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WE WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

We hope you enjoy praying with us at Liturgy. Please feel free to speak with Fr. John after the service and introduce yourself. Want to learn about the Orthodox Faith? – Let Father John know!

PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS at our CHURCH

We will host the Vespers on **Sunday evening, March 27th**. Food items (MEATLESS and DAIRY-FREE) are needed for the light meal after the service. There is a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour, or call Matushka Nancy (716.867.5546) or Nadia Ryan (716.228.2277).

FASTING for LITURGY of PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

When attending the weekly Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, please fast from 3pm on; or even better, fast after your lunch meal on for those of greater will.

Some Words on Fasting from St. John Chrysostom

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works.
If you see a poor man, take pity on him.
If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him.
Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, the ear, the feet, and the hands, and all members of our bodies.
Let the hands fast, by being free of riches.
Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin.
Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful.
Let the ears fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.
Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from fowl and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?

Great Lenten Prayer by St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Your servant.
Yes, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

An Evening Prayer

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. Amen.
Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope in You.
Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.
Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your commandments.
Blessed are You, O Holy One; enlighten me with Your precepts.
Your mercy endures forever, O Lord! Do not despise the works of Your hands!
To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Churches, at Annunciation Family Life Center, 5992 Genesee St., Lancaster NY – **Sat. March 12th, 1pm.** Speaker: V.Rev. Andrew Damick; Topic: "Demons, Paganism, and the Gospel"

VISITING the ELDERLY

Hopefully I can return to visiting our elderly and those in nursing facilities once a month. But also, if ANYONE needs a visit from me and/or would like to receive Holy Communion if unable to attend Liturgy, PLEASE CALL ME TO LET ME KNOW. I will gladly make time to meet with you. – *Father John*

CHURCH WEBSITE

Remember to check out our church website (www.peterandpauloca.org) and our Facebook page often for diocesan news, updates and photos.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Please remember to **TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD** one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 12th.

First Sunday — Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy

- ◆ Commemorates the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome.
- ◆ The spiritual theme of the day is (1) the victory of the True Faith, and (2) the icons of the saints bear witness that man "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen, 1:26) becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself.

Second Sunday — St. Gregory Palamas

- ◆ It was St. Gregory who bore living witness that men can become divine through the grace of God in the Holy Spirit; and that even in this life, by prayer and fasting, human beings can become participants of the uncreated light of God's divine glory.

Third Sunday — Veneration of the Cross

- ◆ The Cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten Season — (1) to remind us of Christ's redemption; and (2) to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." (Mt. 10:12)

Fourth Sunday — St. John the Ladder

- ◆ St. John the Ladder (Climacus) was the author of "The Ladder of Divine Ascent".
- ◆ He stands as witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10-12).
- ◆ St. John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mat.24:13).

Fifth Sunday — St. Mary of Egypt

- ◆ St. Mary of Egypt was the repentant harlot who tells us that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents.
- ◆ She tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to Him even at the eleventh hour of their lives.

WISDOM OF THE CHURCH FATHERS

Along with our iconography on the walls of our Church there goes, without saying, the living icons that are in our pews. Yes, we are all icons of God. Our demeanor and very being bring the living Christ to one another. This point must not be lost in simplicity. Our parish is in need of more of us to allow the humble servant Christ to shine forth. Our parish is in need of its people to be living icons of Christ's love. This can only happen when we allow ourselves to be transfigured into His glory.

Prayer, repentance, humility, patience, and love are the brushes and paints that make us anew in Him. We have put on Christ at our baptism and throughout our lives; we must feed ourselves with such heavenly manna, which is the diet of the saints. Let us celebrate our faith by making a concerted effort to learn more about what we believe and then put that into action! – *Selected*

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GENERAL CONFESSION SERVICE
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Our General Confession Service is held every 1st Sunday of the month at 9:25am.

Confessions are also heard before Vespers on Saturday evenings, and also before the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. During Great Lent, confessions also can be heard at 5:30pm before the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

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PRAYER LIST Updates
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Please inform Father John when a name on our prayer list can be removed.

Upcoming Important Dates

Sunday, March 6	Service of General Confession at 9:25am
Monday, March 7	Great Lent begins
Saturday, March 12	Daylight Savings Time begins–turn clocks AHEAD (1) hour before bedtime
Sunday, March 27	Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers at 6:00pm at Ss. Peter and Paul
Sat./Sun. May 21-22	Parish Visitation by Archbishop Michael

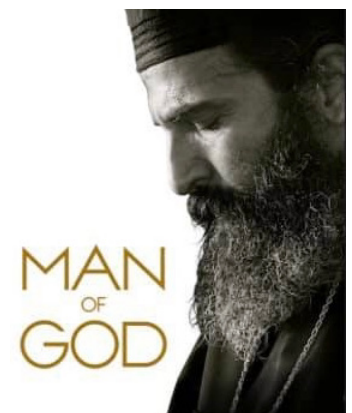
Sincere Sympathy Is Expressed...

To the family of ANNE KRAFCHAK who passed away recently, and
To the family of MARY BUGEL who also passed away recently.

**MAN OF GOD: Monday, March 21st
Regal Transit Center 18 Plus Imax
6707 Transit Rd., Williamsville – 7pm**

Exiled unjustly, convicted without a trial, slandered without cause. The life of St.

Nektarios of Aegina was one of persecution and prosecution. A priest of the common people, his popularity provoked the jealousy of the clergy in Alexandria and as a result, he was defrocked and expelled from Egypt. In contrast to his religious “superiors”, Nektarios cared for the poor, taught peasant girls to read and write, and performed miracles. Even his last moment on earth was used to help another: upon his death, Nektarios’ undergarment was removed, and as it fell upon a paralyzed man in the hospital bed next to him, the lame man arose to walk. So, too, do we hope MAN OF GOD will awaken the paralyzed faith in audiences around the world.



GENERAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:00pm Vespers

Sunday: 9:30am 3rd & 6th Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy

1st Sunday of Month: 9:25am General Confession Service

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The Most Blessed Tikhon (Mollard)

Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

The Most Reverend Michael (Dahulich)

Archbishop of New York, and New York and New Jersey

The Mission of the Orthodox Church in America, the local autocephalous Orthodox Christian Church, is to be faithful in fulfilling the commandment of Christ to “Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”



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MARCH 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 27 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy	Feb 28	1	2	3	4	5 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers
6 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE FORGIVENESS SUNDAY 9:25am General Confession/Hours 10am Divine Liturgy	7 GREAT FAST BEGINS	8	9 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	10	11 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TOMORROW Turn clocks AHEAD (1) HOUR tonight 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers
13 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy - Procession of Icons 6pm Vespers @ Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church	14	15	16 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	17	18 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	19 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers
20 ST GREGORY PALAMAS 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy 40day Memorial +Mary Bugel 6pm Vespers @ St Stephen Serbian Orthodox Church	21 7pm "Man of God" movie	22	23 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	24	25 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	26 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers
27 CROSS VENERATION SUNDAY 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy 6pm Vespers @ Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church	28	29	30 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	31	Apr 1 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	Apr 2 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers/All Souls Mem Service