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*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Galacteon & his wife Episteme at Emesa  
(253 A.D.)*

*In light of the recent synagogue shooting,  
the church doors will be locked once the  
Divine Liturgy begins. An officer will be  
in the vestibule to admit latecomers.*

**Remember in prayer** Mary Jane Smoley who is recuperating following surgery this week.

**ACRY** dues are now being accepted at \$15 per members. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 2.

**Time change** Sat. Dec. 1, the Jacobs Creek service will begin at 4 p.m.



**TUESDAY - 5:30 p.m. Vespers  
Divine Liturgy**

**WEDNESDAY – Feast of *St. Michael  
& All Angels***

**The Banquet of the Lord**  
*The importance of preparing for the  
Divine Liturgy*

That the Church requires us to prepare to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of Christ, prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, by saying the Pre-Communion Prayers, is a given. The Church also requires us to fast from midnight on, abstaining from either food or drink, until after we have received the Body and Blood of our Saviour. The only exception is when we must, because of health issues, eat or drink something, and this must be blessed by our confessor or priest.

Perhaps the most important preparation we must make before attending the Divine Liturgy, is to be sure we are at peace with all our brothers and sisters. We dare not approach the chalice with malice or hatred towards anyone, nor can we receive the Holy Gifts with a heart that has refused to forgive those who have hurt or offended us. An important part of forgiving others, is for us to seek forgiveness. Thus, frequent confession is an imperative.

Participating in the Divine Liturgy is a great privilege, for in this service we are entering into a place where there is neither time nor space, and where we are worshiping the Holy Trinity, together with the hosts of heaven. In the Liturgy, encounter God in a way that is beyond human comprehension, for we are invited to commune with our Creator in the most intimate way. To approach the Holy Mysteries (Communion) without thought, as though we were simply going to a movie, is beyond foolishness. To receive the "hot coals" that is meant to

transform us, and make us whole, without proper preparation, is a very dangerous thing to do.

- *Abbot Tryphon*

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to Michele O'Brien and her family on the loss of her husband David this past Wednesday. *Eternal memory!*  
*Vicnaja jemu pamjat!*

**Donations** We are still accepting donations towards the new icons in the sanctuary and the new Tomb of our Lord. The donations we have received so far, while generous, did not cover the costs involved.

**Ladies Guild** is collecting items for needy patients served by the Mon Valley Hospital: *Bibles books reading glasses magazines shawls bed jackets warm socks crayons coloring books sweaters hats gloves jogging pants (all sizes) shirts*

**Toys for Tots** sponsored by the Mon Valley Leathernecks. A collection box is located in the church vestibule.

