

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Church**  
**240 Center Street – Nanticoke, PA 18634**  
**Nanticoke Rectory: (570)735-2262**



**Church Email: TransfigurationUCC@comcast.net**

**Website: www.transfigurationucc.org**

**Pastor; Fr. Walter Pasicznyk CELL PHONE NUMBER: (570)-406-5882**



**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!**  
**Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**April 19, 2026, A. D.**



**Saturday, April 18**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS**

†Deceased members of the Slota & Skordinski Families  
-Placek Family

**Sunday, April 19**  
**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS**

†Peter Wrobel, Jr. - Mark & Arlene Jennings

**Tuesday, April 21**  
**9:00AM**

God's Blessings for the Lipowski Family - Lisa Placek

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**9:00AM**

God's Blessing for America- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

**Thursday, April 23**  
**9:00AM**

**GEORGE GREAT-MARTYR**

†Theodore & Ann Kulmatiski- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

**Friday, April 24**  
**9:00 AM**

†Olga, Anna & Freddy Kaminsky- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

**Saturday, April 25**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**

†Robert Baginski- Denise Kaminsky

**Sunday, April 26**  
**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**

God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners



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

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

**Christós anésti! "Alithos Anesti!"**

**Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tís en tís mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!**



## SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS

April 19, 2026 A. D.

**PASCHAL TROPARION:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

According to Galician usage, we continue to sing the First Antiphon of Pascha and the Third Antiphon, “Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord” with the refrain “Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death” until the eve of Ascension.

### FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; sing to his name, give glory to his praise! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Say to God: how awesome are your works. Because of the greatness of your strength your enemies will fall before you!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Let all the earth worship you and sing to you; let it sing to your name, O Most High!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER... O ONLY BEGOTTEN SON...**

### THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

**TROPAR:** The noble Joseph took down Your pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: The Savior is risen from the tomb.

**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Though you went down to the grave, immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades. Rising in victory, Christ our God, You greeted the myrrh-bearing women "Rejoice!" giving peace to Your apostles and bestowed resurrection upon the fallen.

**PROKIMEN:** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles(6:1-7):**



In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers, select from among yourselves seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.



**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You have brought back the captives of Jacob. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. For Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL OF Mark 15:43-16:8**

At that time there came Joseph of Arimathea, a counselor of high rank, who was himself looking for the kingdom of God. And he went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate wondered whether he had already died. And sending for the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was, he granted the body to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen cloth, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock. Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were looking on and saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices, that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?" And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you". And they departed and fled from the tomb, for trembling and fear had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**IN PLACE OF "IT IS TRULY PROPER":** The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again, I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.



**COMMUNION VERSE:** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**IN PLACE OF: "Blessed is He" ..., "We have seen the true light...", (1X)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

**IN PLACE OF: "May our mouths be filled...", "Blessed be the name...", (3X)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

**IN PLACE OF: "Glory be..."**, Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life. Lord Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy give the Blessing.

**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 Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues. Please pray for all clergy both in America and Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.



**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.

## **APRIL CANDLES**

**The Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
In loving memory of Shirley & Connie Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by M/M Brian Kawczenski in  
In loving memory of Leo & Mary Kawczenski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is  
Given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
in loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski  
In loving memory of Paul Kawczenski.

**CHURCH NEWS .... Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! ХРИСТОС БОКРЕСЕ !**

**THERE SHOULD BE NO KNEELING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY.** This regulation is mentioned by the Council of Nicaea, which met in the year 325, and also set the date for Pascha. Our Father, Saint Basil the Great, explains that this symbolizes our personal resurrection as well as our calling to higher, heavenly things.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy Birthday Greetings to Jill Gagliardi who celebrates her Birthday on April 18. Many Happy Years Peace, Health, and Salvation! Happy Birthday to Marc Lipowski who celebrates his birthday on April 21! Many Happy Years Peace, Health, and Salvation! Mnohaya Lita!

**FLEA MARKET:** Due to an overwhelming contribution of new and used merchandise we will be having a Flea Market. BAG DAY IS SUNDAY, April 19 (12-1PM).

**WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** Save the date Saturday, June 13. Seven-mile trek from St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua to St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon. More information is on the flyer on the bulletin boards.

**SVIACHENNE: IT'S THIS WEEK!** The Sviachenne will be on **Sunday, April 19, 2026, 12:15PM.** It is a Covered Dish Sviachenne between Transfiguration of Our Lord Church & Ss. Peter & Paul Church! **There is no charge for the Sviachenne Dinner, and it will be held at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church basement. HELP IS NEEDED ESPECIALLY FOR CLEAN UP. Thank you to everyone who signed up!**

**SOROKOUSTY SERVICE:** The fifth Sorokousty is Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am.



**EARTH DAY CLEANUP:** The Nanticoke Conservation Club will have its City-Wide Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and help. Meeting place is the LCCC parking lot on Lower Broadway in Nanticoke.

“A psalm implies serenity of soul; it is the author of peace, which calms bewildering and seething thoughts. For, it softens the wrath of the soul, and what is unbridled it chastens. A psalm forms friendships, unites those separated, conciliates those at enmity. Who, indeed, can still consider as an enemy him with whom he has uttered the same prayer to God? So that psalmody, bringing about choral singing, a bond, as it were, toward unity, and joining the people into a harmonious union of one choir, produces also the greatest of blessings, charity. A psalm is a city of refuge from the demons, a means of inducing help from the angels, a weapon in fears by night, a rest from toils by day, a safeguard for infants, an adornment for those at the height of their vigor, a consolation for the elders, a most fitting ornament for women. It peoples the solitudes; it rids the market place of excesses; it is the elementary exposition of beginners, the improvement of those advancing, the solid support of the perfect, the voice of the Church. It brightens the feast days; it creates a sorrow which is in accordance with God. For, a psalm is the work of angels, a heavenly institution, the spiritual incense.”— **St. Basil the Great**



### **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.

## **Entering into Solitude for Prayer**

*Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door. – Matthew (6:6)*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ taught us that during prayer we should “go into our room and shut the door.” The Fathers of the Spiritual Life frequently offered interpretations of these words. They understood them as an injunction to direct our intention deep within ourselves. This is the interior intention to which St. Basil the Great refers in his appeal to “Attend to yourself!” The Liturgical Words “Let us be attentive!” continually reminds us of this. The most important reaction to this call is to increase our attention to what is going on within ourselves. **CUCC 699/700**

## **Evil Thoughts**

We are constantly under the influence of various thoughts, ideas, and views, and we choose from among them those that we consider important. These thoughts can be either good or evil, and so they affect our spiritual life in different ways. In the book of Genesis, we read how the serpent deceived mankind, saying that they will become like God if they reject God’s commandment. Temptation is a “nudge” or incitement to sin. Confronted by such instigation, mankind can either succumb or resist it. Adam and Eve succumb to the sinful temptation and become, therefore, personally responsible for the sin. The same occurs in our life. If we give our ascent to evil thoughts, then we sin. The beginning of every sin is the acceptance of an evil thought coupled with the desire to bring it to life. If a person does not take possession of an evil thought, this thought is not a sin but only a temptation. St. John of Damascus distinguishes various stages in the process by which evil thoughts penetrate the heart. Among these are: suggestion, internal conversion, struggle, ascent, and passion (captivity). *\*n.b. Demonic forces can tempt mankind through thoughts. As can angels guide you through thoughts. Every thought that runs through your mind did not necessarily begin with you. Pray often and pray well so that good thought may originate with you and you learn to follow angels and not devils.\**

**CUCC 788/789**