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**Sunday, September 20, 2020. 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross. Great martyr Eustahius. Martyr and Confessor Michael of Chernigov. Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1**

**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 Sept 22**      **Prophet Jonah.** Daily Matins 9:00 am  
Choir/Singing Practice 7:00 pm. All interested in Church Singing are encouraged and welcome.
- Thr Sept 24**      **Venerable Sergius of Radonezh**  
Great Matins with Veneration of his relic 9:00 am  
\*Please note time change\*
- Sat Sept 26**      **Great Vespers for the Lord's Day** 6:00 pm Confessions heard at 5:00 pm.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Rectory:**

- The HVAC work has been completed. The installation of new window treatments is anticipated to begin tomorrow. God willing, Father and Matushka will move into the Rectory this week. Many thanks to Demetrius and Ron for helping to move furniture and other items this week. Also thanks to Father's brother, Dan, who helped assemble some furnishings and repaired all the storm doors and mechanisms. We ask for, and rely upon, the generosity of our people to help with these investments in our parish life and future. Work with hands is just as valued as work with the wallets! Please be prayerful and generous in your offerings. May God Repay!

#### **Candles:**

- Please take note of the suggested offering for candles, which has been recently revised. Appreciation is expressed to Reader David Leszunov, who freely provides us with traditional

beeswax candles. These candles are made from pure and natural beeswax, which contain no oils or paraffin, hence their difference in color and pleasant fragrance.

- **Archpastoral Visitation:** His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek will preside over the Holy Liturgy at our parish on **Sunday, November 1**. Vladyka will install Archpriest Michael as our Rector, and also bless our renovated parish home. Please hold the date for this important event in our parish life, and to partake of the Holy Mysteries from the hands of our Archpastor.
- **Choir News:** Our first singing practice with Susanna was held this past Tuesday. We worked on some new music, and learned about the structure of the Vespers service. The next practice will be on Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

#### - **Upcoming Feasts/Holy Days**

**October 1:** Protection of the Holy Theotokos

**October 24:** Memorial Saturday of Saint Dmetrius. For this “Soul Saturday” we will serve a **Panikhida and Bless Graves** at our parish cemetery and celebrate individual Litya services for those who request it, at 11:00am. Should the weather be inclement, the service will be sung at the Church.

#### **Ways to Welcome People to Church**

- + Every parish member is a host and not a **guest**....
- + The most important person for a visitor to talk to, in order to feel at home, is **you**....
- + Treat first time visitors as **guests of the Lord God**, not strangers....
- + **Smile at everyone** and offer your hand....
- + **Look folks in the eye** while speaking to them and encourage them to meet others....
- + **Take the initiative** in conversation; don't wait for visitors to initiate conversation with You....
- + **Learn the names** of newcomers and work to remember them for their next visit....
- + **Ask simple and kind questions** to learn something about the persons visiting.
- + **Express a personal interest** in them, rather than trying to “sell” a product....
- + **Listening** is a most effective way to show love and respect....
- + **Greet** and be **grateful** for children. Meet them where they are, at their level....
- + **Do not** expect small children to be adults....
- + **Invite our visitors** to join in meals, coffee time, and other activities....
- + **Never allow** visitors and newcomers to sit alone. Take initiative and go to them....
- + **Answer** questions as best as you can. Father is always available to help. **Invite them** to fill out a visitor's card to get contact information....
- + Tell them **you are glad** they are with us....
- + Most importantly, **pray for those who have come to us**, and for those who will come to us. **Hospitality is giving back to others what God has given to you!**