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Divine Liturgy Schedule

March 21, 2021

Saturday, March 20

6:00 PM

Sunday, March 21

10:30 AM

3:00PM

4:00 PM

Wednesday, March 24

4:00PM

Wednesday, March 24

6:30PM

Friday, March 26

6:30PM

Saturday, March 27

6:00 PM

Sunday, March 28

10:30 AM

3:00PM

4:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

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✠Katherine Ford- Lee Family

Stations of the Cross * TOL Parishioners as a private devotion

Lenten Vespers

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

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

Transfiguration of Our Lord –Feast Day

ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS (Myrovania)

✠Pavlo & Francis Kuczieriavie- Pasicznyk Family

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts (**Transfiguration**)

PALM SUNDAY

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

PALM SUNDAY

✠Peter Wrobel – Jennings Family & Peter Wrobel

Stations of the Cross * TOL Parishioners as a private devotion

Lenten Vespers



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela, Josephine Latoszewski; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia

Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich. **Please keep in your prayers Anna Kutsup who is currently at Guardian Nursing Home.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
ST. MARY OF EGYPT
March 21, 2021



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: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, 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: 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: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

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). God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me. Alleluia(3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. 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 OF “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. Alleluia(3).



“Let My Prayer Rise up”

Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice.
Lord, I call to You, hear me; attend to the voice of my prayer when I cry to You.

Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice.
Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth and a door of enclosure around my lips.

Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuses for my sins.

Let my prayer rise up, Like incense before You; The lifting of my hands, As an evening sacrifice.

Prayer for Success

Almighty God, You hold our life, grant my work be successful. Help me to be thoughtful and prayerful to lead me to success. Watch over me and govern my actions, that I may not mar its perfection. Show me how to give my best, and let me not despise the toil that is necessary to complete it. Make my life a successful, in that every duty You give to me, I do it well. I ask for the blessing of Your graces, and suffer me not to fail. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

CHURCH NEWS

CIX! Slave Isusu Kristu!



PYROHY PROJECT: We have dozen frozen potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement at \$8.00 a dozen. Please contact the rectory if you would like pyrohy.

FABULOUS FLEA MARKET & AWESOME POTATO PANCAKES: Weather permitting a Flea Market is planned for **Saturday, March 27**. **All new stock of items available for sale.** New Dining Room Table, Lovely Headboard (Queen/Double Adjustable), 2 nice wingback matching chairs, and MORE. Delicious Take-Out Food Weather permitting. CDC guidelines will be followed.

PRAYERS: Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this “pandemic”.

FATHER WOLENSKY: If you would like Father’s address to send him a card, please contact the rectory.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

EAT MORE PYROHY!!!





ASK FATHER A QUESTION... Father, the betrayal of Jesus was foretold by the prophet Zechariah 11:12-13... it leads one to believe that Judas is just a mechanism fulfill the prophecy of Jesus. Is this true? What happens to Judas?

In short, the answer to the question is no. The reason for this is that Judas has free will, just like us. He can choose how to respond to God and what he will do. From his free will, desire to obtain more money, Judas betrays Christ. After the crucifixion, Judas recognizes his sin of betraying the Messiah. Perhaps his greater sin is that he falls into despair and kills himself. He does this being tempted by the Devil. This is perhaps the bigger sin. The devil leads him to believe that God would not forgive him of betraying an innocent man. Ultimately, the point is that just because something is foretold does not mean that that person has to act it out like a mechanical robot. God lives outside of time and knows everything everyone will ever do. When God reveals this message to a prophet to lead people to salvation- it does not mean that that person's actions are "pre-destined"- meaning that that person does not have free will to act as they choose. Imagine if on that morning Judas came to his senses and repented and begged forgiveness to Jesus and the Apostles for his betrayal. We would be telling the great story of the Conversion of Saint Judas The Repenter; however, he chose to follow the deceiving words of the deceiver, fall into despair, thinking he could not be forgiven, so he hung himself, All these are of Judas' free will choices. God's saving plan is revealed in salvation history, i.e. time, so that we could know the truth and believe. Once you grasp this you realize that Judas is not mere mechanism to fulfill what is foretold.



Psalm 150

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

“And I said unto them, If you think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them unto the potter, in the house of the Lord” (Zechariah 11:12-13).



MARCH CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

In loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

In loving memory of Michael & Anna Yanoschak.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

In loving memory of Julius & Lottie Kawczenski

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of March

The **Candle Before the Icon of Christ** is given by Donna Davis for all the deceased members of the **Hvozda & Frankowski Families**.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given in loving memory of John Hook.

Did you wonder about the Arks?

Stay Tuned...



OUR BYZANTINE HERITAGE

By Brent Kostyniuk (REPRINTED WWW.ROYAL DOORS.NET)

As Ukrainian Catholics, we, along with others, are the inheritors of a rich Byzantine Christian tradition. It provides a spirituality abundant in prayers, icons, hymns, and liturgies intended to draw us ever closer to God. It has been our birth-right for over 1000 years since St. Volodymyr arranged the baptism of the Ukrainian people. Even then it was centuries old. However, “Why Byzantine?” you may well ask. The answer lies deep in Christianity, in the first centuries of the Church’s existence. As the early Church grew it formed around five centres – Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, Byzantium, and Rome. Each of these centres developed its Kyivunique style of worship. The Byzantine Rite developed in and around the ancient city of Byzantium, later changed to Constantinople in honour of Roman emperor Constantine I, and still later to Istanbul under Islamic rule. Today, those ancient forms of devotion remain with us and are known as the Eastern Rites (Roman being the only Western Rite); each of which bears the name of its place of origin. The Eastern Rites are shared by both Catholic and Orthodox Christians. Although each Eastern Rite shares the basic fundamentals of Christian faith, each has its own system of liturgies and rituals, theological heritage, ceremony, church architecture and art. In the year 987, Prince Volodymyr of Kievan-Rus’ decided it was time to have a state religion. In order to choose the appropriate, he sent out emissaries to report on the various options. “When we journeyed among the Bulgarians, we beheld how they worship in their temple, called a mosque, while they stand ungirt. The Bulgarian bows, sits down, looks hither and thither like one possessed, and there is no happiness among them, but instead only sorrow and a dreadful stench. Their religion is not good. Then we went among the Germans, and saw them performing many ceremonies in their temples, but we beheld no glory there. Then we went on to Greece, and the Greeks led us to the edifices where they worship their God, and we knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. For on earth, there is no such splendor or such beauty, and we are at a loss of how to describe it. We know only that God dwells there among men, and their service is fairer than the ceremonies of other nations. For we cannot forget that beauty. Every man, after tasting something sweet, is afterwards unwilling to accept that which is bitter, and therefore we cannot dwell longer here.” Then the boyars spoke and said: “If the Greek faith were evil, it would not have been adopted by your grandmother Olga, who was wiser than all other men.” That Greek faith was, in fact, Byzantine. Today, we recall that Greek influence in our official name – the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Central to Byzantine spirituality

is the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (349 – 407) Archbishop of Constantinople to whom the anaphora is attributed. He is famous for eloquence in public speaking and his denunciation of abuse of authority in the Church. After his death, he was named Chrysostom, which comes from the Greek Χρυσόστομος, “golden-mouthed.” He is honoured on January 30 along with Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian – the Three Holy Hierarchs. The Divine Liturgy reflects the work of the Cappadocian Fathers to both combat heresy and to define Trinitarian theology for the Christian Church. It probably originated around Antioch where St. John was a deacon and later a priest. However, it was refined and beautified under St. John’s guidance as Archbishop of Constantinople (398–404). From its use at the Church of Holy Wisdom, Hagia Sophia, it spread overtime throughout the Byzantine Empire. Today, we celebrate it substantially unchanged in 1600 years. Byzantine worship is a very sensual thing. Incense is burned and with it, our sense of smell reminds us our prayers are meant to rise to heaven. Icons cover the interior of our churches, so our eyes might have a glimpse of heaven. So too, we pray with our bodies, taking different postures depending on the season and intent of our prayer. Our voices, the most perfect of instruments, joyfully sing the liturgies. Another characteristic of Byzantine worship is *apophatic prayer* – that is describing something by what it isn’t rather than what it is. “It is right and just to sing of You, to bless You, to praise You, to thank You, to worship You everywhere in Your domain; for You are God – ineffable (too sacred to be spoken), inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing and ever the same – You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit.” Our Byzantine spiritual heritage comes to us from the earliest days of the Church, preserving and keeping alive that ancient spirituality which has been treasured through the centuries for its beauty, its richness, and its capacity to draw us ever closer to a loving Lord. Finally, the Cambridge Dictionary defines *byzantine* as “complicated and difficult to understand.” Just so you know.