

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

March 5, 2017

Saturday, March 4

6:00 PM

†Theodore O'Bremski- Family

Sunday, March 5

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

God's Blessing & Good Health on All Parishioners

Wednesday, March 8

6:30PM

Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts

Friday, March 10

4:00PM

Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts

Location:

****At Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)****

Saturday, March 11

9:00AM

SOROKOUSTY

6:00 PM

†John Petrochko- Parish Family (40th day)

Sunday, March 12

10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

God's Blessing & Good Health on All Parishioners

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM

Weekday Liturgy: Thursday 9:00AM

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
March 5, 2017



TROPAR: Even though your tomb was sealed with a stone by your people, and soldiers guarded your most pure body, you arose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to you, "O Giver of life; Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your lasting reign. Glory to your salvation plan, one and only true lover of all people."

TROPAR: We bow in worship before your most pure image, O gracious Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of your own free will you ascended the cross in the flesh to deliver your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. For this, in thanksgiving we cry out to you: By coming to save the world, you filled all things with joy, O Savior of ours!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: The unconfined Word of the Father came forth from you confined in the flesh, O Mother of God. By transfiguring our image tainted of old, he restored us to his divine goodness. And so acknowledging our salvation, we show forth that image within ourselves by word and deed.

PROKIMEN: Blest are you, O Lord God of our fathers. Forever praised and glorified is your name. **Verse:** For you are just in all you have done.

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (11:24-26.32-40;12:2):

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; he wished to be ill-treated along with God's people rather than enjoy the fleeting rewards of sin. Moses considered the reproach borne by God's Anointed greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. **(next page)**

They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith; they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect. Therefore, since we for our part, are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin, which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead.

ALLELUIA: Moses and Aaron are among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name. Alleluia (3). They allied upon the Lord and he heard them. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of John 1:43-51



The next day he wanted to set out for Galilee, but first he came upon Phillip. "Follow me," Jesus said to him. Now Phillip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Phillip sought out Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses spoke of in the law-the prophets too-Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." Nathanael's response to that was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" and Phillip replied, "Come, see for yourself."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked: "This man is a true Israelite. There is no guile in him." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked him. "Before Phillip called you," Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree." "Rabbi," said Nathanael, "you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus responded: "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than that." He went on to tell them, "I solemnly assure you, you shall see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

INSTEAD OF: IT IS TRULY RIGHT:

All creation rejoices in you, O full of grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, boast of virgins! God became incarnate from you. Being our God before all ages, he became a child. By making your womb his throne, you became more spacious than the skies. All creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to you.

COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the highest. Alleluia (3). Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia(3).

CHURCH NEWS



IT'S THIS SUNDAY! THE ISLAND MOVIE: On **Sunday, March 5th** we will show the movie, "The Island" at our Parish Coffee Hour. The movie has a penitential theme which we may reflect upon for the lenten season. A light lunch will be served. Everyone is Welcome!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Best wishes to Father Walter who celebrates a Birthday on Tuesday, March 7th! Mnohay Lita! Many Happy, Healthy & Blessed Years!



GODSPELL AT NANTICOKE HIGH SCHOOL: Tune in to WVIA FM radio 89.9 at 4:30 pm Sunday, March 5th. The cast of Godspell will be interviewed by the staff at WVIA. They will also sing some of the music from the upcoming show. Godspell will be performed on **Friday, March 17th** at 7:00 pm and **Saturday, March 18th** at 7 pm in the GNA high school auditorium. Tickets are \$8.00. The play was first produced in 1977 and was the first musical that GNA performed. In 2017 it will be the 40th year anniversary of this production. The play cast will include David Mash, Tenor in the Holy Year Choir.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30pm.** Everyone is invited to participate!

CONFESSION: Let us prepare our souls by making good Confession and receiving Communion. The church prescribes a minimum to make a confession before Christmas and Easter. Holy Confession will be held as normal before all services with Father Walter. Confessions will be heard by visiting priests on march 26 (Stations of the Cross) and on March 18 by Father George Worshak.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Begins on the **NEXT Sunday, March 12, 2017.** Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday evening.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS..... For March 5 event please see first page.

WEEKEND PRESENTATION: A schedule of **Saturday, April 1st and Sunday, April 2nd** is planned for a guest speaker, Hugh Owen from the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation. He will give a two-part presentation, part one will be at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Plymouth on Saturday evening and part two at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on Sunday. Everyone is welcome, invite your neighbors, friends and family members.

WEEKEND RETREAT ON MARCH 18th and 19th: Father George Worshak will give a retreat **during the liturgies** (for the homily) Saturday and Sunday. You will benefit greatly from attending both liturgies and hearing both parts of his presentation on the Veneration of the Cross. Father George will also be hearing Confessions on Saturday during liturgy.

MARCH FLEA MARKET SATURDAYS: We will be holding a flea market on **Saturdays in the month of March** weather permitting, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are accepting clothing, books, kitchen ware, jewelry, curtains, knick knacks, toys, tools, etc. Pick up is available. Volunteers are also needed. If you have any questions, please contact Johanna Longenberger at 570-256-7883.

HELP IS NEEDED.

SVIACHENNE DINNER: Sviachenne will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017.



Weekly Candle Intentions

Candle Before Christ is given by Mary Ann Jarolen in memory of Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

Candle Before the Theotokos is given by Hvozda/Jarolen
In memory of Helen O'Bremski.

Candle Before John The Baptist is given by the Placek Family
in memory of Helen O'Bremski.

CEMETERY: Please remember to remove your Christmas Flowers from the cemetery in preparation for Pascha (Easter).

“Nothing is impossible with God,” (Lk. 1:37).

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS.....



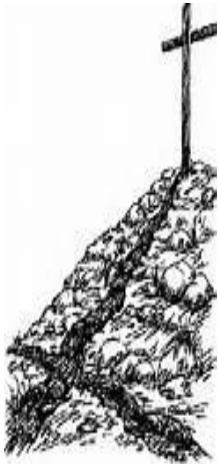
LUC BUS TRIP: The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Sunday, May 21, 2017 to the 41st Annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Participants are also free to visit the 44th Annual Ninth Avenue International Food Festival in midtown Manhattan or do their own thing for part or all of the day. Bus will pick up at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church, 70 Zerby Avenue at 8:00am and at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church at 8:45am. Departure for home will be at 8:30pm. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Full nonrefundable advance payment reserves a seat. Additional information and reservations via Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Check should be made payable to North Anthracite Council - LUC. Early reservations are recommended as the bus is expected to fill quickly.



HOAGIE SALE AT ST. NICHOLAS PARISH (Glen Lyon): On **March 16**, Saint Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon will be holding a Vegetable Soup, Turkey & Italian Hoagie and Bake Sale from 11am to 5pm at the church hall in Glen Lyon. Quarts of Soups and Hoagies are \$5.00 each. **Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by March 12.**

INVITATION TO THE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: You are invited to participate in our **THIRD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**. It will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. This year Father Andrew Apostoli, Steven Ray and Matt Fradd will be our speakers. Bishop Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate the closing mass for the day. For on-line information and to register go to: www.BeAManConference.com or, for other questions, go to: Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 or contact Mike Kilmer (570) 746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER: St. Andrew Parish is having their annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner on **Sunday, March 12, 2017** in the church hall (St. Patrick's) 318 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre. Serving is from 11:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Menu includes ham & cabbage, boiled potatoes, butter beans, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Take-outs will be available. A Bake Sale will also be featured.



The Great Fast 2017

Wyoming Valley Sunday Stations of the Cross

March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilkes-Barre

March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

Ss. Peter & Paul, Plymouth

March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent

St. Nicholas, Glen Lyon

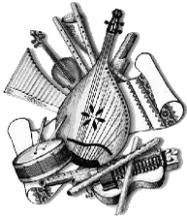
March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke

April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Vladimir, Edwardsville

*Confessions at 3:30 p.m. by guest clergy Rosary at 3:45 p.m. by all faithful present
Stations begin at 4 p.m., led by laymen Refreshments and Fellowship afterward.*



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LOTTERY TICKET WINNERS:

Winning tickets

February 25, Saturday	012	Not Sold
February 26, Sunday	282	Jill Gagliardi
February 27, Monday	904	Not Sold
February 28, Tuesday	241	Lisa Placek



Congratulations to our Winners!!!!

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

A typical Lenten service is the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Already in the first centuries there was a custom during the Forty Days Fast to omit the celebration of the Divine Liturgy because, at that time, it was still linked with agape, sacrificial love, a giving love, that is the love banquet, and this was in keeping with the spirit of fasting. Furthermore, the Divine Liturgy is a joyful mystery; for this reason, its celebration is limited to Sunday. On the other of the week to give the faithful an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Divine Liturgy was replaced by the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts which developed in time and is in essence Vespers with Eucharist attached, the Eucharist received having been sanctified on Sunday and reserved for reception during the week; hence, there is no consecration of the Body and Blood of Christ. Hence, the name of Presanctified Gifts. This is a Liturgy in the sense of the word because liturgy means “public work” and this prayer service is a public work. The Council of Laodicia (c.364) prescribed: “It is not permitted during the Great Fast to offer up the Bread (that is the Consecration) except on Saturday and Sunday” (rule 49). The Sixth Ecumenical Council of Trullo (691) decreed: “On all the days of the Great Fast, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, and the feast of the Annunciation, the Liturgy of the Presanctified must be celebrated.” (rule 54)



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing Homes:** Catherine Lachowecz, Mary Kozmoski, Theodore Kulmatiski, Dorothy Kopiak **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski. Sophie Staronka, Elizabeth Hoover **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw.



MARCH CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is for **March** given by the Kerri & Ed Michalik in loving memory of Bernie Jabjinak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is for **March** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz for a special intention.

And when you fast, be not as the hypocrites, sad. For they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou fastest anoint thy head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not to men to fast, but to thy Father who is in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret, will repay thee . - **Matthew 6:16-18**

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.- **1 Peter 5:8-9**