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Divine Liturgy Schedule February 23, 2020 A. D.

Saturday, February 22

6:00PM

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Sunday, February 23

10:30AM

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY

†Peter Wrobel- Jennings Family

3:00PM

DEANERY FORGIVENESS VESPERS-

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church-Berwick

Monday, February 24

FIRST DAY OF LENT- STRICT FAST (Meat & Dairy)

Wednesday, February 26

4:00PM

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

Friday, February 28

6:30PM

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts (Transfiguration)

Saturday, February 29

6:00PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

†Derwood & Becky DeHaven- Pamela Allen

Sunday, March 1

10:30AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

4:00PM

DEANERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Ss. Peter & Paul Church (WB)

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)
Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM
20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

February 23, 2020

TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

TROPAR: The head of the Forerunner has dawned from the earth shedding rays of incorruption and healing on those who believe; from on high it assembles the multitude of angels, from below it summons the human race to glorify Christ God with one voice.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

KONDAK: Forerunner of Grace and prophet of God, having obtained your head from the earth like a sacred rose, we always receive gifts of healing; for again as of old you proclaim repentance in the world. **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: O Master, Guide to Wisdom, Bestower of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones; make firm my heart and give it understanding. Give me a word, O Word of the Father: Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You: In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.

PROKEIMENON: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. *verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4):



Brethren, do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who

does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.



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). The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon. Alleluia(3).

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 6:14-21:

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their offenses your Heavenly Father will also forgive you your offenses, but if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have had their reward. But you, when you do fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your father, who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret, will reward you. Do not lay up for yourself treasures on earth where rust and moth consume, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven where neither rust nor moth consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CANDLES ON THE ICON TABLES:

The Candle on the Icon Table of the Protection of the Theotokos is given by Father Walter for a Special Intention for February and March.

The Candle on the Icon Table of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz for a Special Intention for February and March.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30PM.**

CEMTERY: Please remember to remove your Christmas Flowers from the cemetery in preparation for Pascha (Easter).

CHURCH NEWS

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!



MYASOPUSNA THANK YOU! A sincere “thank you” to our Parish for such an excellent job at our Meat-fare Dinner! What a group effort! Thank you all so much for a job well done!

PIGGIE DINNER: It's THIS SUNDAY: "Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes- Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, February 23rd, 2020. Dinners may be picked up between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm at the Parish School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinner includes Piggies (meat stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-Ins Welcome but Reservations are encouraged, call (570)829-3051.”



SPRINGTIME BUS TRIP: The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The itinerary includes the 44th Annual Ukrainian Street Festival sponsored by St. George Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish and the 14th Annual Multi-Ethnic Parade and Dance Festival both on the Lower East Side plus a ride on the Staten Island Ferry. Participants are free to do their own thing in the City for all or part of the day if they so wish. Bus will pick up at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church, 70 Zerby Avenue at 8:00am and at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue at 8:45am. Departure for home will be at 8:00pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person. For further information and reservations call Paul at 570 563-2275 or Dorothy at 570 822-5354.



HOAGIE SALE: St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a vegetable soup and turkey hoagie & Italian hoagie sale and a bake sale on Thursday, March 5 from 11am to 5pm in the church hall. The cost of each hoagie is \$6.00. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 **by Sunday, March 1, 2020.**

LINENS: In preparation for the Great Fast we will be changing the linens in the church on **Sunday, February 23** immediately following Divine Liturgy.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Begins on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday evening, March 7.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO OUR MYASOPUSNA SPONSORS!

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ASK FATHER A QUESTION? WHAT IS THE LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS? The Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts is one of the liturgies of the Eastern Church, it is celebrated on the 1st Monday of Lent, all the Wednesdays and Fridays and then on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. This is known by two names, The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts or The Divine Liturgy of Pope St. Gregory the Great. The title Presanctified comes from the fact that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ which is distributed as Communion was “Sanctified on Sunday” i.e. pre-Sanctified to the celebration of this particular Liturgy. The Presanctified is basically Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Holy Communion attached to it, hence the Presanctified Liturgy has no Anaphora, and further during The Great Fast the Eastern Church celebrates no Liturgies during the weekdays, only on Sundays, which are “Little Feasts of ‘Resurrection” i.e. “Little Easters”. During the Great Fast we are journeying through the desert of our lives like the Nation of Israel with Moses, missing and wanting a return to The Garden of Eden from which we were cast out. We need to repent, to turn away from our sins, ask God to forgive us, and then walk in holiness if we desire to return to the Garden of Eden which is Heaven. The “joy” of The Great Fast is that when I put forward an honest effort to grow in holiness, I will. The result of this effort and honesty of my sins and sinfulness, when I leave it behind and follow God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I will follow God into Heaven. This is not easy, hence we have to work at it. A further thing to

be aware of which was not asked is this; during the Great Fast we read almost in entirety Genesis and Exodus because in this is our lives story, a recapitulation of sin and repentance and redemption. When I grasp the consequence of sin is eternal death and eternal Life comes from leaving behind death and sin, I can then begin my honest effort to cooperate with God and follow Him so that I may hear the good words, "Come, and enter into the Kingdom of God, good and faithful servant."



All are welcome!

Deanery Stations of the Cross

March 1 – First Sunday of Lent

Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilkes-Barre

March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent

Ss. Peter & Paul, Plymouth

March 15 – Third Sunday of Lent

St. Nicholas, Glen Lyon

March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke

March 29 – 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.



FORGIVENESS VESPERS: There will be North Anthracite Deanery Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Berwick. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad.



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners
Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopyak, Mary Hoolick **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer**

Request: Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG.



FEBRUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the MaryAnn Jarolen In loving memory of her father, Michael Hvozda.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Mrs. Irene Hvozda in loving memory of her husband, Michael Hvozda.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Anna Kutsup In loving memory of Anna Kucab.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of February

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Anna Kutsup In loving memory of her brother, Peter Kutsup.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Olga Yurkowski In loving memory of her husband, Michael Yurkowski.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Lisa Placek in loving memory of Mary Amber-Davis.

