

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

April 2, 2017

Saturday, April 1

6:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

†Dolores Grozio- Gayles Miles

Sunday, April 2

10:30 AM

1:00 PM

4:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God's Blessing & Good Health on All Parishioners

SEMINAR Speaker: Hugh Owen, Creation Institute

Stations of the Cross- St. Vladimir Church (Edwardville)

Wednesday, April 5

6:30PM

Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts

Friday, April 7

4:00PM

Location:

Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts

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

Saturday, April 8

6:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY

†Connie Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

Blessing of Willows-Myrovania (Anointing with Oil)

Sunday, April 9

10:30 AM

PALM SUNDAY

God's Blessing & Good Health on All Parishioners

Blessing of Willows-Myrovania (Anointing with Oil)

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

Weekday Liturgy: Thursday 9:00AM

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
COMMEMORATION OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT-VENERABLE
April 2, 2017

TROPAR: From on high you descended, O gentle hearted Lord. You accepted burial for three days so that you might free us from all suffering. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to you.

TROPAR: In you the image of God was preserved faithfully, mother Mary, for you took up your cross and followed the Lord. By your own example you taught us to care not so much for our flesh, which passes away, but rather for our immortal souls. So now your spirit, venerable Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.
Amen.

KONDAK: Even though you once were defiled by all sorts of sin, because you repented, you now shine radiantly as the bride of Christ. In her pursuit of an angelic life she overcomes demons with the cross as her weapon. And so Mary has become a highly revered bride of the kingdom.

PROKIMEN: O how wondrous is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel.

A reading from St. Paul's Epistles to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

ALLELUIA: Come let us rejoice in the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us go into his presence giving thanks; let us sing psalms to him with joy. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of St. Mark 10:32-45



They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again, he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

IN PLACE OF "IT IS TRULY PROPER: All creation rejoices in you, O full of grace: in 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). The righteous will be remembered forever. They have no fear of evil reports. Alleluia (3).

BLESSING OF PALMS ON PALM SUNDAY

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord our God, Who sit upon the Cherubim, and Who restored the might of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that through His Cross and burial and resurrection He might save the world; Who, also, when today He entered Jerusalem to embark upon His voluntary passion, was met by the people who sat in darkness and in the shadow, bearing the symbols of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, emblematic of the resurrection: keep and preserve us also who on this prefestal day in imitation of them bear in our hands palms and boughs. And like those nations and children who cried to You: 'Hosanna!' may we likewise with hymn and spiritual song be made worthy of the life-giving resurrection through Christ Jesus, our Lord, with Whom You are blessed together with you all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen

P: These Palms are blessed by the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BLESSING OF WILLOWS/PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY



Palms are normally blessed following Psalm 50 of the Matins Service, they are then distributed during the kissing of the Gospel Book. The Palms and Willows are then carried by the people for the rest of Matins and for the Divine Liturgy. The celebrant sets them aside when necessary: Entrances, reading of the Gospel, anaphora, and Holy Communion. During the Gospel, the people are holding the palms and willows welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem just as the people did on that first Flowery Sunday.

Return to Church Roots on Palm Sunday:

The palms and willows will be picked up by the parishioners as they enter the church on Palm Sunday. They will be found in the church vestibule. After incensing the whole church, Father Walter will bless the people holding the palms and willows and the Liturgy will begin.

At the reading of the Gospel the people should all be holding the palms and willows because the Gospel is Jesus Christ, the Logos. Logos is Greek for "word." Jesus Christ is the living "Word" of God.



PALM SUNDAY

Why is this day called Palm or Willow Sunday? In memory of our Savior's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when the people strewed palm branches before Him, for which reason the Church, on this day, blesses palms, and carries them in procession.

Why does our church use pussy willows instead of palms like everybody else? Our forefathers lived in the Eastern part of Czechoslovakia where palms were not available, so they substituted the branches of the pussy willow trees that were plentiful and abundant in that region.

Why are the palms and pussy willows blessed? Those who carry them with devotion,, or keep them in their houses receive protection of soul and body, as prayer for in the blessing and that those who carry the palms may, by means of the prayers of the Church, adorn their souls with good works and this, in spirit, meet the Savior; that, through Christ whose members we are, we may conquer the kingdom of death and darkness, and be made worthy to share in His glorious resurrection and triumphant entrance into heaven. St. Augustine writes of the palms: "They are emblems of praise, and a sign of victory, because the Lord by death conquered death, and with the sign of victory, the cross, overcame the devil, the prince of death." Therefore, preceded by the cross, we go in procession singing hymns of praise.

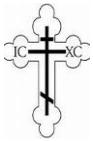
What do we do with the pussy willows? The pussy willows are blessed by the priest with holy water and prayer. This blessing is called a sacramental. The willows should be received reverently and taken home and placed in special vases or behind icons and crucifixes, and on your special family altar. The pussy willows can be taken to the cemetery where they are placed on the graves of our loved ones. In some churches, the willows are placed in the casket, along with the icon of the Resurrection of Christ, indicating that we desire to be accepted into the heavenly Jerusalem by the Resurrected Christ.



DETOURS & CONSTRUCTION: There is further construction on the highway project as of April 3. Middle Road will be closed from Kosciuszko Street to the Lower Askam section of Hanover Township. The road will reopen in November.

Kosciuszko Street will be closed July 6 and be opened in November. Prospect Street will be closed in the summer of 2018 and reopen in November 2018.

CHURCH NEWS ...



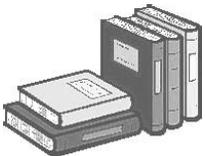
SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mrs. Catherine Lachowecz** who fell asleep in the Lord on **Monday, March 27, 2017**. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints and may her memory be eternal. **Vichnaya Pamyat. May Her Memory Be Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Lachowecz Family.**

IT'S THIS WEEKEND: PRESENTATION: On **Saturday, April 1st** and **Sunday, April 2nd** we have a guest speaker, Hugh Owen from the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation who will give a two-part presentation, part one will be at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Plymouth on this Saturday at 1:00PM and part two at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on this Sunday after Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome! **Topic: "Marriage Made in Heaven." A light social will follow Sunday's Presentation.**

DEANERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thank you to **EVERYONE** who participated in making our Stations of the Cross social a very nice experience. It was very heartwarming to see so many people praying and socializing together from parishes throughout our valley. We are so grateful to the number of people who contributed prepared dishes and baked goods. Thank you to our "kitchen staff" who set-up and cleaned-up for the social. Special thanks to Helen Lipowski & Gerri Adamchak who organized our social.

FLEA MARKET: A very special thank you to all who donated and helped with the yard sale. Thank you to Bob & Johanna Longenberger for coordinating this fund raising event!

ADORATION OF THE GRAVE: The sign-up sheet for Adoration of the Grave will be available in the back of the church. Please plan some time to spend at the grave of Christ.



ADORATION USE LIBRARY: We are again "**borrowing**" books of faith to be used during the adoration of the grave from Good Friday until Easter morning. Please make sure your name is on the cover so we can return it to you. The library will be in the back of the church for meditation and use during the adoration period.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE: There is a separate schedule for Easter & Holy Week available.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS...

PAVING PROJECT: The hall and church parking lots are in need of resealing and repairing. The hall lot is in need of more immediate attention than the church lot. The approximate cost to repair each parking lot is \$4000, for a total approximate cost of \$8000. If you have an idea for a fund raiser for this project, please let Father Walter or a Parish council member know your idea. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262.

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **May 2, 2017 at 6:30PM.**

PYROHY PROJECT: Our next Pyrohy Project will be on Saturday, May 20. **HELP** especially pinching is desperately needed. We will be selling Potato Pyrohy for \$6.00 a dozen. (We will not exceed 200 dozen pyrohy for sale.) If you would like to order pyrohy, please call Gerri Adamchak at 570-824-3880.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEAST DAY BBQ: Our Transfiguration of Our Lord Feast Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 6. **Please mark your calendars.**



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners
Nursing Homes: 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 **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw.

SETTING UP GRAVE: We will be setting up the grave and candles immediately following services on Holy Thursday. Everyone is invited and encouraged to help prepare for Good Friday Services.

CHANGING LINENS: We will be changing the church linens on April 15, Holy Saturday immediately following Blessing of Baskets.

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.

BUS PILGRIMAGE: A bus pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA will be held on **Saturday, June 3, 2017**. Cost of the trip is \$45 which includes the bus, a hot luncheon served at the Shrine, and driver gratuity. Breakfast items will be served on the bus. If anyone is interested, please call Theresa Lisiewski @ 570-822-0831.(St. Andrew Parish WB)

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.

The Great Fast 2017

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.*

APRIL CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family
in loving memory of Connie Yanoshak

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen the good health of
Marge Womelsdorf.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen & Mrs. Irene Hvozda
for the good health of Beth Davis.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by
Ed & Mary Schwartz for a Special Intention.



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 Lisa Placek for Special Intention.

Candle Before John The Baptist is given by the MaryAnn Jarolen
For Jennifer.