

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Sacrament of Confession: on Sundays and Holy Days one hour before Divine Liturgy and other days, by Appointment;

Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the sick: by appointment, anytime;

Anointing of the sick, and hospital visits: by appointment, anytime;

Baptisms: by appointment;

Marriages: by appointment, at least 6 months in advance;

Funerals: by appointment.



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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: September 22—September 29

Sunday, September 22—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (152)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene

Monday, September 23—The Conception of the Holy Prophet Forerunner and Baptist John

Tuesday, September 24—The Holy Protomartyr Thekla, Equal to the Apostles

Wednesday, September 25—Our Holy Mother Euphrosyne

Thursday, September 26—Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome

Friday, September 27—The Holy Martyr Callistratus

Saturday, September 28—Our Holy Father Chariton the Confessor

Sunday, September 29—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (156)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene

Would you like to get our parish bulletin by e-mail? Send an e-mail to Fr Vasyl—
stirenebcc@gmail.com

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:

For health and salvation: Bishop. Gerald N Dino, Fr. Frank Knuzel, Tony and family,

For repose of the departed: +Kristina Beresh, + Fr. Michael Irwin

Please let Fr. Vasyl know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Parish calendar of Birthdays & Anniversaries: If you would like to be included in our Parish Calendar of Birthday and Anniversary celebrations, please send the date to Fr. Vasyl.

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

If you would like to offer the 7-day candle for the intention of your family, friends, or loved ones, please use an envelope marked "7-Day Candle Request" found in the narthex and put it in Sunday's collection basket. Lamps are lit the following week after the Saturday Liturgy and the intention is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Dear parish family,

If you would like to request Divine Liturgy intentions for living or deceased family members or friends, please let Father Vasyl know a week ahead so that we can put it in the bulletin. Thank you and God bless you!

ECF (Eastern Catholic Formation) forms for the new school year are available in the parish hall. Dear parents please take one and sign up your children. You can send the form to the parish office or bring it and give it to Fr. Vasyl. This will help us to form a class/classes for the current academic year. Thank you.

How God Whitens the Repentant Sinners

"Though your sins be like scarlet, they may be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

O, the boundless mercy of God! In His greatest wrath upon the faithless and ungrateful people, upon the people "laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters" (Isaiah 1:4), as "princes [rulers] of Sodom" (Isaiah 1:10) and upon the people who have become as the "people of Gomorrah" (Isaiah 1:10) – in such wrath, the Lord does not abandon mercy but rather calls them to repentance. Just as after terrible lightning, a gentle rain falls. Such is the Lord long-suffering [patient] and full of mercy and "neither will He keep His anger forever" [Psalm 102:9 (103:9)]. Only if sinners cease to commit evil and learn to do good and turn to God with humility and repentance they will become "white as snow." The Lord is mighty and willing. No one, except Him, is able to cleanse the sinful soul of man from sin and, by cleansing, to whiten it. No matter how often linen is washed in water with ashes and soap, no matter how often it is washed and rewashed, it cannot receive whiteness until it is spread under the light of the sun. Thus, our soul cannot become white, no matter how often we cleanse it by our own effort and labor even with the help of all legal means of the law until we, at last, bring it beneath the feet of God, spread out and opened wide so that the light of God illumines it and whitens it. The Lord condones and even commends all of our labor and effort, i.e., He wants us to bathe our soul in tears, by repentance to constrain it by the pangs of the conscience to press it, to clothe it with good deeds and in the end of ends, He calls us to Him: "Come now," says the Lord, "and let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18). That is, I will look at you and I will see if there is Me in you and you will look upon Me as in a mirror and you will see what kind of person you are.

O Lord, slow to anger, have mercy on us before the last wrath of that Dreadful Day.

St. Nikolai Velimirovich

September 15

Tithes: \$137.00
Attendance: 19

Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord's Holy House.



Today is Catechetical Sunday
Pray for the children and the youth

On the occasion of Catechetical Sunday today after Divine Liturgy there will be special blessing ECF student and their teacher.