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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
January 29, 2023, A. D.



**Saturday, February 4**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 5**

**10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, February 7**

**9:30 AM**

**Saturday, February 11**

**8:00 AM**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 12**

**10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health for Marc Lipowski

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†John Kaminsky-Gayle Miles

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**

**1<sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday**

†Anna Kutsup- Donna Wurster

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**

†Tom & Catherine Bukoski- Thomas Bukoski

**SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH (20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth)**

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

February 5, 2023

**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

**TROPAR:** Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God! From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, who enlightens those who dwell in darkness. And you, O righteous Elder, be glad! You received in your embrace the Liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

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

**KONDAK:** By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon. You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God; give peace to Your community in time of war, and strengthen its rulers, whom You love, for You alone, are the Lover of mankind. **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father, wasting the wealth You gave me on vices. Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal: Loving Father, I have sinned before You. Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

**PROKEIMENON:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

### **A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:12-20:**

Brethren, I have the right to do anything," you say-but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"-but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the LORD, and the LORD for the body. By his power God raised the LORD from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the LORD is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins

sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).



**A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Luke 15:11-32:**

The Lord told this parable: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his means between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth and took his journey into a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and he began himself to suffer want. And he went and joined one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his farm to feed swine. And he longed to fill himself with the pods that the swine were eating but no one offered to give them to him: But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired men in my father’s house have bread in abundance while I am perishing here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”’ And he arose and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to the servants, “Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead and has come to life again; he was lost, and if found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he inquired what this meant. And he said to him ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.’ But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to entreat him. But he answered and said to his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have been serving you, and have never transgressed one of your commands; and yet you have never given me a kid

goat that I might make merry with my friends. But when this your son comes, who has devoured his means with harlots, you have killed for him the fattened calf.’ But he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life, he was lost, and is Found.’”

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



### FEBRUARY CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn, Jenn & Tom  
In loving memory of Michael Hvozda.

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

The **Candle Before the Icon of Christ** is given by the Lee Family  
In loving memory of Red & Helen Lee.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek  
In loving memory of Mary Amber-Davis.

The **Candle Before the Icon table of the Theotokos** is given by  
Janice Lee for the repose of the soul of Josephine Latoszewski.

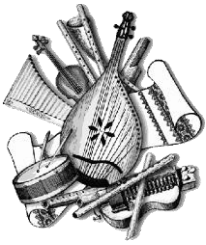
The **Icon table Candle of the Transfiguration of Our Lord** is given by  
Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter Wrobel.



**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.

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, Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci.

**CHURCH NEWS .... "Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing."**



**MYASOPUSNA 2023**

Our Myasopusna Celebration is scheduled for February 12, 2023, the date of our Meat-fare Sunday. (NEXT WEEK). This event combines a delicious ethnic meal (Ham, kobasi, Halupki, pyrohy, kapusta, bosch, & dessert) with cultural dance, singing and art. This year will feature the St. Mary's Ukrainian Dancers and Kazka. Ukrainian Beer and wine will be available. Ticket price is \$22 at the door and \$20 in advance, kids \$10. Doors open at noon. Cocktail 1/2 hour is noon-12:30. **Serving** starts at 12:30PM and **stops** at 2:00PM. Tables are not reserved ahead of time. Program will start approximately 1:30PM. **DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 8, you can call 570-735-4654 or 570-735-1901(leave message) to order advance tickets. Take-outs are available.**

**THANK YOU!** Father Walter would like to express his sincere thanks for all the Christmas Wishes and Gifts he received through Christmas Tide. Thank You!

**GREAT FAST:** The Great Fast begins at Sundown, Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following Forgiveness Vespers. Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is day of abstinence from Meat and Dairy Products for everyone who is able to do so. All Fridays are always a day of fast. Traditionally, Wednesdays are a day of fast during the Great Fast. Anything you can do extra is also indicated.

**LENTEN LIBRARY:** Will be available to Parishioners for reading in the Lenten Season. Please make sure you sign out the books and return them in good condition.

**THANK YOU!** The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life would like to express their gratitude for the donations of Diapers and wipes that were received from our Parish. (Thank Note is in the back of the church.)

**SUNDAY LITURGIES DURING LENT: WHY DO THEY SEEM LONGER?**

Our Church prescribes that the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated on all of the Sundays of Great Fast, instead of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, which is usually celebrated throughout the rest of the church year. St. Basil's Liturgy is older and has longer priestly prayers at the Anaphora than the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (which was derived from the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great).

**IT'S NEXT WEEK!.....TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

**HOW YOU CAN HELP!** Our Parish is so blessed with many dedicated parishioners and this year, which is the first year for our Meat-fare dinner since the Covid Lockdowns, we need **YOU**.

**TAKE-OUT DINNERS: Watching the Eagles in the Super Bowl? Grab a take-out dinner!** Pyrohy will be for sale by the dozen & Haluski by the quart!

**SERVERS/WAIT STAFF:** We need people to help. Please ask your family to come out and help for about two hours which is our serving time. **Servers will be needed from noon to 2:00PM. PLEASE HELP.**

**OVERALL HELP:** If you can, we will need overall cleanup help for this affair.

**MYASOPUSNA FOOD:** The week prior to our Festival will be designated to cook our Festival Food. Food most likely will be made February 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. (Wednesday-Friday). Volunteers are needed.

**BAKED GOODS:** Baked goods are needed for desserts. They can be dropped at church basement on Saturday or early on the day of the dinner. **They do not need to be cut or packaged.** You can call Lisa at 570-574-1016 for drop off or questions. We are trying to get them to the hall a little before the dinner so that we are not cutting cakes while we are serving.

**RAFFLE BASKETS:** We are hoping to have Raffle Baskets at the Myasopusna Function and we only have two weeks. Baskets are in the church basement if you need them. People enjoy this raffle, and we would appreciate your help. If you don't want to donate a basket-donate a bottle of liquor or wine, if say, 10 people donate one bottle of alcohol we have a large basket of cheer. Additionally, if you have pysanky you would like to donate- we could put together a basket of Ukrainian eggs. People loved the Pysanky Baskets we had in the past.

Any questions, please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883.

**PROGRAM BOOK ADS:** If you are interested in an ad for the Program Book, please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS:** The church calendars are available in the church basement. The church envelope supplier is experiencing a delay in printing the envelopes.

**2023 CANDLES:** The new 2023 Candle List is in the back of the Church.



**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 Easter 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.”

## **LENTEN SERVICES:**

**LENTEN ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: DO YOU WANT TO DO SOME EXTRA SPIRITUAL WORK FOR LENT?** There will be a **Topic Based** Lenten Adult Discussion Group available for **both** parishes. The discussion will be topic based and the group will meet for Lent. Come to one group meeting or all the group meetings, each week will be different! **The first Adult Discussion group is Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord after Liturgy.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be a Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord.

**CONFESSION:** Confessions are offered before every liturgy or by appointment. Remember, this includes the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies also. If for personal reasons, you would like to confess with another priest, Father Paul Makar will be here for a Retreat in March and will have confessions during the retreat.

**SOROKOUSTY:** The first Sorokousty (All Souls Saturday) is Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. To remember your loved one at the Service, please use the envelope in your box OR create one to hand in using an envelope and turn in your loved one's names to the collection. The remaining are on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of March & the May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **TFP TALK AND THE SHOWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY: HOLY EUCHARIST-GOD'S LAMB.**

Immediately following Liturgy at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a talk in the church hall, provided by Walter Camier and following the talk titled "The Solution to our Crisis is a Christian Civilization," we will be showing of the documentary. Everyone is Welcome, a light lunch will be provided.

**FORGIVENESS VESPERS:** The Great Fast (Lent) will begin on Monday, February 20. This is a day of strict abstinence from Meat & Dairy Products for all Parishioners who are able between the ages of 14-60. There will be Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 19 at **4:00PM** at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:30PM TO 4:00PM BEFORE FORGIVENESS VESPERS.**

**PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgies will be on Wednesdays at 6:30PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in Nanticoke and on Fridays at 4:00PM at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** A combined Lenten Retreat with Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth will be held with Father Paul Makar as the speaker, a date is yet to be determined.