

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, January 27 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 9:00 a.m. +Anita Elaine Kollar
 (Church) Req. by Mary Jane Glad

Monday, January 28 Ephrem the Syrian (Venerable)
 No Liturgy

Tuesday, January 29 Translation of the Relics of Ignatius (Martyr)
 No Liturgy

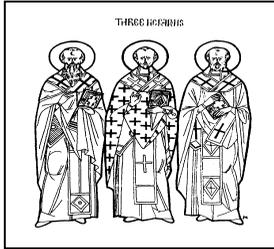
Wednesday, January 30 Three Holy Hierarchs
 9:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
 (Church)

Thursday, January 31 Cyrus and John (Unmercenarys)
 8:00 a.m. +Stephen Gresock
 (Church)

Friday, February 1 Tryphon (Martyr) (Simple Abstinence)
 6:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the
 (Church) Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon
 For the Parish Family

Saturday, February 2 Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon
 9:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
 5:30 p.m. +Margaret Dursa
 (Church) Req. by Dottie and Gene Discovich

Sunday, February 3 SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS
 9:00 a.m. +Doris Mihalko
 (Church) Req. by Johnson Matthey Material Central Dept.



PRAYER LIST – Rita, Bernard, Janet, Margaret, Brandon, Peggy, Blake, Dave, Margie, Barb, Nadine, Cecelia, Robert, PJ, Beatrice, Alice, Dorothy, Kris, Cindy, Frances, Grace, Mary Ellen, Bernadette, Connor, Joan, Clara, Audrey, Cathy, Josephine, Lisa, Butch, Amelia, Mike, Michael, Trish, Mark, Louis, Norma Jean, Janet, Helen, Mary, Jamie, Arlene, Bill, Kay, Sharlene, David, Jack, Monica, Sandy, Heather, Mickie, Ted, Patty, Tillie, Dorothy, Eric, Jim, Janet, George Jr., Diana, Emil, Margie, Curtis, Stephanie, James, Frank Sr., Frank Jr., Fr. Eugene, Joe, Emily, Gabriel, Gina, Karla, Trey, Trci, Trevor, Tanner, Mary Ellen, George, Debbie, Dan, Marcia, Collen, Brittany, Kristen, Danny, Brian, Nancy, Elaine, Kris, Michael, Ken, Dave, Dwayne, Charlene, Wally, Pam, Anita, Riley, George, MaryEllen, Elaine, Anita, Josh, Meagan, Chris, Mary, Linda, Marianne, Barb, Dave, Theresa, Joanne, Melanie, Mason, Jean, Melvin, Amy, Fr. Bob, Mark, Kenny, Marilyn, Rita, Chuck, Matthew, Marianne.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER - That we may reach out in love and understanding to women experiencing difficult pregnancies, we pray to the Lord.

OUR PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY – to husband George Harden, children Tim (Patrice) Harden and Heather (David) Romito, and numerous grandchildren, brothers, nieces and nephews on the loss of MaryEllen (Duritsa) Harden. May the Lord grant him repose among the Saints and may He console those whom he left behind.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA MEETING – will be held on Monday, January 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the school building. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend.

PYSANKY CLASSES – We will once again be having Pysanky classes during Lent. The class will begin on Monday, February 25 and run through April 9. It will be held in the school hall and class time is 6-8 p.m. The cost will be approximately \$35.00; if returning, the cost is \$15.00. If interested, call 724-438-6027 (Church office – leave message) M-F from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

BLESSING OF HOMES - If you would like to have your home blessed by Fr. Ron this year after the Feast of Theophany, please call the office to set up a day and time for the blessing.

CATECHETICAL TEACHERS MEETING – Thursday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m. in the school.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 1/20/19

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Pirohi</u>	<u>BCW</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$2159.00	\$144.00	\$62.00	\$1387.00	\$224.00	\$34.00	\$4010.00

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES – Father Ron has two new, interesting courses coming up: Holy Tradition will start on February 11 and extend for six weeks; The Gospel of St. Matthew will start on February 12 and extend through April 9. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

“SOUPER BOWL” WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 2 AND 3 - several ECF students will be accepting monetary donations following both Divine Liturgies. Monies collected will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank.

GOSPELS AND HOMILIES ON YOUTUBE - Beginning next week, the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the Gospels and Homilies leading up to the Great Fast will be put on video and uploaded to YouTube for both St. John and St. Stephen. Please refresh yourself about the importance of the Great Fast and how Jesus directs us to the Great Fast by watching the videos on any computer or smart phone.

From a homily by St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

For the love of Christ, Paul bore every burden

Paul, more than anyone else, has shown us what man really is, and in what our nobility consists, and of what virtue this particular animal is capable. Each day he aimed ever higher; each day he rose up with greater ardor and faced with new eagerness the dangers that threatened him. *He summed up his attitude in the words: I forget what is behind me and push on what lies ahead.* When he saw death imminent, he bade others share his joy: *Rejoice and be glad with me!* And when danger, injustice and abuse threatened, he said: *I am content with weakness, mistreatment and persecution.* These he called the weapons of righteousness, thus telling us that he derived immense profit from them.

Thus, amid the traps set for him by his enemies, with exultant heart he turned their every attack into a victory for himself;

constantly beaten, abused and cursed, he boasted of it as though he were celebrating a triumphal procession and taking trophies home,

and offered thanks to God for it all: *Thanks be to God who is always victorious in us!* This is why he was far more eager for the shameful abuse that his zeal in preaching brought upon him than we are for the most pleasing honors, more eager for death than we are for life, for poverty than we are for wealth; he yearned for toil far more than others yearn for rest after toil. The one thing he feared, indeed dreaded, was to offend God; nothing else could sway him. Therefore, the only thing he really wanted was always to please God.

The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself happier than anyone else; were he without it, it would be no satisfaction to be the friend of principalities and powers. He preferred to be thus loved and be the least of all, or even to be among the damned, than to be without that love and be among the great and the honored.

To be separated from that love was, in his eyes, the greatest and most extraordinary of torments; the pain of that loss would alone have been hell, and endless, unbearable torture.

So too, in being loved by Christ he thought of himself as possessing life, the world, the angels, present and future, the kingdom, the promise and countless blessings. Apart from that love nothing saddened or delighted him; for nothing earthly did he regard as bitter or sweet.

Paul set no store by the things that fill our visible world, any more than a man sets value on the withered grass of the field. As for tyrannical rulers or the people enraged against him, he paid them no more heed than gnats.

Deaths itself and pain and whatever torments might come were but child's play to him, provided that thereby he might bear some burden for the sake of Christ.