15 NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/15/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Carolyn Dubose (req. by Paul & Doris Pangratz)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Joseph and ✠ Virginia Walko (req. by Tom & Cindy Walko)

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS 11/21/26
Friday: 6:30 PM (G) For the Parish Family
Saturday: 9:00 AM (E) ✠ Roman Andrijiw (req. by Family)

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/22/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✠ George Smilo (req. by Barbara Glover)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Patrick James Murphy (req. by Roseanne Gresh)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Irene Jugan (req. by Richard Vasil)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
11/08/26 **$ 2518.00**

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:* David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Helen Krajnik (Nightingale Nursing Center), Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION
God with Us Eastern Catholic Formation is the official catechetical apostolate of the Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States. The website address is: www.godwithusonline.org 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
All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on one Sunday per month throughout the school year. Our next class will be on Sunday, December 6, at 9:15 AM.

LITURGY TIME CHANGE – Sunday, December 13, Erie 8:30 AM / Girard 11:00 AM

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

NATIVITY FAST: November 15 – December 24
November 15 is the first day of the traditional 40 day fast preceding Christmas in the Byzantine Rite. This fast is known as the Nativity Fast or Philip's Fast because it starts the day after the Feast of St. Philip (November 14). This period was set aside by the Byzantine Church as a period preparing for the Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. A highly developed liturgical structure never evolved for Philip's Fast, nor was the fast ever as strict. In fact, little mention is made at all about preparing for Christ's nativity until two Sundays before Christmas with the Sunday of the Forefathers. However, an attempt should be made to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Constant activities and a hectic pace of life are the enemies of a healthy spiritual life.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS – November 21
This feast remembers the time when Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents, brough her to the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem to dedicate her to the Lord. God is preparing for Himself a holy dwelling place. Mary's body will become a new temple when her womb gives human flesh to the Son of God. Her body is the living temple of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. This is another chapter in God's plan for our salvation.

A Precious Gift

Imagine that you were asked to become the custodian for the Hope Diamond – the largest and most expensive diamond in the world. The curator of the museum told you that the rarest of all gems was yours to protect from those who would damage it or steal it. You were chosen for this task because the curator believed that you were trustworthy enough to handle this enormous task.

Well in essence God has given you something even more precious than a million trillion Hope Diamonds! This "most precious of gems" is the gift of faith that He bestowed on you at your Baptism. He gave it to you to treasure, to protect it from the Evil One who seeks out every possible opportunity to damage or steal it.

Now imagine that you had to first "upgrade" your home before the Hope Diamond was given to you to guard. You would install the best security system ever built. You might put up the most impenetrable fence that you could find. You would even hire armed guards to protect your home twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to make sure that it would remain secure. Likewise, through prayer, fasting, and reception of the Sacred Mysteries, we guard this sacred gift of faith with all of our spiritual resources.

MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
The Mercy Center for Women serves women and children who may be homeless or need emotional, financial, spiritual, rehabilitative, or life-skills assistance. They house women and children at their facility while women go through various programs to get on their feet. This collection will help their Christmas celebration. We will be collecting $10 and $20 gift cards to Tinseltown movies, Target, Walmart, or Chick-Fila as well as nicer quality bath & body items, new socks for women and children, and postage stamps. Additionally, they always need liquid laundry soap, baby food, and diapers. This collection will end on Sunday, November 22.

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