22 NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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)

27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/29/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✠ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Family)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Kenneth and ✠ Helen Warner (req. by Debbie Warner)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Anna Marie Shufran (req. by Debra Shufran)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
11/15/26 **$687.00**

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
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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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER – Sunday, December 13
Parish dinner will be after the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. Donations of soft drinks and desserts to share are requested. All other food will be provided. It is good to share a meal together.

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

THE PROPER FOCUS
As Christmas draws near, people are rushing about to buy presents for friends and loved ones, set up Christmas trees and other decorations, send out Christmas cards and letters, prepare the menu for the Christmas feast, etc. And while all of this is well and good, this "busy-ness of the season" can become a way to "push Christ off the stage" of the celebration of His Incarnation.
When the Angel Gabriel visited Mary to announce that she would be the Mother of God, that is when her preparations began. Her life was changed forever, and by her consent, the course of history would be changed forever. Mary's focus was not just on her Motherhood that lay ahead. It was on God Himself. Her example is one that we need to imitate so that the hustle and bustle of the season doesn't overwhelm the true meaning of the celebration of Christ's birth.

Building Community

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart.
Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him." (Lev 19:17)

Through Moses, God delivers these and other instructions for how the Israelite people are to treat each other. But they are just as useful for any group of people who are interested in preserving unity in their common life, a group like a church or a nation.
Hatred undermines the unity and solidarity that are essential for any community to survive. Yes, the Lord says, you may have to correct a sister or brother, but don't sin because of it.
Sin? I think the Lord means that "reprove" should not involve sarcasm, gossip, threats, carrying a grudge or the like. Offer your correction and then let the matter drop. Pray that the Holy Spirit will build unity for us around the truth. *-Living Faith*

FOR REFLECTION
The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything. The evils of our world, and those of the Church, must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervor. Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow. With the eyes of faith, we can see the light which the Holy Spirit radiates in the midst of darkness, never forgetting that "where sin increased, grace has abounded all the more." (Romans 5:20)

IN THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family.
Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.
Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives.
Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace.
May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.
With gratitude, we honor and praise You evermore. Amen.

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