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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**March 1, 2026, A. D.**

**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

**Wednesday, March 4**

**6:30 PM**

**LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**

**Saturday, March 7**

**8:00 AM**

**9:00 AM**

**6:00 PM**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

**SOROKOUSTY**

**FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY**

†Randy Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

\*\*\*\*\* DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS \*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday, March 8**

**10:30 AM**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

†Ed Schwartz – Tom Bukoski



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

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

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Friday): 4:00 PM

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**  
**March 1, 2026**

The Divine Liturgy of our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, is celebrated ten times each year: January 1<sup>st</sup> (Feast of Saint Basil); December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve); January 5<sup>th</sup> (Theophany Eve); First thru 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:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

**KONDAK:** You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so, we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

**PROKIMEN:** You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever.

**A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 1:10-2:3:**

Brethren, at the beginning, O Lord, you established the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; all of them will grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, like a garment they will be changed. But you remain, and your years will have no end. To which of the angels has God ever said, "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent to serve those who are to inherit salvation? In view of this, we must attend all the more to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels stood unchanged and all transgression and disobedience received its due punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore a salvation as great as ours? Announced first by the Lord, this was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.



**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation, I will announce Your truth with my mouth. Alleluia (3). For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. Alleluia (3).

**A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 2:1-12:**



At that time Jesus entered Capharnaum, and it was reported that he was at home. And many gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even around the door. And he spoke the word to them. And they came bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four. And since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and, having made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Now some of the Scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? He blasphemes. Who can forgive sins, but only God?" And at once Jesus, knowing in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why are you arguing

these things in your hearts Which is easier to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say 'Arise, and take up your pallet, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, arise, take up your pallet, and go to your house." And immediately he arose and, taking up his pallet, went forth in the sight of all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see the like."

**INSTEAD IF "IT US TRULY RIGHT...":** In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all mankind. 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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



### **MARCH CANDLES**

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Pasicznyk Family  
In loving memory of Kuczeriawa & Roguzinska.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is by Lisa Placek  
For God's Blessings on the Placek Family.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given  
by Lisa Placek for all parishioners experiencing  
Health Difficulties.



## RUMMAGE SALE

Ss. PETER & PAUL CHURCH HALL  
Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

**Sponsored by the Women's Society**

**Friday, March 6 (9AM~4PM)**

**Saturday, March 7(1/2 price day) (9AM~ 2PM)**

**Sunday, March 8(Bag Day \$5) (12PM~2PM)**

**Haluski, Soup, & Bake Sale.**

**Proceeds go to support repair of the  
church heating system.**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Happy Birthday to MaryAnn Jarolen who celebrates her Birthday on Monday, March 2. Happy Birthday to Father Walter Pasicznyk who celebrates his Birthday on Saturday, March 7! We also celebrate the Birthday of Paul Nicholas Pasicznyk who celebrates his birthday on March 9! Mnohaya Lita!! Mnohaya Lita! God Bless Them & Their Families with Many Happy Years!



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Please keep in mind that Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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 this **March 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**PYROHY MAKING:** We will be making Pierogies on **Saturday, March 14 , 8:30 AM**, making 90 dozen to freeze. Please come out and help.

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

**SAVE THE DATE MARCH 28 SPRING FLEA MARKET!!**



**LENTEN FOOD (TAKE-OUT ONLY)**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord Church**  
**240 Center Street, Nanticoke, PA, Church Basement**  
**Friday, March 6, 2026, from 3PM-5PM**

**PIEROGI SALE**

Featuring church made potato pierogi \$12 a dozen.



**PSANKY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES:** Come join us & make Psanky for fun! The class is free and is on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Sunday Liturgy (Noon) at Transfiguration of Our Lord basement. 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.

**Provided through Parishioners from Transfiguration of Our Lord & Saints Peter & Paul Churches. A light social will accompany the class. Everyone is welcome.**



**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. A basket raffle will also be held at this time to benefit Ukraine and the church.



**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.



**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.



## **PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH**

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.

### **BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH:**

#### **The Lives of the Desert Fathers**

Translated By Norman Russell

**ISBN: 0879079347**

### ***How To Read Holy Scriptures***

***From a lecture delivered by Hieromonk Seraphim at the 1979***

***St. Herman SumOmer Pilgrimage Platina, California.***

**By Fr. Seraphim**

It is well known that Protestants spend a great deal of time on Holy Scripture, because for them it is everything. For us Catholics the Scripture also holds an essential place. Often, however, we do not take advantage of it, and do not realize what importance it has for us; or if we do, we often do not approach it in the right spirit because the Protestant approach and Protestant books about the Scriptures are widespread, while our Catholic approach is quite different.

The fact that Scripture is an essential part of our Faith can be seen in our Catholic services. There are daily readings from the New Testament from both the Epistles and Gospels. In one year, we read through almost the entire New Testament. In the first three days of the week before Pascha — the feast of Christ's Resurrection, the four Gospels are read in church, and on Thursday night of Passion Week twelve long selections from the Gospels are read concerning the Passion of our Lord, with verses sung in between, commenting on these passages. The Old Testament is also used in the services. In the vespers for every great feast three parables are read prefiguring the feast. And the Divine services themselves are filled with Scriptural quotations, Scriptural allusions and inspiration

coming directly from Holy Scripture. Catholics also read the Scripture outside the services. St. Seraphim, in his monastic life, read the entire New Testament every week. Perhaps it is because we have such a richness of Scripture in our Catholic tradition that we are often guilty of taking them for granted, of not valuing and making use of the Scriptures.

One of the leading interpreters of Holy Scripture for us is St. John Chrysostom, an early 5th century Holy Father. He wrote commentaries on practically the whole of the New Testament, including all of St. Paul's epistles and also many Old Testament books. In one sermon concerning Scripture, he addresses his flock:

"I exhort you, and I will not cease to exhort you to pay heed not only to what is said here, but when you are home also you should occupy yourselves attentively with the reading of Holy Scripture. Let no one say to me such cold words — worthy of judgment — as these: 'I am occupied with a trial, I have obligations in the city, I have a wife, I have to feed my children, and it is not my duty to read the Scripture but the duty of those who have renounced everything.' What are you saying?! It is not your duty to read Scripture because you are distracted by innumerable cares? On the contrary, it is your duty more than those others, more than the monks; they do not have such need of help as do you who live in the midst of such cares. You need treatment all the more, because you are constantly under such blows and are wounded so often. The reading of Scripture is a great defense against sin. Ignorance of the Scripture is a great misfortune, a great abyss. Not to know anything from the word of God is a disaster. This is what has given rise to heresies, to immorality; it has turned everything upside down."

Here we see that the reading of Holy Scripture provides us with a great weapon in the fight against the worldly temptations surrounding us — and we do not do enough of it. The Catholic Church, far from being against the reading of Scripture, greatly encourages it. The Church is only against the misreading of Scripture, against reading one's own private opinions

and passions, even sins into the sacred text. When we hear that the Protestants are all excited about something that they say is in the Scripture — the rapture, for example, or the millennium — we are not against their reading the Scripture but against their misinterpretation of the Scripture. To avoid this pitfall ourselves we must understand what this sacred text is and how we should approach it.

The Bible — the Holy Scripture, the Old and New Testaments — is not an ordinary book. It is one that contains not human, but divinely revealed truths. It is the Word of God. Therefore, we must approach it with reverence and contrition of heart, not with mere idle curiosity and academic coldness. Nowadays one cannot expect a person who has no

sympathy for Christianity, no sympathy for the Scriptures to have a proper attitude of reverence. There is, however, such power in the words of Scripture — especially in the Gospels — that it can convert a person even without this proper attitude. We have heard of cases in communist countries; the police go out in special squads to persecute believers and break up their meetings; they confiscate all their literature: Bibles, hymn books, patristic texts — many written out by hand. They're supposed to burn them, but sometimes either the person who is assigned to burn them or the person collecting them gets curious and begins reading the condemned materials. And there have been cases where this has changed the person's life. All of a sudden he meets Jesus Christ. And he's shocked, especially if he has been raised with the notion that this is a great evil; here he discovers that there is no evil here but rather something quite fantastic.

Many modern scholars approach the Scriptures with a cold, academic spirit; they do not wish to save their souls by reading Scripture: they only want to prove what great scholars they are, what new ideas they can come up with; they want to make a name for themselves. But we who are Catholics must have utmost reverence and contrition of heart; i.e., we must approach the word of God with a desire to change our hearts. We read the Scripture in order to gain salvation, not, as some Protestants believe, because we are already saved without the possibility of falling away, but rather as those desperately trying to keep the salvation which Christ has given us, fully aware of our spiritual poverty. For us, reading Scripture is literally a matter of life and death. As King David wrote in the Psalms: *Because of Thy words my heart hath been afraid. I will rejoice in Thy sayings as one that hath found great spoil.*

The Scripture contains truth, and nothing else. Therefore, we must study the Scripture believing in its truth, without doubt or criticism. If we have this latter attitude we shall receive no benefit from reading Scripture but only find ourselves with those "wise" men who think they know more than God's revelation. In fact, the wise of this world often miss the meaning of Scripture. Our Lord prayed: *I thank Thee, O Father...that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes* (Luke 10:21). In our approach we must not be sophisticated, complicated scholars; we must be simple. And if we are simple, the words will have meaning for us.