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Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

September 27, 2020
Martyr Callistratus & his 49 companions
Venerable Sabbalius

Epistle: 2Cor.6:1-10

Schedule of Services

Sunday, September 27, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 4, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Many of you are aware because of Covid19 we have officially cancelled our Christmas in September Festival and Care Show scheduled for September 25th-27th. This festival allowed our Parish to make budget. In order to make some financial gain and try to recover some income from the festival, **we sent raffle tickets to you in the mail last week for you to sell by Sunday, November 8th,** the Patron Holy Day of our Church, dedicated to Archangel Michael.

During the Parish Festival many of you have given of your time, baked cookies, donated theme baskets, purchased food and supported this affair far beyond the price of the tickets.

If everyone in the Parish will do their part in selling these tickets, we will be able to realize a profit of \$15,000 which will go directly to the Budget.

Raffle Ticket: 1st Prize: \$1,000.00, 2nd Prize: 50 in. Flat Screen T.V. 3rd Prize: \$200.00 Wegman's Gift Card, 4th Prize: \$150.00 Gas Card – Bednash Gas & Service Station. \$10.00 donation per ticket. Drawing date:

Sunday, November 8, 2020 the raffle tickets are being sent out in the mail this week. Please respond in a timely manner.

A Special Thank You to: Lydia Given for directing our church choir this morning. She is the wife of Seminarian Brad Given who is in his 2nd year of Theology at St. Tikhon's Seminary **May our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to bless her for many years.**

Church Choir Rehearsal will be held this coming Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. The rehearsal will be held by Lydia Given and Zoe Turton. **Please make every effort to attend!**

Monthly Church Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

Please Note: During the Covid 19 Pandemic we are limiting the Church liturgical services to one services on Sunday. Approximately three hours is spent during the week before our services sanitizing the Church. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy. We thank Patsy & John Pash and Julie Spiecher for doing a tremendous job in cleaning and sanitizing.

With the unanimous support and approval of the Church Committee, the renovation of the kitchen at St. Michael's Center. **A new floor in the kitchen (Phase two) will be completed this week.** We will keep everyone posted with the progress. **(Phase three) will be the painting of the kitchen!**

A Special Thank You to all who continue to send in their weekly envelopes. We are very grateful for your continued generosity and support of our Church.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and Kay Fedirko who is recuperating from surgery at home.

Thought for the day on Luke 5:1-11: Christ was preaching on the lake of Gennesaret. Now the sermon has finished. There were two boats at the shore, and Christ had been preaching from one of them. Here He addressed the Apostle Peter and said: "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets." Peter answered: "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing" (Lk. 5:4-5). And the Apostles were experienced fishermen; they knew the laws of the sea. If at night-time no fish were caught, then during the day a catch was out of the question. And Peter said this to Christ. But he added: "Nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the nets" (Lk. 5:5). And they let them down. And a miracle happened. The boats were so filled with fish that they started to sink. Then the Apostle Peter fell at the feet of the Savior and said: "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Lk. 5:8).

This is the process of faith. The Apostle knew that fish could not be caught. But he accepted the word of Christ within himself, within his will; and this will, which by now was Christ's, he fulfilled. And what happened? A miracle? Yes, a miracle. **But the main miracle was not in the abundance of fish, although this catch was a miracle. The main miracle was the change of soul which occurred in Peter. He saw himself, he saw his essence. "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" Here is the process of faith: to accept in your heart the word of Christ, to fulfill it. And then to us will be revealed the thing which is most important for our salvation, for our inner life.**