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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

March 22, 2020 A. D.

Saturday, March 21

6:00PM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST  
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

God's Blessings & Good Health for Nancy Potsko-  
Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, March 22

10:30AM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST  
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

4:00PM

**DEANERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Transfiguration Of Our Lord Church  
**SOCIAL IS CANCELED**

Wednesday, March 25

10:00AM

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)  
Vesperal Liturgy

Friday, March 27

6:30PM

**Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts (Transfiguration)**

Saturday, March 28

6:00PM

**\*\*\*FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST**

Special Intention- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, March 29

10:30AM

**\*\*\*FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

4:00PM

**DEANERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
St. Vladimir's Church (Edwardsville)

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE SEE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SCHEDULE.\*\*\*\*\*



**DEAR PARISHIONERS:**

The Conference of Catholic Bishops have indicated a dispensation for all Catholics who do not attend Liturgy in these times of crisis. The priests are encouraged to have Liturgy with no participants in the church and to make the church available to all parishioners for private prayer. The church will be open. I encourage all parishioners to live your faith, those who are aged or who have any medical conditions or concerns and want to “go” to church, please arrange a “session” of private prayer in the church by calling the rectory office. (Sanitizers and Hand wipes will be made available in the church.) If you do arrange a “private” session, please ensure proper social distancing and make sure that you wash your hands afterwards and take all precautions.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE:** Currently, the Liturgy Schedule is as it stands, however, if the situation in our country changes we will go to a two Liturgy Schedule: Saturday (4:00PM) will be at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth and Sunday (10:30AM) will be at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in Nanticoke. If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262 OR check the Parish Website.

**PYROHY:** Frozen Potato Pyrohy are for sale in the church basement. Cost is \$7.00 a dozen. Please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.



**ADORATION USE LIBRARY:** We are again “borrowing” books of faith to be used during the Lent and adoration of the grave from Good Friday until Easter morning. If you would like to contribute a book to the library, please make sure your name is on the cover so we can return it to you. If you would like to “check” a book out to read at home, please sign it out so we can keep track of it.

**LUC SLOATSBURG LENTEN RETREAT:** Canceled.

**LUC BUS TO NYC:** Canceled. Money will be refunded.

**“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”**

**— St. Francis of Assisi**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**  
**March 22, 2020 A. D.**

{The Divine Liturgy of our Father among the Saints Basil the Great is celebrated ten times per year: January 1(Feast of Saint Basil); December 24(Christmas Eve);January 5(Theophany Eve); First thru Fifth Sundays of Lent(not Palm Sunday); and Holy Thursday & the Virgil Liturgy of Easter Sunday.}

**THIRD ANTIPHON:**

**IN PLACE OF “COME, LET US SING JOYFULLY”...**

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 pure of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, 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:** 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 for ever 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.

**PROKIEMENON:** Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God. **verse:** In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. The venerable ones will exult in glory and they shall be joyful in their beds.

**A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews 6:13-20:**



Brethren, When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 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 who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia (3). They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Alleluia (3).

**Gospel of Mark 9:17-31**

At that time a man in 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 Jesus; 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 Jesus asked the 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 Jesus had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could not we 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 IS 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. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **MARCH CANDLES**

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Brian & Joanne Kawczenski in loving memory Leo & Mary Kawczenski.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek for a Special Intention.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of March

The **Candle Before Christ** is given For Good Health & Blessings for Olga Yurkowski.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Olga Yurkowski in loving memory of Dorothy Yurkowski.

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.

## SAINT BENEDICT

**St. Benedict** was able to defeat the devil numerous times throughout his life, earning him the title of protector **against** evil spirits, temptation, and witchcraft. **St. Benedict** also offers protection **against** being poisoned, infectious diseases, childbirth complications, and destruction during storms and tempests. The St. Benedict medal is rich in meaning. The front contains an image of St. Benedict holding a cross and his famous monastic rule. On his left and right are words meaning, "The cross of our holy father, St. Benedict." The outer edge contains the words in Latin, "May we at our death be fortified by his presence." The back of the medal is even more interesting. It contains a series of initials that stand for a Latin exorcism prayer, as well as a prayer for guidance. Emblazoned on the prominently placed cross are the letters C S S M L – N D S M D, which stand for the Latin prayer: *Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!* Translated, it means: The Holy Cross be my light; Let not the dragon be my guide. Surrounding the outer rim of the back are the letters V R S N S M V – S M Q L I V B. These letters stand for an exorcism prayer based on an incident from St. Benedict's life. After St. Benedict had been a hermit for three years, and his reputation for holiness had spread far and wide, he was asked by a group of monks to be their abbot. St. Benedict agreed, but some rebellious monks in the community *really* disliked this idea, and they decided to kill St. Benedict by poisoning his bread and wine. As St. Benedict made the sign of the cross over his food, as was his custom, he immediately knew that they had been poisoned. He threw the wine on the ground, saying: *Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!* This means: Begone, Satan, Do not suggest to me thy vanities! Evil are the things thou offerest, Drink thou thy own poison! It is this prayer that is represented by the initials surrounding the back of the medal.

**PRAYER TO ST. BENEDICT:** O glorious St. Benedict, sublime model of virtue, pure vessel of God's grace! Behold me humbly kneeling at thy feet. I implore thee, in thy loving kindness, to pray for me before the throne of God. To thee do I have recourse in the dangers that daily surround me. Amen.



**All are welcome!**  
**Deanery Stations of the Cross**  
**March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke  
**March 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent-TO BE ANNOUNCED.**  
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.**

**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. Please remember to pray for all the doctors, nurses, first responders, firemen, police & hospital personnel (Admissions, Food Service, Janitorial, etc.) on the front lines of our current world crisis. Pray for all our people who are working to bring supplies & services and food to make our lives tolerable in this crisis... your grocery store clerk, those enabling us to have take-out food services, retail clerks, delivery, utility workers, government workers both national and local, prison employees, etc. There are many "essential" people who are working to keep our nation running, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.  
Please pray to end this world crisis.



**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.

### **Prayer to the Archangel Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our **protection against the malice and snares of the devil.** **May God** rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.