

*4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / ST. JOHN CLIMACUS 3/19/23*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Nancy Betza (req. by Rick &amp; Mary Nowakowski)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Julia Aranyos (req. by Paula & Larry Reinhart)  
11:00 AM (E) ✦ Margaret Krumpke (req. by Adams/Molnar Family)*PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY*

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

*ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 3/25/23*

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) ✦ Lance Molchan (req. by Denny &amp; Bev Molchan)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

*5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST 3/26/23*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Joe Komisarski (req. by John MacKenzie)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Kevin and ✦ Juliann Chalmers (req. by Mike Kohan)  
11:00 AM (E) ✦ Martha Krajnik (req. by Helen Krajnik)**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**

03/12/23 \$ 1100.00

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD MARCH COLLECTION – Cake Mixes***Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”***GOD WITH US ONLINE**

The Eastern Catholic Directors of Religious Education Association has established an online religious education site: God With Us Online. This offers catechetical programs with some of the most talented teachers of the faith. You can register for free online classes at [www.easterncatholic.org](http://www.easterncatholic.org). Descriptions are given for the various subjects and dates of the classes. All classes begin at 8 PM (EST).

**FOR PONDERING.....**

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was the place of God’s special presence. It was kept in the temple in Jerusalem and contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, some manna-the bread that God had sent from heaven, and the staff of Aaron, the high priest. The ark with these objects serves as a foreshadowing of Christ in Mary’s womb according to St. John of Damascus. Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant containing the true manna, Christ, the Bread of life.

**FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION – March 25**

It was only through Mary that God the Father gave his only-begotten Son to the world. Whatever sighs the patriarchs may have sent forth, whatever prayers the prophets and the saints of the Old Covenant may have offered up to obtain this treasure for four thousand years, it was only Mary who merited it and found grace before God by the force of her prayers and eminence of her virtues. The world was unworthy, says St. Augustine, to receive the Son of God directly from the Father’s hands. He gave him to Mary in order that the world might receive him through her.

The Son of God became Man for our salvation. But it happened in Mary and by Mary. God the Holy Spirit formed Jesus Christ in Mary. But it was only after having asked her consent by one of the angelic first ministers of his court.

God the Father communicated to Mary his fruitfulness, to the extent that a mere creature was capable of it, in order that he might give her the power to produce his Son and all the members of his Mystical Body. God the Son descended into her virginal womb as the New Adam into his terrestrial paradise, to take his pleasure there, and to work in secret marvels of grace.

*-St. Louis de Montfort**Eternal Memory - Asking God to Remember*

Our best-known Byzantine prayer for the deceased is a mere two words: “*Eternal Memory.*” The meaning of these words comes directly from the Scriptures. When the Old Testament describes God intervening in the lives of His people to save them, we often see the expression “God remembered so-and-so.” God remembered Noah and brought the flood to an end. God remembered His covenant with Abraham and began the Exodus. The prayer “Eternal Memory” entrusts the departed soul to the care of God and asks that God’s plan of salvation be fully realized for him or her. The Lord has created each one of us to share His life and love forever. The Good Thief crucified next to Jesus asked, “Remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” Jesus replied, “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” This is what we ask for our beloved departed when we pray “Eternal Memory.”

*Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem**Lord and Master of my life  
Spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,  
Lust for power, and idle chatter.**Instead, bestow on me, your servant,  
The spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love.**Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins  
And not judge my brothers and sisters;  
For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.*

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**JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner**