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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**March 29, 2025, A. D.**

**Saturday, March 29**

**8:00 AM**

**6:00 PM**

**Sorokousty (4<sup>th</sup>)**

†Luiz Antonio, †Antonio, †Father Henrique Fragelli

- Marianna Fragelli

**Sunday, March 30**

**10:30 AM**

**AFTER CHURCH**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**LENTEN THEOLOGY/ PSANKY**

**Wednesday, April 2**

**6:30 PM**

**LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**

**Saturday, April 5**

**8:00 AM**

**6:00 PM**

Divine Liturgy

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Sunday, April 6**

**10:30 AM**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

†Connie Yanoshak – Yanoshak 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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**ST. JOHN CLIMACUS-THE LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT**  
**March 29, 2025**

**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 peacemakers, 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 the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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:** How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom.

***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 by 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.



**ALLEGRIA ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, meekness, and justice. Alleluia(3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia(3). They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Alleluia(3).

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:17-31:**



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 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. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



**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.

***BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL:***

*The Lives of the Desert Fathers*

***Norman Russell/Benedicta Ward ISBN: 978-0879079345***

*The Screwtape Letters*

***C.S. Lewis ISBN: 979-8343951851***

**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.

**Prayer For 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.

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



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

**COFFEE AND THEOLOGY:** This 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.



**CONFESSION:** Let us prepare our souls by making good Confession and receiving Communion. Holy Confession will be held before Divine Liturgy or after Divine Liturgy, if necessary. Confessions will be held before the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and by appointment. Reminder, the Church decrees that you make at least one good confession a year before Easter. Reminder this is no confessions after Holy Wednesday.

**LENTEN LIBRARY:** The Lenten library is available to Parishioners for reading in the Lenten Season. Please make sure you sign out the books and return them in good condition. FYI Books are donated by parishioners for use during Lent.

### **Hymn of the Entrance**

Now the powers of heaven are serving invisibly with us; for behold the King of glory enters, the King of glory enters. The mystical sacrifice , all accomplished is brought forth.



**SPRING FLEA YARD SALE & ETHNIC FOOD:** On Saturday, March 29 and April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 2:00 pm we will have a Yard Sale and Ethnic Food at Transfiguration of Our Lord Hall. We will be serving potato pancakes, pyrohy, and more. Come out and invite your friends and neighbors!!

**SPRING YARD SALE DONATIONS:** Please donate clean usable items to the church hall by calling (Bob & Johanna) 570-592-5776. We are accepting clothing, jewelry, books, kitchen items, toys, pictures, shoes and more! (We are trying to put items directly in the hall and avoid moving them from the basement of the church.)

**SPRING FLEA MARKET HELP:** We urgently need help on the day of the sale on floor and in the kitchen. Can you help out? Call (Bob & Johanna) 570-592-5776. **PLEASE** come out and help.

**Please pray for all clergy both in America and Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.**

#### **APRIL CANDLES**

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given  
By Mary Schwartz for a Special Intention.

The **Eternal Light** is given by  
the Yanoshak Family In loving memory of Shirley & Connie Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by  
M/M Brian Kawczenski In loving memory of Leo & Mary Kawczenski.

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

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 the Icon of the Theotokos** is given By  
Father Walter for God's Blessings on Natalie Smith.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is given by  
Mary Schwartz For God's Blessings on her grandchildren Samantha & Christopher.

# MAKE PSANKY FOR FUN!

Sunday, March 30, 2025

@ 1:00 PM

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Church Basement

(Immediately following Coffee & Theology)

Everyone is welcome!

Come & experience the art of  
creating Ukrainian Easter Eggs

just for FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Class is free. Please allocate about 2 hours to create an egg. Children are most welcome- but must be supervised by an adult as decorating requires you to use a candle.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME~ Young & Old!



## Inspiring sayings by St. John Climacus that can inspire your own spiritual growth:

1. "Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience."
2. "Virtue is the fruit of labor, and no one becomes a saint in his sleep."
3. "Humility and knowledge in a soul are like spices in food. Every dish, though cooked with exquisite skill, seems insipid and unappetizing without them."
4. "Patience is a most necessary virtue for whoever desires to make progress in the spiritual life."
5. "Freedom from anger is an insatiable appetite for dishonor and disgrace."
6. "If you are not willing to endure all things, all things will be of no value to you."
7. "Counsel can cool passions, guide ignorance, and lead the soul from the things of time to the things of eternity."
8. "Do not be surprised if you fall every day and do not surrender. Stand your ground firmly. And you are certain to have this angel as your ally in courage."
9. "Just as a deep-rooted tree is not agitated by the fury of the wind, so neither should we be affected by praise or blame."



10. "Acquire the spirit of peace, and thousands around you will be saved."