

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

\$1042.00**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD MARCH COLLECTION – Any kind of canned soup***Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”***STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS – APOSTLES OF THE SLAVS**

The patron saints of this parish were brothers who were born in Thessalonica, located in the Byzantine Empire. Their parents spoke both Greek and a Slavic dialect. The brothers grew up speaking both languages. They were sent to Constantinople for their higher education. Later the Byzantine emperor sent them as missionaries to spread Christianity in Slavic territories. They developed the Slavonic alphabet from their knowledge of Greek and translated Scripture and liturgical books into Church Slavonic. St. Cyril became a monk and died in Rome on February 14, 869. St. Methodius became a bishop for the Slavic region of Moravia and died on April 6, 885. They are remembered for bringing Christianity to the Slavic areas of Eastern Europe.

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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.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

You may be experiencing little sunshine, but the long periods of gloomy darkness have been wisely designed for you. Perhaps a lengthy stretch of summer weather would have made you like a parched land or a barren wilderness. Your Lord knows best, and the clouds and the sun wait for His command.

*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 Eastern (Pascha).

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