

**St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church
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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 January 14, 2018

Epistle Reading 1 Tim 1:15-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 18 :35-43

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED!

GLORIFY HIM!

COFFEE HOUR: There is Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to 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, Ann Telep, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Chuck Ealovega, Mary Lusko, Jestin Spears, Jacob Ruppert, Barbara Lamendola, Kenneth Chambers, Mildred Cislo, John Vasilco, Anna Hagopian, Michael Kerrigan, Tamara Perri, George Krett, Sister Mary Hickey and Gregory Patrick.

HOSPITALIZED: *John Vasilco* was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia on Monday, January 8, 2018. Please pray for his improved health!

DECEASED: *Olga Jacob*, 90, mother of Stephanie Henkel, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 12th, 2018. Please pray for Olga's soul and for Stephanie and her family. Memory Eternal!

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR OLGA JACOB:

Funeral Service: St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 West Chicago Rd., Redford, MI 48239

Viewing: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (there will be a closed casket) for those who want to come early to say prayers and to console and comfort the family

Funeral – 11:00 a.m.

Repast Meal – after the funeral service

Internment – there will be a private burial for family only at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Van Dyke and 6 mile Rd., Detroit

PARASTAS: TODAY, SUNDAY, January 14th - Fr. Timothy served a Parastas at 9:00 a.m. before Divine Liturgy for the repose soul of Matushka Jane Barna (7 year anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord on January 15, 2011) offered by Fr. Timothy and family. Memory Eternal!

BLESSING OF HOMES – Fr. Timothy will be blessing homes at your convenience. Please call the rectory at 313-937-2120 or see Fr. Timothy in church if you want your home blessed.

BLESSING HOMES

The Feast of Theophany commemorates the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The church commemorates this with the Great Blessing of Water, and the Church is blessed with this sanctified water. Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church – through the priest – goes to the home. Traditionally, in most Orthodox parishes, the priest personally visits his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. It has been the practice of Orthodox Christians for centuries to have their dwellings blessed. By sanctifying our living quarters, our private place, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. All the rooms are sprinkled with holy water (New dwellings are anointed with the sign of the Cross with holy oil on each of the four outer walls). At the conclusion of the blessing, the inhabitants are blessed with the holy water.

When the priest comes to bless our homes, he asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!

ANNUAL MEETING: This is the *second announcement* of St. Michael's Annual Yearly Meeting, which is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4, 2018**. Everyone, please mark this date on your calendar and come and participate. We need more people involved in the life of the church.