

1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST 3/9/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Rene Hayes)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Eleanor Simpson (req. by Deborah Antolik)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

2ND ALLSOULS SATURDAY 3/15/25

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) Lenten Devotions & All Souls Panachida

Saturday: 9:00 AM (E) All Souls Divine Liturgy

2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST 3/16/25

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Debbie Pangratz (req. by Paul & Doris Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Margaret Krumpke

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

03/02/25

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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note revisions for remainder of year)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on Sundays 3/2, 3/16, 4/13 (Palm Sunday) and on Saturdays in social center at 9:00 AM: 4/5, 5/10 and 6/14. The Saturdays are hands-on activities like baking.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

After numerous recent expensive repairs and difficulty finding replacement parts, it was decided to replace the entire boiler system for the church building. The cost for the boiler and installation was around \$23,000.00. We are grateful to those who contribute on a regular basis toward the upkeep of all of our facilities. We want to have a church building where we can gather as a community to give praise, worship, and glory to Almighty God.

HIDDEN BLESSINGS

Our trials are great opportunities, but all too often we simply see them as large obstacles. If only we would recognize every difficult situation as something God has chosen to prove His love to us, each obstacle would then become a place of shelter and rest, and a demonstration to others of His inexpressible power. If we would look for the signs of His glorious handiwork, then every cloud would indeed become a rainbow, and every difficult mountain path would become one of ascension, transformation, and glorification.

If we would look at our past, most of us would realize that the times we endured the greatest stress and felt that every path was blocked were the very times our heavenly Father chose to do the kindest things for us and bestow His richest blessings.

God's most beautiful jewels are often delivered in rough packages by very difficult people, but within the package we will find the very treasures of the King's palace and the Bridegroom's (Christ's) love.

*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.***LENTEN FAST**

In the Byzantine Rite we do not eat meat or dairy products on the first day of Lent, Monday, March 3 and on Good Friday, April 18. During the weeks of the Great Fast, we do not eat meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Refer to your church calendar for these regulations. In former times, people did not eat meat, eggs, or dairy products for this entire period until baskets of this food were blessed on Easter (Pascha).

LENTEN COLLECTION

This year we are collecting items for the Erie City Mission. The Mission serves the community through their women's, men's and youth ministries as well as serving a free public lunch 363 days/year. The items we are collecting are: diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, men's and women's disposable razors and deodorant. We will collect through April 13. If you are unable to donate items, please consider a cash donation. Call Jen Tronccone 814-504-6082 with questions.

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