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Divine Liturgy Schedule March 27, 2022

Saturday, March 26

6:00 PM

Sunday, March 27

10:30 AM

AFTER LITURGY

3:00 PM

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 PM

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 1

4:00PM

Saturday, April 2

6:00 PM

Sunday, April 3

10:30 AM

3:00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

†Marge Yanoshak- Andy & Phyllis Kulmatiski

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

LESSON IN SINGING RESURRECTIONAL TONES

W/ Mrs. Olympia Pasicznyk

Lenten Vespers

READ Isaiah 37:33-38:6

READ Isaiah 40:18-31

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts (Transfiguration)

READ Isaiah 42:5-16

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

†Beverly Messimer-Alberola & Weron Families

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

Lenten Vespers



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. At Home: Geraldine Adamchak; Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Josephine Latoszewski **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, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Ted Weron.

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

March 27, 2022

{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.}

FIRST ANTIPHON: IN PLACE OF “ SHOUT TO THE LORD”

Remember us, O Lord, in Your Kingdom.

Bless'd are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Bless'd are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Bless'd are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Bless'd are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they will be satisfied.

Bless'd are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Bless'd are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Bless'd are the peace-makers, for they will be called sons of God.

Bless'd are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Bless'd 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.

Glory Be to the Father: Only Begotten Son



TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Feel shame when you sin, not when you confess.- St. John Chystostom

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.

PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. The venerable ones will exult in glory and they shall be joyful in their beds. (No Repeat)

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul 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 to 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). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia(3). Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia(3). They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Alleluia(3). (over.)

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:16-30:



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

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 special 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.



“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.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION.....Father, I heard that the Gospel of Luke has a “theme” ... What is the theme? The theme of St. Luke’s Gospel, the good news of Christ’s resurrection from the dead, is that of the suffering servant in Isaiah Chapter 53. STOP. Go Read Chapter and then return. This why St. Luke on the Holy Doors is depicted as an angel with a face like that of a bull. Jesus, the suffering servant sacrificed like the bull of the Old Testament sin offering to make atonement for the priests of Israel and their entire households. (This would include the whole nation of Israel.) The bull offering on the Day of Atonement was for the sins of the entire nation of Israel for the past year, in addition to each individual person offering a sacrifice for their personal sins as instructed by the priests. Jesus is this bull, the suffering servant, and at the same time the Lamb of God. The Lamb of God refers to not just a sacrifice for sin, but is the eternal Passover Lamb (Paschal Lamb) just as Moses was instructed to sacrifice the Lamb put the lamb’s blood on the door posts and above the door (lintel) as a sign to the Angel of Death that these were followers of God and that they had consumed the whole lamb that night. Jesus now is the Eternal Paschal Lamb of God and His blood a sign for Passing Over Eternal Life, not merely avoiding Death this one night. So Luke is telling us Jesus Christ, the suffering servant, if we follow Him and do as instructed all of our sins are atoned for and having consumed His body and blood we will Passover to eternal life- only if we do as instructed. Don’t forget Simeon doubted a virgin would give birth and that would be the Messiah. So the Lord told him because of his doubt his punishment would be that he would like to see it happen.-about 250 B.C.

SOROKOUSTY: The Fifth (and last) All Soul's Saturday is June 4th, 2022.

UKRAINIAN BREAKFAST: We had a great response to our Ukrainian Breakfast. Thank You to **EVERYONE** who helped out with this event! Truly, it is the work of many that made this affair so wonderful! Thank you to everyone who baked, setup, clean-up, sold tickets, donated money or food, donated their time and their talents to make this a wonderful event! Our deepest thanks to the organizers of this event Brian & MaryMae. Thank You to everyone who made Pyrohy to support this event!

Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, You Son taught us "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONAL SINGING OF THE RESURRECTIONAL TONES: We would like to thank Mrs. Olympia Pasicznyk who graciously agreed to help us learn the "Resurrectional Tones" immediately following Liturgy this **Sunday, March 27** and next **Sunday April 3**. Lunch will be provided to participants. Thank You!

FRONT STREET/CONCRETE CITY CLEAN-UP: There will be a clean-up of Front Street/Concrete City organized by the Nanticoke Conservation Club on Saturday, **April 23 at 8:00AM**. (**Meet Spot to be Announced**) **Everyone is welcome to come & help.** All supplies are Furnished and Vests. Sturdy Shoes and appropriate attire are recommended. Food & Refreshments are supplied.



MARCH CANDLES

The **Altar** Candles are given by
Olympia Pasicznyk in loving memory of her husband, Ihor.

The **Candle before John the Baptist** is given by
Olympia Pasicznyk & Family in loving memory of Francis Kuczeriawa.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Ellen Alqrainy
For the people of Ukraine.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Ellen Alqrainy
In loving memory of Ann Kutsup.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen
For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Icon Table Candle before the Theotokos** is Given by Lisa Placek
& Helen Lipowski for all the Families in Ukraine.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given the Lisa Placek
in loving memory of Anna Kutsup.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH: “MORE AN EVANGELIST THAN A PROPHET”

By Fr. Roman Planchak (REPRINTED WWW.ROYAL DOORS.NET)

Of all the Old Testament Prophets quoted in the New Testament, the most frequently cited is Isaiah, who is remembered on our Church's calendar on May 9. Isaiah's prophecies are referenced 66 times in the New Testament; only the Psalms are more frequently quoted. Isaiah lived in the eighth century B.C., a time of great political upheaval in the Holy Land. The Assyrian Empire was poised to engulf the northern kingdom, Israel, (which it would succeed in doing) and threatened the southern kingdom, Judah, as well. While the rulers' response was to seek military alliances with neighboring pagan kingdoms, Isaiah's response was decidedly apolitical: only faithfulness to God and His way would save His people. Isaiah insisted that the Jews reject the idolatry of their pagan neighbors rather than flirt with it for political ends. He preached the need for rediscovering justice and charity as the distinctive signs of God's people at a time when the godly way of life was being forgotten. Otherwise, God would use His people's enemies to chastise them for their infidelities. While some modern scholars suggest otherwise, ancient authors claim that Isaiah prophesied for over sixty years and died in the reign of Manasseh. The Martyrdom of Isaiah, a first-century AD Jewish work, reflects the tradition that Isaiah was

killed by order of Manasseh. Manasseh would later repent and author the prayer which bears his name. Isaiah describes the religious experience which launched his prophetic activity: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!' And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. "So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone. Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.' "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged'" (Isaiah 6:1-7). Isaiah's vision has become an icon of our liturgical experience of the glory of God. We depict the six-winged seraphim hovering over the throne of God on the rhipidia which are poised over our churches' holy tables. We quote their description ("with two he covered...") in our Liturgy of St. Basil. In every Liturgy of East and West the angels' cry ("Holy, holy, holy...") introduces the anaphora, its central prayer. Finally, the live coal from the altar has become an image of the Eucharist which touches our lips, takes away our iniquities and purges our sins. Isaiah foretold the coming of a Messiah who would deliver God's people from their oppressors. In Isaiah 45 this Messiah is identified as Cyrus the Great, the Persian monarch who defeated the Babylonians in the sixth century B.C. and allowed the Jews to return to the Holy Land and rebuild Jerusalem. "Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held... 'I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build My city And let My exiles go free, not for price nor reward,' says the Lord of hosts" (Isaiah 45:13). Nevertheless, Jewish scholars saw that this prophecy would reach its ultimate fulfillment in Another who was to come in the future. The first Christians recognized that Jesus was the long-awaited One who fulfilled these prophecies: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali... the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined" (Isaiah 9:1, 2). "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him..." (Isaiah 11:1, 2). "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the

increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever” (Isaiah 9:6, 7). “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:10). “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God’” (Isaiah 40:3). “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound...” (Isaiah 61:1). Perhaps the first prophecies of Isaiah to resonate among the followers of Jesus were the following which Jewish texts like the Babylonian Talmud attributed to a Messiah who conquered through suffering: “I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting” (Isaiah 50:6). “He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed... He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth” (Isaiah 53:2-5, 7). Most rabbis today see these prophecies as describing the suffering people of Israel. St Jerome (c. 342–420) expressed the thought of many Christian commentators since when he said, “[Isaiah] was more of an Evangelist than a Prophet, because he described all of the Mysteries of the Church of Christ so vividly that you would assume he was not prophesying about the future, but rather was composing a history of past events.



UKRAINIAN FOOD FAIR

St Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church
Address: 706 N Warren St, Berwick, PA 18603

Sunday, April 3, 2022
1:00 - 4:00

STAND WITH UKRAINE

ALL MONEY WILL BE DONATED TO THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE AND UKRAINIAN PEOPLE IN NEED

Menu:

- Pierogies with Potato
- Pierogies with Cabbage
- Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (Holubtsi)
- Potato Pancakes (Dranyky)
- Cabbage with Sausages
- Galushki
- Borsch
- Home Baked Goods (cakes, cookies, poppy-seed mini rolls, pampushky)

Entertainments: photo with Easter Bunny, photo zone, Eggs decoration (Pysanky), Yellow/Blue plants donated by Berlin's greenhouse for sale, Tshirts/Attributes for sale, Auctions and raffle baskets.



Can you help? Father Roman is asking if we could donate Food, Baked Goods and other donations to help with this Event. Lisa is willing to collect everything on Sunday morning and drive the donations out to the Berwick Church. Any questions or to make arrangements call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

Please have your donation at the church by 9:30AM Sunday morning, April 3 for transport.

All proceeds benefit the Ukrainian People.