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Divine Liturgy Schedule

March 5, 2023 A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!



Saturday, March 4

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

6:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

SOROKOUSTY

God's Blessings on America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

God's Blessings on Father Walter & Nick Pasicznyk

- Olympia Pasicznyk

Sunday, March 5

10:30 AM

2:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

†Randy Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: ICONS

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 PM

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts (Transfiguration)

Friday, March 10

4:00 PM

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 11

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

SOROKOUSTY

God's Blessings on America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Ihor Pasicznyk- Wife, Olympia Pasicznyk

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME *****

Sunday, March 12

10:30 AM

11:45AM

2:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

†George Sailus- Marianne Sailus

COFFEE HOUR

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: LENTEN PRACTICES

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

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

SUNDAY OF SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS
SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST
March 5, 2023

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul and let all that is within me bless His Holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.
He forgives you all your iniquities, He heals all your diseases.
He redeems your life from corruption, He crowns you with mercy and compassion.
Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and abounding in mercy. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy name, Blessed are You, O Lord.

THIRD ANTIPHON:

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 merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peace-makers, 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: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

TROPAR: With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all. O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God who made and shaped us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: The time for action is now revealed; the Judge is at the door. Let us rise and keep the fast, offering tears of contrition with alms and crying aloud: our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea, but forgive us, O Maker of all, that we may receive incorruptible crowns.

PROKIMEN: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever. verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever.

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 1:10-2:3:

Brethren, Lord, of old you established the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; all of them will grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, like a garment they will be changed. But you remain, and your years will have no end. To which of the angels has God ever said, "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to serve those who are to inherit salvation? In view of this, we must attend all the more to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels stood unchanged and all transgression and disobedience received its due punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore a salvation as great as ours? Announced first by the Lord, this was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.



ALLEGUUA: Alleluia(3). He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia(3). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope. Alleluia(3).

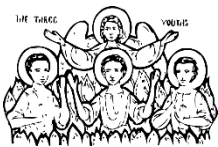
A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 2:1-12:



At that time Jesus entered Capharnaum, and it was reported that he was at home. And many gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even around the door. And he spoke the word to them. And they came bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four. And since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and, having made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Now some of the Scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? He blasphemes. Who can forgive sins, but only God?" And at once Jesus, knowing in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why are you arguing these things in your hearts Which is easier to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say 'Arise, and take up your pallet, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, arise, take up your pallet, and go to your house." And immediately he arose and, taking up his pallet, went forth in the sight of all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see the like."

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 that 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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Peter Waslo; 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy Birthday to MaryAnn Jarolen who celebrated her Birthday on Thursday, March 2. Happy Birthday to Father Walter Pasicznyk who celebrates his Birthday on Tuesday, March 7 and Nicholas Pasicznyk who celebrates his birthday on Thursday, March 9th! Mnohaya Lita! God Bless Them & Their Families with Many Happy Years! (Next Sunday we will have cake for all March Birthdays!)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Please keep in mind that Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 12. Please set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 11th before you go to bed. Clocks will “spring” forward.

CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: The church calendars are available in the church basement. The church envelope supplier is experiencing a delay in printing the envelopes. Please use a utility envelope in the back of the church or a blank envelope in place of them always putting your full name on the envelope. Please remember dues are \$40 for individuals and \$80 for a family.

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 topic of the first Saturday is the Soul after Death. The 3rd meeting will be on Sunday March 12th at 2:00PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord and the topic will be Lenten Practices.

SOROKOUSTY: The next Sorokousty (All Souls Saturday) is Saturday, March 11th 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 ones names to the collection. The remaining are on the 18th of March & the May 27th.

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.



PYROHY FOR SALE: We have potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement for \$10.00 a dozen.

CLEANING SERVICES: Do you need someone to help with housekeeping or to clean your house? Call Rita at (484)-651-5551. (Rita is one of our parishioners.)



MARCH CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

In loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

The Eternal Light is given by Lisa Placek

For God's Blessings on Marc Lipowski.

The St. Nicholas Candle is given by Lisa Placek

for God's Blessings on Nikolos & Benjamin.

The Candle Before the Icon of Christ is given by the Olympia Pasicznyk

In loving memory of Pavlo & Francis Kuczeniawie.

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) and is celebrated ten times during the church year: the five Sundays of Lent (not Palm Sunday), Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Christmas Eve, Epiphany Eve, and on the actual Feast of St. Basil which we celebrate January 1.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION... Father, what is the difference between a Saint and a Prophet? What are some examples of each? Are all Disciples of Christ also called Saints? Prophets in the Old Testament were not primarily foretellers.

Simply read through the book of Amos at one sitting and you will hear how little Amos is concerned to predict. Most of his "words" are addressed to criticizing present wrongdoing. Injustice, oppression, and rich, even luxurious, worship while the poor starve, are the issues he speaks about most. Where he looks to the future most often it is to warn: if you act like this God's punishment will come. On the punishment itself his descriptions vary, from seeming to envisage invasion (3:11; 4:10; 5:3; 6:7-14 etc.) through earthquake (8:8) and drought (4:7-8) to God's personal intervention (4:13). In short, a prophet is a man called by God to act as an intercessor, a go-between, between 'the people' and God. This was because the people, even the priests, were being disobedient to God so God was no longer communicating to them directly because "they" were refusing Him. There are many aspects to a prophet, much more than "predicting the future," Indeed, the prophet does not predict the future but rather he is delivering God's message to the people. The message was always the same, "Turn away from your sins and turn back to God or else evil things will happen to you. If you continue in this, "x" bad things will follow." So among the aspects of prophet are; the man is called by God and does not 'call down God', the man is an intercessor between the people and God (able to bring messages from the people to God and trusted by God to deliver His message to the people, plainly and directly). Now a saint, by the 1917 A. D. Code of Canon Law, is a person who has died and when prayed to for intercession, delivers the asked for help from God and the first 2 rules of the 1917 A. D. code are: 1) wait 50 years after their death, 2) Three (3) miracles are to be confirmed. So a saint is a person of whom we cannot believe does not have "God's ear," i.e. we do not understand it that this person will not inherit heaven. So, just because many of the Old Testament prophets, and patriarchs, might not be called "saints" it does not mean we fail to believe that they will not inherit heaven. Even though many Old Testament figures were not canonically titled "saint" we call them saint none-the-less. In other words, many of the New Testament era saints are a type of prophet, delivering God's message to people. The big difference is that now that God had entered the world Himself, The Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Old Testament way of the "prophet" is no longer occurring because God has come Himself.

The Ladder of Divine Ascent by Saint John Climacus

“If there is a time for everything under heaven, as Ecclesiastes says, and by the word ‘everything’ must be understood what concerns our holy life, then if you please, let us look into it and let us seek to do at each time what is proper for that occasion. For it is certain that, for those who enter the lists, there is a time for dispassion and a time for passion (I say this for the combatants who are serving their apprenticeship); there is a time for tears, and a time for hardness of heart; there is a time for obedience, and there is a time to command; there is a time to fast, and a time to partake; there is a time for battle with our enemy the body, and a time when the fire is dead; a time of storm in the soul, and a time of calm in the mind; a time for heartfelt sorrow, and a time for spiritual joy; a time for teaching, and a time for listening; a time of pollutions, perhaps on account of conceit, and a time for cleansing by humility; a time for struggle, and a time for safe relaxation; a time for stillness, and a time for undistracted distraction; a time for unceasing prayer, and a time for sincere service. So let us not be deceived by proud zeal and seek prematurely what will come in its own good time; that is, we should not seek in winter what comes in summer, or at seed time what comes at harvest; because there is a time to sow labors, and a time to reap the unspeakable gifts of grace. Otherwise, we shall not receive even in season what is proper to that season” (Step 26, Section 87)

“Prayer is by nature a dialogue and a union of man with God. Its effect is to hold the world together. It achieves reconciliation with God.” (Step 28, Section 1)

“Pray in all simplicity. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single utterance.” (Step 28, Section 5)