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23 February 2025 Sunday of Meat Fare

Sat 22 Feb	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+All Souls of the Faithful Departed / Panahida / Hramoty
Sun 23 Feb	9:00am	HGB Francis & Gerri Yanchek by the Tomlinson Family
Thr 27 Feb	9:00am	+Julia Greenan by Philip Thees
Fri 28 Feb	9:00am	Parishioners of St. John's
Sat 1 Mar	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+Macrina Cobb by Cheryl & Josephine Chiarello
Sun 2 Mar	9:00am	+Mark & Julia Mc Donald by The Tomlinson Family
	1:00pm	Forgiveness Vespers

7 Branch Candles are given for health and God's Blessings Mary Benne by her Family

Parish Income 16 February Offertory \$1,365,; Loose \$95; Candles \$152; Fuel \$239; All Souls \$150; Holy Days \$37; Maintenance Fund \$20; Bishop's Appeal \$30; Cemetery \$100; ECL \$20; Missions \$68; Ret. Religious \$75; ECL \$60; Total \$2,501
Month to date: \$6,552

Divine Liturgy This Weekend

Red Book: ; Opening Hymn Hosts of Angels on High p. 150

Green Book Tone 7 p.156 Meat Fare Sunday p. 217

Green Book: Beneath your Compassion p. 454 #B

Please remember in your prayers: parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery:

Arcadia at Limerick: Nancy Erdek; **Frederick Living:** Sarah Roshoa, and also: Fr. Nicholas de Prospero, Audrey Gluszyk, Anna Marie Hunter, Keith Hunter, Daniel Mc Laughlin, Pat McLaughlin, Dillon Richard, Maksym Stetsenko, Earl Stong

Our Parish Cemetery is both a privilege and a challenge. We are fortunate that we can go and visit our loved ones buried there, bring them flowers and pray for their souls. Our challenge is keeping up with the never ending maintenance of the grounds. Witness that the fence has been breached for the third time, this year. The perpetual care of the cemetery is our responsibility and we ought to shoulder it by our donations to the Cemetery Collection which this year was under \$1,000 toward an annual, ordinary expense of about \$25,000. Please donate if you can.

Fasting This Sunday and next Sunday have names that mention foods, Meat Fare Sunday and Cheese Fare Sunday. Abstaining from meat and dairy products during the Great Fast is part of the effort to revivify our souls for the Celebration of Easter. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the Lenten triad. Our inner lives will not bear fruit unless they are pruned and nourished by prayer and fasting. Mercifulness towards our afflicted neighbor is the decisive criterion at the Last Judgment, we are told this Sunday, and that means our eternal salvation depends on whether or not we get this right. That is why the third part of the triad of repentance (prayer, fasting and alms giving) is precisely mercy towards the afflicted which we show in our works of charity.

2025 Easter Bake Sale Order Slips are available in the church vestibule. Orders close on Sunday 9 March. Please note, unfortunately due to ever rising costs, it is necessary to raise prices for our rolls and Paskas. Nut, raspberry, and apricot rolls will be \$18 and all Paskas will be \$10. Apricot rolls will be an additional choice this year. **The bake will be held** on the last weekend of March: Sunday 30 March and Monday 31March. Dough preparation will be done on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March beginning at 8am, baking on Sunday the 30th will begin at 7am. Please save the dates by marking your calendars and plan ahead to volunteer your help to make our bake sale a success.

Email Prayer Services Eastern Christian Publications offers an email prayer service, the Byzantine Daily Office and Daily Great Vespers every day for free. Subscribe on the website at https://ecpubs.com/product-category/subscription_electronic/. This will be a very concrete and practical way to help to grow spiritually in the spirit of prayer in the Byzantine Catholic tradition.

Pre Lenten Covered Dish and Forgiveness Vespers for the beginning of Great Lent will be held next Sunday the first Sunday of March following Divine Liturgy. The meal begins at 11:30 and vespers begin at 1pm. Please sign up for the Covered Dish Luncheon and indicate which dish you will bring.

Redner's Market Register Tapes We thank all who saved their Redner's Tapes for the church. We received a check for \$264 recently. We encourage your patronage for Redner's since they have been supportive of the church for many years.

The Second All Souls Saturday will be observed on March 15th. Please print the names of your loved ones on the envelope provided. Praying for the deceased is not just a pious practice. It is a matter of justice and gratitude. We owe our parents and loved ones a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices which they have made for us. Praying for their repose is one small way we can fulfill our Obligations to them. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." 2 Mac 12:46

2024 Church Contribution Statements will be mailed to all who request them. Please sign up on the list provided in the church vestibule by **printing** your name May the Lord bless and reward all who donated to support His Church.

2025 Jubilee Holy Year The New Year will be filled with spiritual gifts and blessings for those who have Faith enough to keep its observances. One characteristic observance of a Holy Year is the pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome to visit the Holy Shrines and have our Faith renewed and strengthened. Check the ECL for notices about our Eparchial Pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Kurt. A Holy Year is a time when God grants special graces. If you need help with a huge problem, this the time to petition God's mighty help.

2025 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the church hall this weekend. If you need church envelopes please fill out the information requested on the sign up sheet and they will be provided. If you do not use church envelopes, it is difficult to make a statement of your donations needed for IRS purposes. Whether you use them or not, everyone should be registered as a parishioner of our parish. Parish registration forms are available for your convenience, completed forms can be placed in the collection basket.