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Divine Liturgy Schedule

February 4, 2024, A. D.

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

Saturday, February 3

6:00 PM

Sunday, February 4

10:30 AM

12:30 PM

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

God's Blessings on Leona Kobela & Family- Lisa Placek

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

†Andrew Kobela- Melanie Kobela

MYASOPUSNA

Tuesday, February 6

10:00 AM

Wednesday, February 7

10:00 AM

Thursday, February 8

10:00 AM

†Mike Sawczuk- Mike & Jill Gagliardi

†Stella Dudzik- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, February 10

6:00 PM

Sunday, February 11

10:30 AM

3:00 PM

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

†Mike Sawczuk-Barno Family

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†Ann Kutsup- Donna Wurster

FORGIVENESS VESPERS

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

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

February 4, 2024



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: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: When You come on earth, O God, in glory, and the universe trembles, while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement, and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Judge who are most just.

PROKEIMENON: Sing to our God, Sing; Sing to our King, Sing. Clap your hands all you nations, shout unto God with the voice of joy. Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

A Reading of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2):

Brethren, food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So, this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. Alleluia (3).

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46:



The Lord said, “At that time when the Son of Man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory; and before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the just will answer him saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?’ And answering, the King will say to them, ‘Amen I say to you as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Depart from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and you did not take me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Amen I say to you, as long as you did not do it for one of these least ones, you did not do it for me.’ And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life.”

INSTEAD OFIT IS TRULY PROPER: O God-bearing Virgin, hope of Christians, protect and guard and save all those who put their trust in you. In the law, the shadow, and the scriptures, we the faithful see a figure: every male child that opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word and Son of the Father who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who had not known man.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3).



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.



February 2024

The Eternal Light is given by the Yanoshak Family in
Loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The Altar Candles are given by the MaryAnn Jarolen in
loving memory of her father, Michael Hvozda.

The St. Nicholas Candle is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski
In loving memory of Rev. Dr. Nick Kostiuk.

The Proscomedial Table is given by the Lee Family
In loving memory of Helen & Red Lee.

The Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ is given by Donna Lee-Hischak
For God's Blessings & Good Health for Irene Beckwith.

The Candle Before the Theotokos is given by
Pasicznyk Family in loving memory of Anhel Pasicznyk.

CHURCH NEWS Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.- Father Daniel Gurovich



O Joyful Light”

O Joyful Light, Holy Glory of the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Holy, Blessed Jesus Christ: Having reached the setting of the sun, having seen the evening light, let us sing of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. It is proper at all times to praise You with reverent voices O Son of God, the Giver of Life, the whole world glorifies You.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!: A Happy Birthday to **Geraldine Adamchak**, who celebrates her birthday on **January 30th**! A Very Happy Birthday to **Stephanie Jennings** who is celebrates her birthday on Monday, **February 5th**. A Very Happy Birthday to Ellen Alqrainy who celebrates her Birthday on **February 7**. A Happy Birthday to **Doris Parcel** who celebrates her Birthday on **February 20th**! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Them Many Happy Years, Peace, Health and Salvation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Happy Anniversary to Mark & Arlene Jennings who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, February 14! Mnohaya Lita!

ROOF DONATIONS: Thank you for the anonymous donation of \$1000 to the REPAIR THE ROOF FUND.

LENT: Remember, the first day of Lent is a fast from Meat and Dairy Products. **Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers, Sunday, February 11th at 3:00 PM.** The first full day of Lent will begin on **Monday, February 12** and is a 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.

UKRAINIAN PYSANKY: CLASSES at St. Cyril’s Church in Olyphant **ARE FULL.**

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.

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.



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

**Offering
Envelopes**



CHURCH ENVELOPES, CALENDARS & 2024 CANDLES: The church envelopes and calendars are on the table in the back of the church. 2024 Candles are ready!

Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare Sunday)

The Dread Judgement! The Judge comes in the clouds, surrounded by a countless multitude of bodiless heavenly powers. Trumpets sound to all the ends of the earth and raise up the dead. The risen regiments pour into the preordained place, to the throne of the Judge, having a foreboding of what verdict will sound in their ears. For everyone's works are written on the brow of their nature, and their very appearance will correspond to their deeds and morals. The division of those on His right hand and those on His left is accomplished in and of itself. At last, all has been determine. Deep silence falls. In another instant, the decisive verdict of the Judge is heard: to some, "Come," to the others "Depart." Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! May thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us! They shall say, but then it will already be too late to plead. We need to take the trouble now to wash away the unfavorable marks written upon our nature. At the Judgement, we may be ready to pour out rivers of tears in order to wash ourselves, but this would do us no good then. Let us weep now-if not rivers of tears, then at least streams; if not streams, then at least drops. If we cannot find even this much, then let us become contrite in heart, and confess our sins to the Lord, begging Him to forgive them, and promising not to offend Him and more through the violation of His commandments. Then, let us be zealous to faithfully fulfill this promise. **-St. Theophan the Recluse**



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LENTEN REFLECTION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On Sunday, March 3 at 1:00 PM, Walter Camier will give a presentation and immediately following that presentation we will have Stations of the Cross. A light social will be served prior to the presentation.



MORNING PRAYER: Grant unto me, my Lord, that with peace in mind I may face all that this new day is to bring. Grant unto me grace to surrender myself completely to Thy Holy will. Instruct and prepare me in all things for every hour of this day. Whatsoever tidings I may receive during the day, do Thou teach me to accept them calmly, in the firm conviction that all eventualities fulfill Thy holy will. Govern Thou my thoughts and feelings in all I do and say. When things unforeseen occur, let me not forget that all cometh down from Thee. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonable toward every member of my family and all other men, that I may not cause confusion and sorrow to anyone. Bestow upon me, my Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and to bear my share in all its passing events. Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive, and to love. Amen.

PUT GOD FIRST.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER: If God is slow to grant your request and you do not receive what you ask for promptly, do not be grieved, for you are not wiser than God. When this happens to you, it is either because your way of life does not accord with your request, or because the pathways of your heart are at odds with the intention of your prayer. Or it may be because your inner state is too childish by comparison with the magnitude of the thing you have asked for. It is not appropriate that great things should fall easily into our hands, otherwise God's gift will be held in dishonour, because of the ease with which we obtain it. For anything that is readily obtained is also easily lost, whereas everything which is found with toil is preserved with care.- **St. Isaac of Syria**

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