

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/18/18

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Rick Ferko (req. by Mike & Jean Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Bob Mehok (req. by Mehok Family)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Petro Stolyarchuk (req. by Yaroslav & Lesya Bugera)

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS 11/21/18

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (G) ✦ Kenneth and ✦ Helen Warner (req. by Debbie M. Warner)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/25/18

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Andrew Simkovitch II (req. by Andrew & Christine Simkovitch)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Andrew Antolik (req. by Mary Jane Carson)

YOUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

11/11/18

\$797.00**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those who are in their own homes are as follows:* Marian Kohan, Joseph Hrinda & Karen Muryn Brown. *Those who are in nursing homes are as follows:* Mary Salchak (Edinboro Manor), Frank Gresh (Pleasant Ridge Manor). If you know of anyone else who should be on this list, please contact Fr. John.

DIVINE LITURGY TIME CHANGE: Sunday, December 9 – Erie 8:30 AM & Girard 11:00 AM**ANGEL GIVING TREE**

In the spirit of Christmas, an Angel Giving Tree will be in the church narthex with envelopes labeled with different monetary amounts. Please donate according to your means. This is a good way to share a gift with someone who is less fortunate during the Christmas season. The funds collected will be sent to Second Harvest Food Bank which supplies food to soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries throughout Erie County.

PARISH BAKING DAYS

Holiday rolls will be baked on the following Mondays: Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10, 17. The rolls are \$11.00 each. For information or to place orders, call 474-5641 or 774-2961.

JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinnerMARY – GOD’S TEMPLE**

Mary was born in accordance with God’s providence and his plan for salvation of the human race. The feast of the Entry of Mary into the temple represents the next stage in the divine preparation for the incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity in Jesus the Christ. She was born in order to give birth to the divine Word. Dedicated to the Lord before her conception, she is now presented in the temple, to live a life of total self-offering to God. Mary is being prepared in the temple to become herself the temple of the living God.

Here, as always in Christian reflection about her, Mary is not to be separated from the Church of which she is a figure. The New Testament applies to the Church what these texts say of Mary. St. Paul says that Christians are the temple of God, in which God’s Spirit dwells. Like Mary, the Church is a holy temple where God lives in the Spirit (I Cor 3:16-17). The Church, too, is the bride of Christ. Again it is St. Paul who writes: “I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ” (2 Cor 11:2). The Revelation to John takes up the same theme, when the visionary sees “the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” (Rev 21:2). The Church, like Mary, is called by God to bring Christ into the world, to embody in its own life the love which God is, and which was fully embodied in the human life of Jesus.

Valleys and Peaks

A woman once shared the following common sense wisdom of her aunt: “My sister had come back from a glamorous weekend full of glitter, exciting parties, and stimulating people. She was bemoaning the contrast with her routine job, her modest apartment, her day-to-day friends. ‘Young lady,’ our aunt said gently, ‘no one lives at the top of the mountain. It’s fine to go there occasionally – for inspiration, for new perspectives. But you have to come down. Life is lived in the valleys. That’s where the farms and gardens and orchards are, and where the plowing and the work are done. That’s where you apply the visions you may have glimpsed from the peaks.’”

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

O most generous God, we join all creation in raising to you our words of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer your praise of the blessings we have received at your hands. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you Lord God, now and ever, and forever. Amen

Gratitude

To remember what God has done and continues to do for us, to remember the road we have traveled opens our hearts to hope for the future. May we learn to remember everything that God has done in our lives. –Pope Francis