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

**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**

**Wednesday, March 25**  
**6:30 PM**

**FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION- Obligation (Myrovania)**  
**Vespers & Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**  
**God's Blessings for the Poullaird Family**

**Saturday, March 28**  
**8:00 AM**

**LAZARUS SATURDAY**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Saturday, March 29**  
**6:00 PM**

**PALM SUNDAY (Myrovania)**

**Blessing of Palms/Pussywillows**

**God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners**

**Sunday, March 30**  
**10:30 AM**

**PALM SUNDAY (Myrovania)**

**Blessing of Palms/Pussywillows**

†Anna Bukoski- Tom Bukoski



**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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 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: You** came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

**TROPAR:** The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother, for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ. By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh, which passes, and care for the soul, a thing immortal. And so, O venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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

**KONDAK:** Once you were filled with every impurity, now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ, following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

**PROKEIMENON:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (no repeat.)

**A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 9:11-14:**

Brethren, but when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!



**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour. Alleluia(3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia(3).

**A reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:32-45:**



At that time Jesus took the twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to him, saying “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him and scourge him, and put him to death; and on the third day he will rise again.” And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him, saying, “Master, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” But Jesus said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said, “Grant to us that we may sit, one at the Your right hand and the other at Your left hand, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You

do not know for what you are asking. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized?" And they said to him, "We can." And Jesus said to them "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**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. He makes spirits His angels and flaming fire His ministers. Alleluia(3).

**SETTING UP GRAVE:** We will be setting up the grave 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 linens immediately following the blessing of Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday.

**ADORATION SCHEDULES:** Adoration schedules are in the back of the church. Please sign up to spend time with 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 Lenten/adoration period.



# 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 Fabulous Potato Pancakes, Pierogi,  
Whimpies, Clam Chowder & More!  
Tell Your Friends & Neighbors!



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION. Father, Lent ends on Lazarus Saturday, now what?**

**Why are we still fasting?** We fast because we are in Holy Week, a completely new fast period. Just as the children of Israel fasted before the Passover, we fast during Holy Week. We fast for the Eternal Passover. **Passover? What's**

**Passover?** Passover is when the Angel of Death came over the nation of Egypt, the 10<sup>th</sup> plague came, because in vengeance Pharaoh swore death on the first-born son of every Jewish Family in Egypt. That night the Angel of Death came and took the first-born male of every household in Egypt that did not have the blood of the lamb on the doorpost and lintel (top of the door frame) of their house, but “passed over” those with the lamb’s blood marker. God instructed all the Israelites to slaughter the lamb and to eat the “whole” lamb that night. Nothing was to be left until morning. Because of the speed and the urgency of the Pharaoh’s decree, the Israelites did not have time to bake bread and to allow it to rise, hence the unleavened bread, the bread of haste, was made and eaten with bitter herbs and the lamb that evening. This is the Passover Meal. This is a type of resurrection, passing over from death into life, from slavery to freedom, that the bitter herbs are to remind them of 400 years of bondage in Egypt. Pascha has three meanings that are all intended at one and the same time: 1) Pascha is the Greek from the Jewish word “Pesach,” meaning Passover. 2) Pascha is also translated from the Greek to means “lamb.” 3) Pascha also means “bread.” When we celebrate the Feast of Pascha, we are celebrating: the Passover into Eternal Life, the Lamb of God, and the Bread of Eternal Life.



### **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.

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

**VITAEMO!:** Welcome, Father Paul Makar and his cantor, Augustine Tighe this weekend. Father Paul is our Visiting Priest giving our Lenten Retreat this Sunday at 4:00 pm. Our sincere thanks to Father Paul for leading the One Day Special Lenten Retreat! Confession will be available before and during vespers. Please make a good confession do not wait until the last minute. A light social will follow vespers.

**SVIACHENNE:** The Family Sviachenne will be on **Sunday, April 19, 2026 12:15 PM**. Plans are being constructed to have a Covered Dish Sviachenne between Transfiguration of Our Lord Church & Ss. Peter & Paul Church! We have hams donated. We will put out a list for other items and attendees. There is no charge for the Sviachenne Dinner, and it will be held at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church basement. Covered dishes and help is needed.

**PSYANKY CLASSES:** Thank you to Ali Shappert & David Youells for "teaching" our psyanky class. We had many children who came and enjoyed making Ukrainian Easter Eggs. Thank you!

**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, 9am-2pm & Saturday, March 28, 9am-2pm)** 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.**



**PUSSYWILLOWS WANTED:** If anyone has pussy willows, please drop them off outside the hall.

**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners At Home: Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. 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 Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

## **Transfiguration of our Lord Church – 2026 A.D.**

### **Holy Monday, March 30**

6:30PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy/Confessions

### **Holy Tuesday, March 31 – Services at SS. Peter & Paul Church (4:00pm)**

### **Holy Wednesday, April 1**

5:30 PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy/**General Anointing**

\*\*\*\*\***Abstinence from Meat** \*\*\*

### **Holy Thursday, April 2**

6:30PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord/Confessions

### **Good Friday, April 3**

5:30PM Vespers with Placement of the Plastinicha/Confessions

\*\*\*\*\***Abstinence from Meat & Dairy Products**\*\*\*

### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

3:00PM Blessing of Paschal Food

\*\*\*\*\***Abstinence from Meat** \*\*\*

6:30 PM **Resurrectional Vespers/Divine Liturgy Saint Basil the Great (Myrovania)**

### **Pascha (Easter Sunday), April 5**

11:00AM Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Artos/Myrovania Blessing of Easter Baskets

## SS. Peter and Paul Church-2026 A.D.

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

### Holy Tuesday, March 31

4:00 PM The Presanctified Liturgy, Confessions

### Holy Thursday, April 2

3:00PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord

### Good Friday, April 3

1:00PM Vespers with the Placement of the Holy Shroud

\*\*\*\*\***Abstinence from Meat & Dairy Products**\*\*\*

### Holy Saturday, April 4

1:00 Blessing of Food

\*\*\*\*\***Abstinence from Meat** \*\*\*

### Pascha, Sunday, April 5

7:30AM Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos  
Blessing of Paschal Food, Myrovania



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION...What is the significance of the number 40 in the Bible? Why did God allow Christ to be tempted in the desert in Christ's 40 days of preparation for His Ministry?** In Salvation History between sinning and entering the Kingdom of Heaven is a long life and preparation period.

The number 40 repeats in the Holy Scriptures as a "type" of Spiritual journey either preparing to do some special calling of God in the material world or a cleansing before it is acceptable to enter the "holy Land." Forty years in the desert of the nation of Israel, Moses on Mount Sinai forty days and forty nights, Forty days of rain at the time of Noah, Jesus going out in the desert and preparing forty days among others.

Do not forget Jesus is fully man as well as Holy God. So just as the devil has access to tempt men, so too the devil has access to tempt the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. Because, Jesus demonstrates that yes, a man can be successful and does have power over devils.

# The Meaning of an Eastern Orthodox Paschal Basket

By Betty Yanowsky



The Eastern Orthodox Easter, or Pascha, is the most important of all feasts in the church cycle. The "feast of feasts" as the Orthodox call it, ends after a 50-day Lenten period during which the devout abstain from meat, eggs, butter and other dairy products.

With the Resurrection of Our Lord, the faithful feast on the banquet they have worked on the previous week. A typical Easter buffet includes: kulich or pascha, which is a stovepipe-shaped nut, icing and candy-studded yeast raised bread; a pyramid-shaped cheese dessert made with eggs, butter, raisins and almonds which is unmolded and decorated with a three-bar cross and the Cyrillic letters, "XB", which stand for "CHRIST IS RISEN".

The bread and cheese, along with colored or gaily-decorated eggs, ham and kielbasy are beautifully arranged in a treasured basket and taken to church for blessing. Orthodox families attend church before midnight on Holy Saturday, for the candlelight Resurrection service, then return home early Easter morning to a table laden with the foods they fasted from during the Great Lent.

## Paschal Basket Foods and Their Traditional Meaning

**PASCHA**, a round or cylindrical bread, made of flour, eggs, yeast and milk.



It symbolizes the Lord.



**EGGS**, colored, hard-boiled, considered a symbol of the Resurrection

and new life. At Pascha, Jesus resurrected from the dead as He came forth from the tomb just like a chick breaking its shell at birth.

**BUTTER**, in form of a Paschal lamb represents the Lamb of God offered on the altar for the life of the world.



**MEAT:** ham, pork, sausage or kielbasy are



placed in the basket to symbolize the sacrificial animals in the Old Testament. Meat products also represent the fattened calf presented to the Prodigal Son on his return to his father. Just like Pascha, we celebrate a return to God and our joyous participation in the blessings of Jesus Christ.

**HORSERADISH** reminds us of the vinegar and gall, the bitter drink, which was offered to Jesus by the Roman as He was nailed on the cross Great Friday.

**SALT** represents the Truth of the message of Jesus Christ. Just as salt preserves food, so preserved are the teachings of Jesus Christ and eternal salvation.



**BLESSED CANDLE**, often the same candle used at a baptism, wedding or during the Paschal Matins. It symbolizes the "Light of the World, Our Lord, JESUS CHRIST".

**CHOCOLATE CANDY & CANDY EGGS:** Baskets may contain candy which allow children to share in the joy of Christ's Resurrection. The basket is covered and brought to the church for blessing.