

23 MARCH 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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)

ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 3/25/25

Monday: 6:30 PM (G) ✕ Helen Antolik (req. by Deborah Antolik)

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

4th ALL SOULS SATURDAY 3/29/25

Friday: No Friday Service in Girard

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

4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / JOHN CLIMACUS VENERABLE 3/30/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Fred Kerecman (req. by Friends)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Andrew C. Simkovitch II (req. by Andrew Simkovitch & Christine Skidmore)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Ron Riel (req. by Sr. Sylvia & Sr. Margaret Ann)

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

03/16/25 \$653.00

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.”

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

ANNUNCIATION – March 25

Nine months before Christmas, March 25, we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation. This feast commemorates the angel Gabriel bringing the good news to Mary that she will conceive and bear a son. Gabriel tells Mary important things in his message to her. Her son will be named Jesus. He is the Son of God. He will inherit the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob. God changes Jacob’s name to Israel. The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua. Joshua is a strong leader in the Old Testament who leads the Israelites into the promised land after Moses dies. Before his death, Moses designates Joshua to be the leader of the Hebrews.

Handling Conflict

We find peace, not in the absence of conflict, but in our ability to deal with conflict. Storms serve a purpose in our lives. They teach us, they strengthen us, and they reveal the truth of God’s fidelity and sustaining love for us. They may be intense, they may be unpredictable, but they never last. Moreover, it is possible to remain peaceful in their midst.

Conflict too, whether it is with someone else or within ourselves, may be necessary in order to get to the other side of a problem or improve a relationship. When we start to think of our problems as opportunities for growth, we will buoy ourselves with a brighter outlook.

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.

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.