

19 JANUARY 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1/19/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Terri Ferko (req. by Mike Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ John and ✦ Lillian Newmeyer (req. by Mike Kohan)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1/26/25

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) Blessings for Fr. Dennis Logue (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)
11:00 AM (E) ✦ Volodymyr Nyrka (req. by Ruslan & Olesia Lutsiv)

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

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EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note time change)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on Sundays 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 (Palm Sunday), 5/11 (Mother's Day).

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, January 21, 7PM in church meeting room

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee or Holy Year. This is usually celebrated every 25 years. This Holy Year began on Christmas Eve, 2024, and will end January 6, 2026. The theme for the year is "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" This theme was chosen to promote renewal and to restore hope and trust during times of war, anxiety, uncertainty, and general unrest in the world. The Holy Father believes that this Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope as an opening to the renewal and rebirth of faith that is needed at this time.

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

RESTING IN THE LORD

Two painters were once asked to paint a picture illustrating his own idea of rest. The first chose for his scene a quiet, lonely lake, nestled among mountains far away. The second, using swift, broad strokes on his canvas, painted a thundering waterfall. Beneath the falls grew a fragile birch tree, bending over the foam. On its branches, nearly wet with the spray from the falls, sat a robin on its nest.

The first painting was simply a picture of stagnation and inactivity. The second, however, depicted rest.

Outwardly, Christ endured one of the most troubled lives ever lived. Storms and turmoil, turmoil and storms – wave, after wave broke over Him until His worn body was laid in the tomb. Yet His inner life was as smooth as a sea of glass, and a great calm was always there.

Anyone could have gone to Him at any time and found rest. Even as the human bloodhounds were dogging Him in the streets of Jerusalem, He turned to His disciples, offering them a final legacy: "My peace."

Rest is not some holy feeling that comes upon us in church. It is a state of calm rising from a heart deeply and firmly established in God.

Facing Adversity

Sometimes the Lord takes our hardened hearts and melts them in the fires of adversity. He does not do this to punish us, but rather to purify us. He melts the impurities (sins) which defile us and then forms us into His followers once again. However, we have to be open to Him doing this.

Adversity can produce positive or negative results – depending on how the person reacts to it. If we only see the "down side" of adversity – i.e., the suffering that accompanies it, we cannot grow. If, however, we see the "upside" – the chance to become stronger, more faith-filled sons and daughters of our loving Father – then we have grown in adversity.

Let us look inwardly and examine ourselves and reflect on those things which defile us and separate us from the Lord. Then may He lead us to be open to Him as He melts away our sins, and forms us into a stronger, more faith-filled follower.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Hail! O Christ, the Word and Wisdom and Power of God and God almighty! What can we helpless ones give You in return for all these good gifts? For all are Yours, and You ask nothing from us but our salvation. You Yourself are the Giver of this and You are grateful to those who receive it, through Your unspeakable goodness. Thanks be to You Who gave us life, and granted us the grace of a happy life and restored us to that, when we had gone astray, through Your unspeakable great mercy.

–St. John of Damascus

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

When you finish your prayers, restrain your tongue. The tongue is capable of quickly destroying what you have achieved in prayer.