

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

March 10, 2019

Saturday, March 9

6:00PM

†Dorothy Swiderski- Theresa Broskoske

***** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY MARCH 10 *****

Sunday, March 10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

10:30AM

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

AFTER LITURGY

Coffee Hour (Birthday Cake)

Wednesday, March 13

4:00PM

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

Friday, March 15

4:00 PM

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 16

6:00PM

†John Hoolick- Hoolick Family

Sunday, March 17

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY OF SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS

10:30AM

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing Homes:** Doris Conrad. **Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Deacon Michael Waak, Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
March 10, 2019

THIRD ANTIPHON: Remember us O Lord in Your Kingdom... Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven... Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land... Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted... Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy... Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God... Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven... Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake... Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.

TROPAR: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Saviour, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

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 Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

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

PROKEIMENON: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever. **verse:** For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

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.



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).



A reading from the Gospel of Saint John 1:43-51:

At that time, Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel 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 Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him and said to him, "Behold a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathaniel said to him, "Whence know you me?" Jesus and answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered him and said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, You are 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.

CHURCH NEWS

CIX! Slave Isusu Kristu!



COFFEE HOUR: We will have Birthday Cake this Sunday immediately following Liturgy.



PRIEST’S NOTES: The First Sunday of Lent is called “Sunday of Orthodoxy.” It was instituted by the Eastern Church as a reminder of her victory over the Iconoclasts. About 726 the Byzantine emperor Leo the Isaurian started a heresy known as “Iconoclasm” or image-breaking. He published an edict whereby he forbade rendering honor to the icons(images) of our Lord, the Blessed Theotokos(Birth-giver of God) and the Saints. He also began a ruthless persecution of their defenders. Countless precious Icons were destroyed and many statues were demolished. In 787 the Holy Fathers of the Church assembled at the second Council at Nicea and defined, that the veneration of the holy icons (pictures) is by no means idolatry and that honor should be paid them for the sake of their prototype. On this Sunday the Church exhorts the faithful to purify the image of their souls by a true sorrow and penance. Thus, on the first Sunday of Lent the Eastern Church commemorates the victory of the true Orthodox faith over the heresy of the Iconoclasts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy Birthday to **MaryAnn Jarolen** who celebrates her Birthday on Saturday, March 2. Mnohaya Lita! God Grant Her Many Happy Blessed Years! A Very Happy Birthday to **Father Walter Pasicznyk** who celebrates his Birthday on Thursday, March 7th! Mnohaya Lita! God Grant and Bless Him with Many Happy Blessed Years! We also celebrate the Birthday of Paul Nicholas Pasicznyk who celebrated his birthday on March 9! Mnohaya Lita!!

SOROKOUSTY SERVICE: The next Sorokousty Service will be on Saturday, March 16 at 8:00am. **IT'S THIS SATURDAY!!!**



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Please keep in mind that Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 10. Please set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 9, before you go to bed. Clocks will “spring “ forward.

PENGUINS GAME: Parish Penguins Game will be Saturday, **March 30.** If you plan on attending, please sign the list at the back of the church. (Liturgy will be 1 hour earlier.) **DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP FOR MONDAY, MARCH 11.** We are going to be one Level down close to center ice. Ticket Price: \$22.00.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CLASSES: We will have our next class **Saturday, March 16** immediately following Divine Liturgy.



HOAGIE SALE: Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Church, 153 East Main Street, Glen Lyon is holding a Vegetable Soup, Turkey hoagie, and Italian Hoagie and a bake sale on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 11am to 5pm in the church hall. The cost of each hoagie or quart of soup is \$6.00. **Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, March 17th.**

Please remember our Myasopusna Sponsors Holviak's Supply, Bosak's Meats, and Sanitary Bakery



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? *Father, what is the “cost” of a Divine Liturgy or a Liturgy Intention??* There is no price affixed to any of the Sacraments of the church. The Sacraments are not for sale. If anyone was taught what life was like in the Parish (French for “community”), 100 years ago or before, you would recognize that the priest who leads the community in prayer is also entrusted by the people to intercede to God on their behalf. The people understood the importance of this prayer and that their physical daily labors would not be productive without a prayful life. The community asking for the Parish priest to pray on their behalf or on the behalf of a loved one knew that the priest needed to be freed from mere worldly concerns so that he could dedicate his time to prayer and intercession. The people of the villages would donate according to their means to free the priest’s time so that he could dedicate his time on their behalf. Hence, you might have heard in past that someone gave the priest a chicken, eggs, cooked a dinner, or what have you. So today our Bishop chooses to give a priest a salary that comes from the donations of the Parish and from the donations to provide for all the priest’s worldly concerns. In the past these liturgy donation were the priest’s sole income, not so today. The priest is already freed to be able to dedicate his life of prayer for the people. So, when you request a Liturgy it is purely from the goodness of your heart that you donate as you wish. I have had poor Parishioners who could not afford to donate any money-and a Liturgy was said for their intention. On the opposite extreme, I know of one Parishioner whom donated \$30,000 for a Liturgy. In closing, a Liturgy request for a person ultimately has at the center of the prayer, a person’s salvation in mind, this is the ultimate gift one can give to another. For you to feel comfortable, most people donate \$10 for a Liturgy today, do as you like.

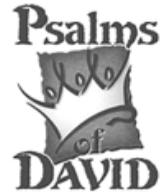


570-574-4453.

PYSANKY EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER: There will be a Psanky Decorating Class at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church Hall, 420 Main Road, Hanover Township on Saturday, March 30 @ noon and Sunday, March 31 @ 2:00PM. RSVP for Worksoop Seat and by March 11th. The cost is \$25.00 per person. All checks made payable to Ladies of Mary. Mail to 17 Maria Drive, Hanover Township, PA 18706. All supplies are provided. Food and Beverages are available for purchase. BYOB. Take Home Kit:\$20. Call Nicole Lasecki at

Psalm 105 (14-26)

(Psalm of Creation.)



He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the labor of man,
So that he may bring forth food from the earth,
And wine which makes man's heart glad,
So that he may make *his* face glisten with oil,
And food which sustains man's heart.
The trees of the LORD drink their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
Where the birds build their nests,
And the stork, whose home is the fir trees.

The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the shephanim.
He made the moon for the seasons;
The sun knows the place of its setting.
You appoint darkness and it becomes night,
In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.
The young lions roar after their prey
And seek their food from God.
When the sun rises they withdraw
And lie down in their dens.
Man goes forth to his work
And to his labor until evening.

O LORD, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of Your possessions.
There is the sea, great and broad,
In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.

There the ships move along,
And Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it. (To be Continued.)

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MARCH CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Mrs. Olga Yurkowski
in loving memory of Peter Slota.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Mrs. Margaret Yanoshak in
loving memory of her husband, Russell Yanoshak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ashton & Burel Families
loving memory of John Hoolick.



Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month of March

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Olympia Pasicznyk
in loving memory of Ihor Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by the Lee Family
in loving memory of Clarence "Red" Lee.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by
the Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by
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All are welcome!

Deanery Stations of the Cross



March 10 – First Sunday of Lent

Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilkes-Barre

March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent

Ss. Peter & Paul, Plymouth

March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent

St. Nicholas, Glen Lyon

March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke

April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

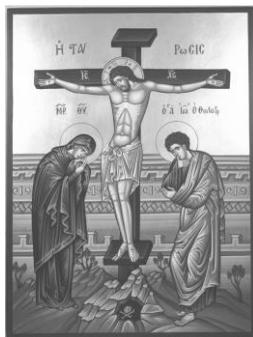
St. Vladimir, Edwardsville

Confessions at 3:30 p.m. and Rosary at 3:45 p.m. by all faithful present

Stations begin at 4 p.m., led by laymen Refreshments and Fellowship afterward.

THOUGHTS ON LENT...Our Tradition refers to Lent as “Bright Sadness”. However, it can be one of the most worthwhile, encouraging and hopeful times of our life. We have to make the effort. This is the time in which we honestly look at ourselves. “Lent,” as you know, comes from the old Anglo-Saxon word “lengten,” signifying the lengthening of the time of light in each day. By Christ’s tremendous sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary we are assured of forgiveness, as in repentance and faith we come humbly to Him. Then, making grateful use of the “means of Grace,” the Holy Mysteries, the Scriptures, and, as St. Paul insists “the fellowship of the Beloved Community” (i.e. gathering as a group for the Lenten penitential services) His Church, and devoted service, we grow in deeper discipleship. Each day, of the 40 days of Lent as we make our Lenten Offering, let us meditate on the “Symbol of His Sacrifice.” Think about the cross as much as you can. Be mindful of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem which we relive on Palm Sunday. His ultimate triumph was the royal dignity with which He bore the savage cruelty of His tormentors, His sacrificial death for us, and His rising again from the dead. Think also during Lent about the crown of sharp thorns pressed down in mockery upon His bleeding head, and the nails that were driven into His wrists and feet as He lay there upon the rough Cross, shuddering as each brutal blow was driven into His quivering flesh. Think about that awhile. Think about the sign bar over His head on the Cross. We in this country most often see the letters “INRI” there. (Jesus Nazarenos Rex Iudaeorum) “Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews.” This was the mocking title the cynical Roman governor Pontius Pilate had affixed to the Cross. The use

of the winding sheet was the means by which His friends tenderly and lovingly let down His Most Pure Body from that horrible gibbet. We as community do this again on Good Friday. Yet through it all the Father in Heaven did not abandon His Son. His love was in it all. Beyond any material gifts we can ever bring to Him is our renewed resolve to depend more on His Grace, to live better lives, and to serve His Church and each other more effectively.



The services will be held at five different churches over the course of a week. Following each service, there will be a discussion of the holy icons present in each church facilitated by Deacon Robert Behrens. Light refreshments will be served each night after the service allowing time for fellowship and discussion.

The Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available before each service beginning at 6:00.

Monday, March 25, 6:30 P.M., Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom for the Feast of the Annunciation, Saint John Byzantine Catholic Church, 310 Broadway Street, Scranton.

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 P.M., Moleben to the Holy Cross, Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 700 Oak Street, Taylor.

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 P.M., Akathist to the Passion of Christ, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton.

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 P.M., Lenten Devotions, Ciszek Chapel, Mulberry Street, campus of the University of Scranton (hosted by Saint Joseph Melkite Greek Catholic Church). Parking will be arranged near the chapel.

Friday, March 29, 6:30 P.M., Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 310 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton.