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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
March 15, 2025, A. D.

Saturday, March 15

6:00 PM

Sunday, March 16

10:30 AM

2nd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

God's Blessings on Paulette Parcel- Doris Parcel

2nd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

✠ Robert Miles, Sr.- Bob & Gayle Miles

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 PM

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, March 22

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

Sunday, March 23

10:30 AM

Sorokousty (3rd)

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

3rd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

God's Blessings for Sandra Fragelli- Becker Family

Remember, there are no weekday Liturgies during the Great Fast. Communion is distributed as part of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM.

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS Friday 5:00 PM

Sorokousty Prayers are for the deceased of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, St. Nicholas Church, St. Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth) & St. Vladimir's Church.
Come Pray for the Your Family.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
ST. GREGORY PALAMAS
March 15, 2025

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 through Fifth Sundays of Lent (not Palm Sunday); and Holy Thursday & the Virgil Liturgy of Easter Sunday.

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.

GLORY BE: ONLY BEGOTTEN SON:

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: 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!”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever 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. 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, at the beginning, O Lord, 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.



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 Gospel of Mark 2:1-12:

At that time Jesus entered Capernaum, 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 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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



MARCH CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Alberola Family
For God’s Blessings & Good Health for Brian Kravits.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
by Lisa Placek for God’s Blessings on Helen & Marc Lipowski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is
Given by the Pasicznyk Family in
loving memory of Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given
By the Jane & Charles Wetzel in memory of the deceased
members of the Slota & Wetzel Families.

The **Candle Before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given
By Lisa Placek for God’s Blessings & Good Health
For Nikolas & Benjamin Placek.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is given by Pasicznyk Family
For Pavlo & Francis Kuczeriawie.

CHURCH NEWS Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.



FLEA MARKET: Please keep in mind that we will have a Flea Market coming up. Hold on to your items a little longer if you have some until dates for the Flea Market are announced.



PYROHY FOR SALE: We have potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement for \$12.00 a dozen.

COFFEE AND THEOLOGY: On Sunday, March 30 immediately following Divine Liturgy (Holy Transfiguration Church following 10:30AM Liturgy) we will have an Adult Discussion. The topic will be LENTEN THEOLOGY. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE CROSS? A 15 Minute Presentation & Questions. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

SING-CON 2025: Save the date if interested. The date for SING-CON 2025 is October 23-26, 2025, at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. SING-CON is seminar on learning and practicing our Church's Chants, i.e. hymns and liturgies in song.

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 .



"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 voice of Son of God, the Giver of Life, the whole world glorifies You.

Prayer For The Unity of the Church

Heavenly Father, Your Blessed Son asked that His Church be one as You and He are one, but Christians have not been united as He prayed. We have isolated ourselves from each other and failed to listen to You. We have misunderstood and ridiculed and even gone so far as to attack each other. In so doing we have offended You, against all our brothers in the Church, and against all who have not believed in you because of our scandalous disunity. Forgive us, Father, and make us fully one. Blot out our sins, renew our minds, enkindle our hearts, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit into that oneness which is Your will. We ask in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE FIVE SATURDAYS OF THE DECEASED (SOROKUSTY or Сорокоусти): The Church Typikon designates the five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased for 2025 as February 22nd; **March 15th**, March 22nd, March 29th and June 7th. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at Matins of the Deceased (Parastas) on these five Saturdays of the year. There is an envelope in your box or in back for Sorokousty. Or write a note and put it in the basket.

SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS (1296-4357)



On this, the Second Sunday of Lent, Our Ukrainian Catholic Church commemorates the saintly monk, Gregory Palamas. He is venerated not only by the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches, but also by the Anglicans. Gregory was a monk who resided on Mount Athos, located today in Greece. Gregory was born in Constantinople, modern-day Istanbul, located in Turkey. He died in Thessaloniki, Macedonia. St. Gregory Palamas is noted for his defense of “hesychast spirituality.” Hesychasm is a contemplative monastic tradition, which is practiced by

both Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches, even to the present day. Stillness is sought through the uninterrupted recitation of the “Jesus Prayer.” The prayer reads: “Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.” The prayer is recited holding a “chotky” (prayer beads on a rope) in your hand. The usual number of prayer beads would be 100. The chotky prayer rope is available to order and purchase at Byzantine Church Supplies, located in the basement of our Chancery building. (Address: 810 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19123). They also have a website: Byzantinechurchsupplies.com.

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH:

GREAT LENT- Journey to Pascha

Alexander Schmemmann ISBN: 0-913836-04-4

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: On The Road To Pascha

Marianne C. Sailus Eastern Christian Publications www.ecpubs.com



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners

Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Away:** Leona Kobela.

Prayer Request: Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mike Oresick, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Paulette Parcel & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

Adam and Eve ate from the **tree that had the fruit of Eternal Life**, which was next to the **tree of the fruit of knowledge of Good and Evil** – of which they were commanded NOT to eat. Having eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which God commanded them NOT to eat, God chased Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. **Jesus Christ shows us that tree, it is the CROSS.** The fruit of the Cross is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ – Holy Communion. Mankind commanded NOT to eat- ate. Mankind now commanded to eat, refuses. At the “eating” when we were commanded NOT to, sin, pain and death enter the world. Now sin, pain and death are conquered through the fruit from the tree of Eternal Life. Through Holy Communion death has been conquered, Jesus Christ risen from the dead.



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YouTube Video: Search The Holy Eucharist: God’s Lamb
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KluDay7t0wA>

This is the video to watch, without Holy Communion there is no Christian.



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 to 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.

"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).