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23 March 2025 Third Sunday of Lent Veneration of the Holy Cross

Sat 22 Mar	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	All Souls of the Faithful Departed / Panahida / Hramoty
Sun 23 Mar	9:00am	HGB Deacon Michael Senoyuit by Pat McLaughlin
	3:00pm	Lenten Vespers St. John's Pottstown
Tue 25 Mar	9:00am	Feast of the Annunciation Parishioners of St. John's
Wed 26 Mar	7:00pm	Akathist to the Passion of Christ / Holy Communion
Thr 27 Mar	11:00am	Akathist to the Theotokos / Holy Communion
Fri 28 Mar	9:00am	Moleben to Jesus Christ / Holy Communion
Sat 29 Mar	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	All Souls of the Faithful Departed / Panahida / Hramoty
Sun 30 Mar	9:00am	+John McLaughlin by The McLaughlin Family
	3:00pm	Lenten Vespers SS. Peter and Paul Phoenixville

7 Branch Candles are given for Health and God's Blessings for Anna Marie & Keith Hunter by Friends.

Parish Income 16 March Offertory \$2,567; Loose \$144; Candles \$110; Fuel \$165 Lent \$225; Holy Days \$25; Maintenance Fund \$40; Bishop's Appeal \$40; ECL \$80; Cemetery \$350; A/C Fund \$1,400
Total \$4,542 Month to date \$11,391

Divine Liturgy This Weekend

Red Book: ; Opening Hymn Come Now All You Faithful p. 172

Green Book Tone 2 p.130 Third Sunday of Lent p. 223

Green Book: Beneath your Compassion p. 454 #B

Please remember in your prayers: parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery: **Arcadia at Limerick:** Nancy Erdek; and also: Fr. Nicholas de Prospero, Audrey Gluszyk, Anna Marie Hunter, Keith Hunter, Daniel Mc Laughlin, Pat McLaughlin, Dillon Richard, Deacon Michael Senoyuit, Maksym Stetsenko, Earl Stong

The Holy Cross points the way on our journey like a compass. It is a sign of victory over sin. With the Cross, suffering is no longer the work of blind destiny that crushes us, it becomes the proof of love. It is the sign of our close imitation of Christ. It causes cleansing of sin, gives us a share in the Redemptive work of mankind and finally ; it becomes a ladder to heaven for us.

The Inter Parochial Cycle of Lenten Vespers continues with Vespers here at our Parish this Sunday .the Third Sunday of Lent. Please make an effort to attend and remember, there is is an opportunity to go to confession to a priest other than the Pastor after Vespers. There will be a reception afterwards in the church hall. We are asking for donations of baked goods to serve for dessert after the small Lenten meal served for the occasion. **Next Week Lenten Vespers** for the Fourth Sunday of Lent will be at SS Peter & Paul Phoenixville, the Fifth Sunday St. Michael's Mont Clare. All Vespers will be at 3PM

The feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated this coming Tuesday 25 March, this is a Solemn Holy Day. This Feast day is commemorated in each Hail Mary and in the recitation of the Angelus each day at 12 noon and 6pm. We remember our Lady's courageous act of Faith when she said to the Angel "Let it be done to me according to your word."

2025 Easter Bake The bake will be held next Sunday 30 March and Monday 31March. **Dough preparation** will be done this coming Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March beginning at 8am, baking on Sunday the 30th will begin at 7am. Please save the dates by marking your calendars and plan ahead to volunteer your help to make our bake sale a success.

Pussy Willows are now in bloom. If you have any to donate, they can be left in the church hall or by the door at the top of the handicap ramp access. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Fasting From Sin is the spiritual fast which helps us recover the image of God in our hearts which sin effaces. We ask our Lord to renew and to recover the imprint of His image on our hearts. May our Lord and Savior never to let His image be blurred by heedless venial which we dismiss as being trivial sin. The desire to have His image in our hearts should motivate us during Lent to conquer venial sin with the help of His grace. The Image of Christ Painted Without Hands which is on the Tetrapod in church depicts our Savior's face as shown on His burial shroud. The veneration of this Icon should stir up in us a deeper appreciation of our Savior's saving Passion and for which we should show profound gratitude as we pay it honor with our reverent kiss.

The Jesus Prayer is a core devotion of Eastern Christian piety. To learn more go on your favorite podcast site to "the Jesus Prayer" Annunciation Choir from Homer Glenn. It averages 30,00 out of 80,00 searches per month on the subject. This devotion is a pearl of great price. Take some initiative for Lent and deepen your spiritual life.

Email Prayer Services Eastern Christian Publications offers an email prayer service, the Byzantine Daily Office and Daily Great Vespers every day for free. Subscribe on the website at https://ecpubs.com/product-category/subscription_electronic/. This will be a very concrete and practical way to help to grow spiritually in the spirit of prayer in the Byzantine Catholic tradition.

The Third All Souls Saturday will be observed next weekend. Saturday March 22nd. Please print the names of your loved ones on the envelope provided. Praying for the deceased is not just a pious practice. It is a matter of justice and gratitude. We owe our parents and loved ones a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices which they have made for us. Praying for their repose is one small way we can fulfill our Obligations to them. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." 2 Mac 12:46. The Fourth All Souls Saturday will be March 29th.^d