested in his Church? Just what do you think of the Church?

You need the Church. The Church was established by God Himself (not man) and He made it the custodian of His heavenly treasures. Ignore the Church and you do it at the risk of your own soul's salvation.

God has no other plan for man than to save his mortal soul. And through the Church, He calls us to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Church, He elevates the Cross of His crucified Son, so that those who look upon Him in faith may be saved.

Through the Church, He offers the solutions to life's problems. Through the Church, He grants consolation to those in sorrow, hope to the faint-hearted, strength to the weak, and eternal life to the dying.

If you don't know the church because of your staying-away from it, if your mind is full of misconceptions regarding its purpose and teaching, come and find out what it's really about.

The Church wants you, not because it needs you, but because you need the Church and the message it preaches. It proclaims the way to salvation – the way that Jesus commanded His church to proclaim – for YOUR benefit!!