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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
February 22, 2026, A. D.

Saturday, February 21
6:00 PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, February 22
10:30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Special Intention

Wednesday, February 25
6:30 PM

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, February 28
8:00 AM
6:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SOROKOUSTY
God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, March 1
10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
†Pawel & Francis Kuczera- Pasicznyk Family



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)
Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Friday): 4:00 PM

Jesus Prayer

Hospodi Isuse Christe, Sine Bozhe, pomiluy mene hreesh-no mu.
Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

February 22, 2026

The Divine Liturgy of our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, is celebrated ten times each year: January 1st (Feast of Saint Basil); December 24th (Christmas Eve); January 5th (Theophany Eve); First through Fifth Sundays of Lent (not Palm Sunday); and Holy Thursday & the Virgil Liturgy of Easter Sunday.

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul and let all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits. He forgives you all your iniquities, He heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from corruption; He crowns you with mercy and compassion. Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and abounding in mercy. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy name, Blessed are You, O Lord.

GLORY BE: ONLY BEGOTTEN SON:

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Remember us, O Lord, in Your Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you, and utter every kind of evil word against you falsely because of Me.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.



TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

TROPAR: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving, we cry aloud to You: by coming to save the world our Savior You filled all things with joy.

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

KONDAK: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God, and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory, He suffused it with the beauty of God. Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word, we portray it in images.

PROKIMEN: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. For You are righteous in everything You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40;

12:1-2:

Brethren, by faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. Alleluia (3). They called on the Lord, and He heard them. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of John 1:43-51

At that time Jesus desired to set out for Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him, “Behold a true Israelite in whom there is no guile.” Nathanael said to him, “From where do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him and said, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.” Answering, Jesus said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you do believe. Greater things than these shall you see.” And he said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

INSTEAD IF “IT US TRULY RIGHT...”: In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins’ pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners:

At Home: Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mike Oresick, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Leona Kobela, Paulette Parcel, Josh Alberola, Sister Evhenia Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

ST. VLADIMIR'S CHURCH (SCRANTON) MOLEBEN: St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 N. 7th Ave. in Scranton, will host a Moleben Prayer Service for Ukraine this Tuesday, February 24th, beginning at 6:00pm. This is the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Very Rev. Archpriest Teodor Czabala will be the Guest Speaker and there will be a short film about Ukraine in Church. Please join us to commemorate this sad occasion and pray for our brothers and sisters still suffering in Ukraine.

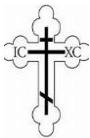


PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

“Let My Prayer Rise up”

Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice. Lord, I call to You, hear me; attend to the voice of my prayer when I cry to You. Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice. Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth and a door of enclosure around my lips. Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice. Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuses for my sins. Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice.

CHURCH NEWS "Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing."



SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mrs. Mary Ann Bennetski** who fell asleep in the Lord on February 7th, 2026. 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. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Bennetski, Petrochko & Cominsky Families.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Please keep in mind that Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Please set your clocks ahead for one hour on Saturday, March 7th before you go to bed. **Clocks will "spring" forward.**

FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY: Twelve Liturgies were given for the first Saturday of each month, February 2026 A.D. to February 2027 A.D., the next one is **March 7th 2026 A.D.**, for any Family experiencing troubles in their lives and seeking God's help. **If you have such a petition for a family please feel free to share it with Fr. Walter to be included in the Saturday's liturgy intention.**

LENT: All Fridays are always a day of fast. Traditionally, Wednesdays are ALSO a day of fast during Lent. Anything you can do extra is also indicated. Remember there are no weekday Liturgies during the Great Fast.

LENTEN RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE we will have a Lenten Retreat on **Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00PM**, beginning with Lenten Vespers/Retreat given by Father Paul Makar at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. A light social will follow.



HOAGIE & SOUP SALE: St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 153 East Main Street, Glen Lyon is holding a vegetable soup & Hoagie Sale (Turkey, Cheese, & Italian Hoagie) and bake sale on Thursday, March 12th from 11AM to 4PM in the church hall. The cost of each hoagie is \$8.00, and a quart of vegetable soup is \$8.00. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, March 8th. A basket raffle will also be held at this time to benefit Ukraine and the church.

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 28 SPRING FLEA MARKET!

MAKE PSANKY FOR FUN!
Sunday, March 15th, 2026, A.D.
Noon (After Liturgy)

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Church Basement

Everyone is welcome!



Come & experience the art of creating Ukrainian
Easter Eggs just for **FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

A light lunch will be provided.

Provided through Parishioners from Transfiguration of Our Lord & Saints Peter & Paul Churches.
Class is free. Please allocate about 2 hours to create an egg. Children are most welcome- but must be supervised by an adult as decorating requires you to use a candle.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME- Young & Old!



LENTEN FOOD (TAKE-OUT ONLY)

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church

240 Center Street, Nanticoke, PA, Church Basement

Friday, February 27, 2026, from 3PM-5PM

SOUP & PIEROGI SALE

Featuring home-made Pea Soup by the quart and church made potato pierogi \$12 a dozen.

THE FIVE SATURDAYS OF THE DECEASED (SOROKUSTY)



The Five Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty) The Church Typikon designates the five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased for 2026 as February 7th; **February 28th**, March 7th and 14th, and May 23rd. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at

Matins of the Deceased (Parastas) on these five Saturdays of the year. Sorokousty Services will be celebrated at 8:00am.

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY:
St. John of Damascus; On the Divine Images
By St. John of Damascus/Translated by David Anderson
ISBN: 0-913836-62-1



FEBRUARY CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Pasicznyk Family
In loving memory of Alex & Irene Jaworskyj.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family
In loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by the Pasicznyk Family
in loving memory of Anhel Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is by Lisa Placek
In loving memory of Mary Amber Davis.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given
by the Lee Family in loving memory of
Red & Helen Lee.

ISAIAH 1: 19-241

If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;
but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.”

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

See how the faithful city has become a prostitute!

She once was full of justice; righteousness used to dwell in her—
but now murderers! Your silver has become dross,
your choice wine is diluted with water.

Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves;
they all love bribes and chase after gifts.

They do not defend the cause of the fatherless;
the widow’s case does not come before them.

Therefore, the Lord, the Lord Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, declares:
“Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes and avenge myself on my enemies.

We claim that we desire the kingdom of heaven, and yet we neglect those things that ensure that we gain entry there. And although we make no efforts to fulfill the Lord’s commands, we still imagine in our foolishness that we will receive the same honors as those who have fought against sin right up to their death. Who has ever stayed at home doing nothing at harvest time and managed to fill his arms with bundles of corn? Who has ever gathered grapes from the vine he has not planted or worked hard for? Those who have worked receive the fruits. Those who are victorious are crowned. And who would consider crowning anyone who had not even gotten ready to face his opponent? For we must not neglect even the smallest details of our instructions, but carry out our orders to the letter. For it is said, “Blessed is that servant whom the Lord finds,” not doing anything but, “so doing.” – **Saint Basil the Great**

Hymn from Matins (Morning Prayer)

Let us begin the pure fast which is the salvation of our souls. Let us serve the Lord with fear. Let us anoint our heads with oil of good deeds. Let us wash our faces with waters of purity. Let us not use empty phrases in prayer. But as we have been taught, let us cry out: O Father who art in heaven. Forgive us our trespasses, for Thou art the Love of Mankind.



The Devil's Ruse... There was an old fort in Belgium that was once thought to be impossible to capture or destroy. Its concrete and steel walls were thought to be ten to fifteen feet thick. They bristled with guns mounted on movable turrets.

But history tells us the fort fell to a mere handful of German paratroopers. Dressed in uniforms of Belgium soldiers, they rushed us to the guards of the foot shouting, "The Germans are coming!" In near panic the guards opened the gates to receive them. Once within, they immediately overpowered the guards. They then threw open the main door to their comrades who followed them in strength. The fort was conquered from within without its guns firing a single shot. This story reminds us that when our enemy - the devil- comes to tempt us, he always comes in disguise. If he appeared to us as the devil, we would not open the door to let him in. St. Paul tells us that the devil comes disguised as "an angel of light." In other words, he appears as someone good like an angel. The sin he tempts us to commit; he presents not as something evil but as something good..... When the devil knocks on the door of our soul seeking to enter, send Jesus to the door through prayer. He is all-powerful. He will recognize the devil and strip him of his disguise. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you." (James 4:7)

Prayer is the light of the soul

"There is nothing more worthwhile than to pray to God and to converse with him, for prayer unites us with God as his companions. As our bodily eyes are illuminated by seeing the light, so in contemplating God our soul is illuminated by him. Of course, the prayer I have in mind is no matter of routine, it is deliberate and earnest. It is not tied down to a fixed timetable; rather it is a state which endures by night and day.

Our soul should be directed in God, not merely when we suddenly think of prayer, but even when we are concerned with something else. If we are looking after the poor, if we are busy in some other way, or if we are doing any type of good work, we should season our actions with the desire and the remembrance of God. Through this salt of the love of God we can all become a sweet dish for the Lord. If we are generous in giving time to prayer, we will experience its benefits throughout our life.

Prayer is the light of the soul, giving us true knowledge of God. It is a link mediating between God and man. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvelous way embraces the Lord. This meeting is like that of an infant crying on its mother, and seeking

the best of milk. The soul longs for its own needs and what it receives is better than anything to be seen in the world.

Prayer is a precious way of communicating with God, it gladdens the soul and gives repose to its affections. You should not think of prayer as being a matter of words. It is a desire for God, an indescribable devotion, not of human origin, but the gift of God's grace. As Saint Paul says: we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Anyone who receives from the Lord the gift of this type of prayer possesses a richness that is not to be taken from him, a heavenly food filling up the soul. Once he has tasted this food, he is set alight by an eternal desire for the Lord, the fiercest of fires lighting up his soul.

To set about this prayer, paint the house of your soul with modesty and lowliness and make it splendid with the light of justice. Adorn it with the beaten gold of good works and, for walls and stones, embellish it assiduously with faith and generosity. Above all, place prayer on top of this house as its roof so that the complete building may be ready for the Lord. Thus he will be received in a splendid royal house and by grace his image will already be settled in your soul. A reading from the homilies of **St John Chrysostom** (Hom 6 on Prayer)

Prayer: Give us the grace, O Lord, to continue the works of penitence we have begun so that the Lenten observance we have taken upon ourselves may be accomplished in sincerity of heart.

Prepared by Pontifical University Saint Thomas Aquinas