

16 MARCH 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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 Krumpe

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

3RD ALLSOULS SATURDAY 3/22/25

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

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

3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERATION OF THE CROSS 3/23/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Albert Mihalco, Sr.

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Fr. Paul Tigyer (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)

11:00 AM (E) Health of Bill Klinge (req. by Slavko & Lesya Bugera)

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

03/09/25

\$1563.00

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 & METHDIUS – 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.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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LENTEN TRANSFORMATION

Lent is not about getting God to change His mind about us; instead, it is about us changing our minds and lives in order to return to God. No amount of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will alter anything about the Lord; but these tools are useful in helping us see the truth about our sinfulness and in opening our lives to the mercy which Jesus Christ always extends to repentant sinners.

However, we have to be careful here. Some of us hear words like “sinfulness” and “repentance” and immediately think that He wants us to be miserable. So we obsess about our failings, judge ourselves as hopeless cases when we aren’t perfect, and end up taking the joy out of life.

The good news is that God did not create us for a joyless life of despair, but to share in the blessedness of His life. The eternal Son of God became one of us to heal our broken humanity and bring us into joy of the kingdom. We pray, fast, give alms, and forgive our enemies as ways of embracing His healing, of accepting His gracious transformation of our lives.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

The shepherd always walked ahead of his sheep. He was always out in front. Any attack upon the sheep had to take him into account first. Now God is out in front. He is in our tomorrows and it is tomorrow that fills people with fear. Yet God is already there. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass through Him before they can get to us.

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.

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