

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

July 6, 2025

Epistle: Rom 6: 18-23

Gospel: Matt 8: 5-13

COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Come enjoy Christian Fellowship.

THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Judy Wadysz, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Sonia Kurtyka, Bradley Webster, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran, Marge Wade, Mary Varchola, Zlatko Petrovich, Ronald Miller, Tamara Perri, Wyatt Alexander Jankowski, Jim Fisher, Eileen Fremont, Pat Dominick, Mary Ann Harvilla, Sophie Miller, Joan Marie Ruppert, Stephanie Henkel, David Tomchuk, Margaret Lawrence and Karen Telep.

ST. MICHAEL ICON: Thank you to *Sister Joanna* for donating to St. Michael's Church a beautiful new Icon of St. Michael the Archangel. This will be used occasionally in the center of the church on the tetrapod, along with other icons of St. Michael's throughout the year.

CHURCH DONATION:

Susan Owen (in Honor of the 5th anniversary of *Allen Alexander Owen* on his 5th anniversary into the Holy Orthodox Church on June 29, 2020) Many Years! \$30.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: A Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday, July 21st** here St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Stefan's Banquet hall. The time is 12 p.m. - 6 pm. If you are interested, please call **1-800-REDCROSS to schedule an appointment.**

IS GOD THE FIRST "LINE ITEM" IN YOUR BUDGET

Each Month, Orthodox Christians who practice being a good steward sit down with their budget to put aside savings for their future and pay expenses that are due - such as housing, automobiles and groceries. *However, giving to God through their parish comes first on their list of obligations.*

As stewards of our Church, *we are obliged to give back to God the "first fruits" of our labors.* Indeed, all that we are, and all that we have, comes from God. Through sacrificial giving, we acknowledge and give thanks for what we have received.

Giving back to God a portion of our income and assets is *only one fundamental aspect of being a Cristian steward.* As stewards, we should also:

1. Pray to God with grateful hearts, read scripture and participate in the Eucharist and other sacraments
2. Nurture our family with time and love. The home is the domestic Church, where we are to nurture relationships, offer forgiveness and reconciliation, and share our Christ-centered values - especially when pressured to conform to an oftentimes hostile secular society
3. Share ourselves with our parish. Our talents and skills are meant to be cultivated and shared. We are obliged to share ourselves with our parish family – and beyond.

As stewards of God's gifts, and members of the Church, we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples experience conversions, or life-shaping changes of mind and heart, and commit themselves to the Lord. Mature disciples consciously decided to follow Christ, no matter what the cost. (Borrowed)

BECAUSE OF YOU! - *Thoughts to inspire the People Who inspire Us*

"It matters not how long we live but how." (Philip James Bailey)

Small hinges make big doors open. Think about that - it's the little things that make things happen.