

# 30 MARCH 2025

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

4<sup>TH</sup> 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)

*PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY*

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

Friday: 6:30 PM (G)

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / MARY OF EGYPT, VENERABLE 4/6/25

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Kevin and ✨ Juliann Chalmers (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Bonnie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

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

03/23/25 \$1133.00

### 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.”*

### EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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### 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.

### SEARCH FOR GOD’S WILL

Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who helped protect Jews during World War II, said that the “safest place is in the center of God’s will.” She did not live a “safe” life by any stretch of the imagination – the Nazis arrested her and sent her to a concentration camp. The safety she was talking about is the assurance and peace that come from knowing Jesus and loving and following his ways.

His will is a firm foundation, a mighty fortress, and a protective shield for our souls. This kind of safety is what we all long for. Knowing this, the devil tries to confuse us about right and wrong, good and evil. He wants to destroy our efforts to pursue God’s will.

Today, walk in God’s will, seek him, and cling to the good. You are safe in his sight.

### *A Lenten Reflection*

We often take pride in the good that we do and this empties the works of their holiness. Prayer, fasting, and acts of charity are good only when done through the grace of God. We must be careful not to promote ourselves, but only the good news of the Lord. Fasting is much more than doing without food. It is fasting from pride, selfishness, sin and greed. What good is it if we abstain from meat, but bite and devour our brothers and sisters with a vicious mouth?

*-St. John Chrysostom*

### *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.*

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