

01 JUNE 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 6/1/125

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Sandor & ✕ Pauline Aranyos (req. by Larry & Paula Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Eileen (Betza) Romeo (req. by Mark & Denise Spangler)

5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY 6/7/25

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) All Souls Divine Liturgy

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY 6/8/25

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Ron Riel (req. by Michael & Kathe Gido)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* Martha Karmazon, George Smilo, David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary’s Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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This website now makes available radio podcasts, online lectures, a monthly newsletter, books and other education materials which serve to promote a better understanding of Eastern Catholics and their expression of the Catholic faith in the United States. The resource material on this website is constantly updated or changed to better meet the needs of its users.

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. **The final E.C.F. gathering is on Saturday, June 14, at 9:00 AM.** This is a hands-on Fathers Day activity.

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

THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

An ecumenical council is a gathering of the bishops of the world summoned by the pope to share the responsibility of teaching and guiding the Catholic Church. The first such council met in Nicea (modern Turkey) in the year 325. It was presided over by Emperor Constantine and approved by Pope Sylvester I. This council began formulating the Nicene Creed. It also condemned the heresy of the priest Arius who taught that Jesus was not equal to God the Father, thus denying the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This heresy caused much turmoil in the early Christian Church and had to be forcefully addressed by this council. This year is significant because it is the 1700th anniversary of this council.

Marked With Christ’s Sign

As Christians, we are marked by the Lord as His own. We are the sheep of His flock. As we read in St. John’s Gospel, Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd; I know my own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for My sheep” (John 10:14-15). Just as a shepherd may mark his sheep by branding them, we have been “branded” with a special mark – the Sign of the Cross – which was placed on our foreheads at the time of our Baptism. This was to remind us that now we are God’s, and that He has claimed us as His own.

This “sign” is one that will be placed before us and within us throughout our lives. It was present at our Baptism when we died with Christ, and it will be there at our death when we will rise to new life in Christ. We will have it for strength when we need the Lord to protect us. That is why it is important to reverently and frequently make the Sign of the Cross. Eastern Christians sign themselves literally a few dozen times during the Divine Liturgy, as it is a constant reminder of Whose we are, Whom we serve, and through Whose death and resurrection we have been saved.

TAKING A BREAK

God is deeply concerned with our rest, both physically and spiritually. Our souls find a holy rest in detachment from the world, a state of being that we can pray for and practice. Disconnecting from the clamor around us is the first step. We need to turn down the volume of our lives and plug into a peaceful experience, whether it be through reading a book, listening to soothing music, watching a sunset, or engaging in a deep and thoughtful conversation. This type of activity settles us in our spirit, but still engages us in something that will fill us up with the things of God.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

Older monks used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat. The Holy Spirit is the wind which fills its sails and drives it forward. The gusts of wind are the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Lacking the impulse and grace of the Spirit, we do not go forward. Ask God for the grace to get you where He wants you to go.