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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
March 15, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, March 14

8:00 AM

8:30 AM

6:00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sorokousty

PYROHY MAKING

†Robert Grevera- Alberola Family

Sunday, March 15

10:30 AM

NOON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Special Intention

PSANKY DECORATING

SIMPLE SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 PM

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, March 21

6:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

†Mary Ann Bennetski – Harvey Family

Sunday, March 22

10:30 AM

4:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

†Patricia Bluey- Tom Bukoski

VESPERS/LENTEN RETREAT

SIMPLE SOCIAL



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

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

Sorokousty Prayers are for the deceased of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, St. Nicholas Church, St. Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth) & St. Vladimir's Church.
Come Pray for the Your Family.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS
March 15, 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 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: By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

TROPAR: O John, our God-bearing father, you were shown to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in bodily form, and a worker of miracles. Through fasting, prayers and vigils you

received heavenly gifts to heal the sick and the souls of those who, in faith, run to you. Glory to Him who gives you strength. Glory to Him who crowned you. Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

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

KONDAK: On the heights of true abstinence, the Lord established you as a reliable star, giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth, O father John, our teacher.

PROKEIMENON: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. The venerable ones will exult in glory and they shall be joyful in their beds. (no repeat.)

A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 6:13-20:



Brethren, For God making promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom he might swear, swore by himself, saying: “Unless blessing I shall bless you, and multiplying I shall multiply you.” And so patiently enduring he obtained the promise. For men swear by one greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all pof their controversy. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have the strongest comfort, who have fled for refuge to hold fast the hope set before us. Which we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, and which enters in even within the veil; Where the forerunner Jesus has entered for us, made a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia. (3) It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. Alleluia. (3) To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. Alleluia. (3) They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Alleluia (3).

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:16-30:



At that time one of the crowd came to Jesus and bowed to him saying, "Master, I have brought to you my son, who has a dumb spirit; and whenever it seizes him it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth; and he is wasting away. And I told your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." And he answered and said to them, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought him to him; and the spirit, when it saw Jesus, immediately threw the boy into convulsions, and he fell down on the ground and rolled about foaming at the mouth. So he asked his father, "How long is it since this has come upon him?" And he said, "From his infancy. Oftentimes it has thrown him into the fire and into the waters to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." But Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." At once the father of the boy cried out and said with tears, "I do believe; help my unbelief." Now when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, go out of him and enter him no more." And crying out and violently convulsing him, it went out of him, and he became like one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him and he stood up. And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind can be cast out in no way except by prayer and fasting." And leaving that place they were passing through Galilee, and he did not wish anyone to know it. For he was teaching his disciples, and saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and having been killed, he will rise again on the third day."

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. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia(3).



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. George Worschak; Fr. Peter Waslo; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Leona Kobela, Paulette Parcel, Josh Alberola, Sister Evhenia Prusny & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.”-- **Ephrem the Syrian**



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.

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 special 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.



FLEA MARKET & FOOD SALE

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
240 Center Street, Nanticoke, PA

Friday, March 27, 9am- 2pm

**Saturday, March 28, 9am- 2pm & BAG
DAY WILL BE AFTER EASTER**

Weather permitting, we will be
Selling Potato Pancakes, Pierogi,
Whimpies, Clam Chowder & More!
Tell Your Friends & Neighbors!

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

SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Fr. Gregory Maslak who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. May our Lord grant him rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints, and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat! Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Maslak Family.



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.



PSANKY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES: Come join us & make Psanky for fun! The class is free and is this Sunday, March 15th, 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.**

SPRING FLEA MARKET: (See Ad in Bulletin- You can post as an advertisement.)

ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FLEA MARKET. We are collecting, books, jewelry, purses, kitchen, toys, vintage items, greeting cards, lamps, curtains, towels, Easter decor and more. Please make sure all items are clean and not broken. The sale will not be held during Holy week. And bag day and half price day will be after Easter. **(Friday, March 27, 9 am-2 pm & Saturday, March 28, 9 am-2 pm) You can drop items off at the church hall by calling Bob or Johanna at 570-592-5776.**

FLEA MARKET HELP: If you can help for an hour or two that would be great.

Always looking for help. **HELP IS NEEDED.**

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 **April 4th 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: Thank you to everyone who came out to help!



ASK FATHER A QUESTION..... Father, I was looking at the Icon of St. John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, I noticed one of the men being pulled off by a demon, looks like a bishop.... Am I seeing this correctly? Why?

Your eyes do not deceive you, indeed that is a Bishop being pulled off the ladder in the icon. This is a reminder to us to be Holy and further, to recognize that not only does the devil pull all men by temptation, but even and especially, bishops, priests and deacons. For if the devil can lead a cleric astray, the cleric will then lead many people astray. This is why we pray so many times in the Liturgy for our bishops. This is a reminder to us to remain Holy in the eyes of God. Many times in our human eyes we will view a higher-ranking cleric as “holier than us,” but is that truly correct in the eyes of God? In this icon we are reminded of this. If we desire heaven for ourselves, that is salvation, it is not based on our state of life or office in human terms, but our obedience to our heavenly Father. This is a reminder that we are judged by God’s laws not the rules of man.



8 Prayers from St. John Chrysostom

The following eight “arrow” prayers are attributed to St. John Chrysostom. The description arrow prayers, refers to short, frequent thoughts that we direct to God, as a reminder that we are constantly in his presence, and to call down his grace. In the long tradition of the Church, various names have been given to these short prayers — **our little hellos** — that we speak to Our Lord throughout the day. They are called aspirations, or ejaculatory prayers (from the Latin for *bursting forth*), or as well, “arrow” prayers. **Here are eight from St. John Chrysostom: O Lord, enlighten my heart that evil desires have darkened.** O Lord, send down Thy grace to help me, that I may glorify Thy name. **O Lord Jesus Christ, write me in the book of life and grant unto me a good end.** O Lord, sprinkle into my heart the dew of Thy grace. **O Lord, quicken in me a good thought.** O Lord, give me tears and remembrance of death, and contrition. **O Lord, implant in me the root of all good: Thy fear in my heart.** O Lord, grant that I may love Thee from all my soul and mind, and in everything do Thy will.

HOLY SATURDAY



Great and Holy Saturday is the day on which Christ reposed in the tomb. The Church calls this day the Blessed Sabbath. “The great Moses mystically foreshadowed this day when he said: God blessed the seventh day. This is the blessed Sabbath, This is the day of rest, on which the only-begotten Son of God rested from all His works....” (Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday) By using this title the Church links Holy Saturday with the creative act of God. In the initial account of creation as found in the Book of Genesis, God made man in His own image and likeness. To be truly himself, man was to live in constant communion with the source and dynamic power of that image: God. Man fell from God. Now Christ, the Son of God through

whom all things were created, has come to restore man to communion with God. He thereby completes creation. All things are again as they should be. His mission is consummated. On the Blessed Sabbath He rests from all His works.

Holy Saturday is a neglected day in parish life. Few people attend the Services. Popular piety usually reduces Holy Week to one day—Holy Friday. This day is quickly replaced by another—Easter Sunday. Christ is dead and then suddenly alive. Great sorrow is suddenly replaced by great joy. In such a scheme Holy Saturday is lost. In the understanding of the Church, sorrow is not replaced by joy; it is transformed into joy. This distinction indicates that it is precisely within death that Christ continues to effect triumph. We sing that Christ is “...trampling down death by death” in the troparion of Easter. This phrase gives great meaning to Holy Saturday. **Christ’s repose in the tomb is an “active” repose. He comes in search of His fallen friend, Adam, who is all men. Not finding him on earth, he descends to the realm of death, translated Hades* in the Holy Scriptures. There He finds him and brings him life once again.** This is the victory: the dead are given life. The tomb is no longer a forsaken, lifeless place. By His death Christ tramples down death by death. The traditional icon used by the Church on the feast of Easter is an icon of Holy Saturday: the descent of Christ into Hades. It is a painting of theology, for no one has ever seen this event. It depicts Christ, radiant in hues of white and blue, standing on the shattered gates of Hades. With arms outstretched He is joining hands with Adam and all the other Old Testament righteous whom He has found there. He leads them from the kingdom of death. By His death He tramples death.

“Today Hades cries out groaning:
I should not have accepted the Man born of Mary.
He came and destroyed my power.
He shattered the gates of brass.
As God, He raised the souls I had held captive.
Glory to Thy cross and resurrection, O Lord!”

(Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday)

****Hades is not “Hell,” but where the souls of the dead wait for judgement.**