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9 February 2025 Final Day of the Encounter Feast Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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| Sat 8 Feb | 3:15pm | Confessions |
| | 4:00pm | +Lucy Mikula by Ron Mikula |
| Sun 9 Feb | 9:00am | HGB Philip Thees by Mary Glatz |
| Thr 13 Feb | 9:00am | +Margaret de Prospero by her Family |
| Fri 14 Feb | 9:00am | Parishioners of St. John's |
| Sat 15 Feb | 3:15pm | Confessions |
| | 4:00pm | +Michael & Anna Mikula by Ron Mikula |
| Sun 16 Feb | 9:00am | +Cecilia Thees by Sons Philip & Edward |

7 Branch Candles are given for the repose of the soul of +Michael Kriczky by daughter Michelle and Family.

Parish Income 2 February Offertory \$709.; Loose \$42; Candles \$355; Fuel \$65; All Souls \$170; Liturgy \$20; Maintenance Fund \$12; Bishop's Appeal \$70; Wild Fires Collection \$260 Total 1,789

Divine Liturgy This Weekend

Red Book: ; Opening Hymn So Great the Glory p. 151

Green Book Tone 5 p.146 Publican and Pharisee p. 215 / Encounter of Simeon p. 321

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 Glusczyk, 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.

The First All Souls Saturday will be observed on February 22nd. 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

Blessed Candles are available in the front of the church for you to take home. All Catholic homes should have blessed candles. You may need one for your Easter basket. They make a really nice gift also.

Pre Lenten Covered Dish and Forgiveness Vespers for the beginning of Great Lent will be held on the first Sunday of March following Divine Liturgy. Please sign up for the Covered Dish Luncheon and indicate which dish you will bring.

Los Angeles Wild Fires Collection amounted to \$260. May the Lord bless and reward all who donated so generously. The total amount received so far is \$1,328

2025 Easter Bake Sale Dates have been updated, please note, the bake will be held on the last weekend of March Sunday 30 Monday 31 March. 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.

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.