

09 AUGUST 2026

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8/9/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) Blessings for Dan & Pauline Foltz (req. by Don & Pauline Kowalski)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Ann Exley (req. by Larry & Paula Reinhart)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Genevieve Marty-Real (req. by Frederique Marty)

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS 8/15/26 and Blessing of Flowers
Friday: 6:30 PM (G) ✠ Kenneth and ✠ Helen Warner
Saturday: 9:00 AM (E) ✠ Sr. Perpetua Kavcsak, OSBM (req. by nieces and nephews)

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8/16/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Fr. Joseph Kapusnak (req. by Ray & LeaAnne Luzier)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Irene Jugan

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
08/02/26 \$1178.00

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD AUGUST COLLECTION – Cake Mix
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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2026 ERIE COUNTY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY – Sunday, August 9
After the 11 AM Liturgy this weekend, we will meet at the Waldameer Coaster #1 picnic shelter. Bring your dish to share. Meat, tableware, coffee, and iced tea will be provided.

ERIE BYZANTINES AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK – Sunday, August 23
Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as we watch the Erie Seawolves baseball team take on the New Hampshire Fisher Cats at UPMC Park. Game time is 1:35 PM and gates open at 12:35 PM. Tickets include reserved seating in the Right Field Beer Garden and an All-You-Can-Eat buffet. Cost is \$30 for adults. Parish children under 13 and altar servers are free. Complete the signup form and return with payment made to Sts. Peter & Paul no later than Sunday, August 9. Contact Richard Vasil with any questions.

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – August 15
Today the holy Virgin of Virgins is presented in the heavenly temple. Today the sacred and living Ark of the living God, who conceived her Creator himself, takes up her abode in the temple of God not made by hands.
David, her forefather, rejoices. Angels and archangels are in jubilation, angelic powers exult, the angelic choirs of principalities and dominations, virtues and thrones, are in gladness. Cherubim and seraphim magnify God. Nor is it the least of their praise to acclaim the mother of glory.
Today, like Noah’s dove, this holy dove – the pure and guileless soul, sanctified by the Holy Spirit – put off the life-giving Ark of her body, which had carried our Lord. She found rest for the soles of her feet, taking her flight to the spiritual world and dwelling securely in the sinless country above.
Today the spotless Virgin, untouched by earthly affections, and all heavenly in her thoughts, was not dissolved in earth. Truly entering heaven, she dwells instead in the heavenly dwellings.
-St. John of Damascus

Always in the Boat
Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Mark 4:38)
We might easily get annoyed when someone doesn’t take a situation as seriously as we do. If we’re worried, we want others to be worried right along with us. But when the apostles were panicking, fearing for their lives, Jesus was sound asleep! How could he be so calm about the situation? The apostles were experienced fishermen. No doubt they had passed through their share of storms, so they knew that this was a severe one. They knew that they couldn’t handle the situation on their own. And so, they called on Jesus. The times that we most worry, when we panic and are most afraid, are usually the times when we have failed to put our faith in God. Jesus awoke and rescued the apostles.
No matter where we go, no matter what we’re facing, let’s not panic. Let’s recall our faith and remember that Jesus is always in the boat with us.
-Living Faith

DEPEND ON GOD
Depending on God is not a cop-out; it’s a necessary disposition of the heart if we are to grow in spiritual maturity. In fact, the more childlike we become, the greater chance we have for holiness. Note: the goal is childlikeness, not childishness. There is a difference.
To change and become like children, we have to make some adult decisions. We need to decide to surrender our self-sufficiency in order to trust in God and his mercy. We need to make the decision to look for the goodness in others, forego deceit, and give God permission to purify our hearts.
All of these decisions will lead to a place of great dependence, just where God calls us to be. To become childlike is an adult decision which helps us to grow closer to God.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER - *May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.*

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