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Sunday, November 1, 2020. 21st Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian Epistle: Gal 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

WELCOME! Whether you are searching for a new Church or visiting, or if you are returning home again after an absence, we are glad you are with us today. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join the parish, or would like to speak with Father Michael, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it into the offering basket, as your offering to us today; and to contact Father Michael at his email address above. We want to get to know you! Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox community strives to glorify God through Orthodox worship, sincere love and care for one another, and service to those in need around us.

Divine Services for This Week

Tue	Nov 3	Matins and Prayer Service for the Peace of our Nation
Tue	Nov 3	Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Thr	Nov 5	Matins 9:00 am
Sat	Nov 7	Forefeast of the Holy Archangels Great Vespers 600 pm
Sun	Nov 8	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost. Archangel Michael Hours and Liturgy 9:40 am Moleben following Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--A Celebration:

Today, November 1, Archbishop Melchisedek visits our community to serve the Holy Liturgy. During the Liturgy, Father Michael was canonically installed as our Rector, and Reader David Nesbit was elevated to the rank of Subdeacon. Following the Liturgy, we enjoyed a catered meal to continue our celebrations, especially to mark the beginning of new life in our parish with the assignment and installation of a fulltime Rector. A great and holy task lies before all of us, so let us begin with joy and gratitude. Let us also enjoy this beautiful day. And a great word of thanks to all who helped plan, clean, and de-clutter the hall, serve and sing. May God Repay!

--Fellowship following Liturgy (Trapeza):

We all enjoy the fellowship and a bite to eat following the Liturgy each week. We also know that "many hands make the work easier". With that in mind, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen, for all to indicate on what date they would like to host the Trapeza. We are off to a great start for the next three weeks, with the Simmons & Stauffer families hosting on October 25 (Great chili and tacos!), the Bishop's visit on November 1, and M. Hudak & H. Waller hosting on November 8! It will be your choice about what to serve; as simple as doughnuts and bagels; or, soup and crackers/sandwich; or, lasagna with a salad and bread and butter. (In keeping with the Fasts, there will be no meat, poultry, or dairy

(milk, eggs, cheese) products served during those periods.) Two individuals/families may share a week. It's a good time to share recipes and serving ideas! Speak with Matushka Susanne or Elena if you need food ideas/recipes or if you have questions. Further instructions will be provided in the kitchen each week, which includes clean-up following Trapeza.

--On Line Giving:

Our parish now has the ability (and convenience) to receive contributions electronically, or on-line. While it is not a requirement by any means, electronic contributions are a way to assist in proper budgeting, contributing while away from church, or receiving gifts from others and their employers who may have matching gift programs. Such programs as PayPal and Amazon Smile will surely help to increase income. An important advantage of electronic banking will enable parish leadership to account for income and expenses on a consistent and accurate level. For more information, please see Gregory Maynard.

--Employer Matching Gift Program:

For those who are employed (and even those retired) now is the time to check with your Personnel Office/Human Resources Department to determine if your company has an Employer's Matching Gift Program. With this program, your employer will match a gift that you make to the Church and other non-profit organizations. For example: If you donate \$500; your employer will match that amount for a total of \$1,000. And, if your employer does not have such a program, perhaps this would be a suggestion to make for the future and for all employees.

--Church School:

Plans to organize a parish school are now underway, as Father and Matushka become more firmly rooted in the parish, and our census becomes more settled. It is hoped to start classes after the Nativity and Theophany holidays. Plans for adult learning will be forthcoming.

Prayers for our Nation:

We all must feel a bit saddened by the anger and hostility which has consumed and divided many people, including the young people of our country in these days. As Christians we understand that political theories and the political process of promises are not the be-all and end-all of human life. Keeping these things in mind, following matins on Tuesday (which also happens to be Election Day) a Moleben will be sung "For the Increase of Love and the Uprooting of All Hatred and Animosity." Please join us in prayer for our beloved Nation.

Every Family Needs a Prayer Warrior

"It is of enormous importance that there should be someone in the family who really prays. Prayer attracts the God's Grace, and this is felt by all members of the family – even those whose hearts have grown cold. Always Pray! Blessed Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica