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 **$1022.00**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD-NOVEMBER COLLECTION – Gravy in Cans or Jars
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
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.

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

ANGEL GIVING TREE
The Angel Tree will be in the church narthex with envelopes labeled with different monetary amounts. During the Christmas season, this is a good way to share with those less fortunate. The funds collected will be sent to Second Harvest Food Bank which supplies food to soup kitchens, shelters and food pantries throughout Erie County. The last day to donate will be Sunday, December 13.

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

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, brought 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.

FALSE GODS
We are often prone to falling back into following the false gods of our day, things like fortune, fame, popularity, possessions, entertainment and job advancement. We should instead follow the desires of our God and act according to His will, in ways that are no longer elementary, but divinely inspired. God gives us peace that the world cannot give, hope that is an anchor for the soul, and grace by which we are saved.

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