

## Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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### Divine Liturgy Schedule

**January 1, 2017**

**Saturday, December 31**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 1**

**10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, January 3**

**9:00 AM**

**Wednesday, January 4**

**9:00 AM**

**Friday, January 6**

**\*\* 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, January 7**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 8**

**10:30 AM**

**SATURDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

God's Blessing & Good Health on All Parishioners

**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

† Bernadine Jabjiniak- Gerard Yanoshak

Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

† M/M Russell Skordy- Family

† Nathan & Catherine Slota- Family

**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD**

† M/M John Barno- Placek Family

Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

**SATURDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

† Bernadine Jabjiniak- Thomas & CJ Potsko

**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

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### Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

**Weekday Liturgy: Thursday 9:00AM**

**20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA**

*Christ is Born!- Glorify Him!*

*Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!*



**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**BASIL THE GREAT-ARCHBISHOP**  
**January 1, 2016**



**TROPAR OF THE RESURRECTION:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

**TROPAR OF THE FEAST:** You are seated on high on a fiery throne, with Your Father who is without beginning and Your Divine Spirit. Yet You willed, O Jesus, to be born of a virgin maiden, Your Mother, and as man, You were circumcised on the eighth day. Glory to Your all-gracious will, glory to Your providence, glory to Your condescension, O You who alone love mankind.

**TROPAR OF ST. BASIL:** Your message has spread through all the earth: it accepted the word with which you taught in a manner befitting God. You explained the nature of things and ordered human conduct. O namesake of the royal priesthood, venerable Father Basil, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,**

**KONDAK OF ST BASIL:** You have appeared as a firm foundation for the Church, maintaining its authority as a sure refuge for mortals, sealing it by your doctrine, O venerable Basil, revealer of heaven.

**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK OF CIRCUMCISION:** The Lord of all submits to circumcision and in His love cuts off the failing of mortals; today He gives the world salvation. While in the highest there rejoices Basil the hierarch of the Creator and bearer of Light, and the divine initiate of Christ.

**PROKEMEINON OF SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY:** Save your people, O Lord and bless Your inheritance. **verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest you turn from me in silence. My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy:**

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the

Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

**ALLELUIA:** God, be merciful to us and bless us. Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock.

**Gospel of Mark 1: 1-8, Luke 2: 20-21, 40-52:**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the

Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.



**HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD; IN PLACE OF "IT IS TRULY, . . ."** In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, pride and boast of virgins', 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. (Psalm 148:1)

## **CHURCH NEWS ...**

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us immediately after Divine Liturgy on Sunday for a New Year's Day Coffee Social! Everyone is Welcome!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**. Everyone is invited to participate!

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262 or sign up in the back vestibule.

**MAJOR HOLY DAY:** On Friday, January 6 we celebrate the Feast of The Theophany of Our Lord which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**BLESSING OF WATER:** On **Friday, January 6** we will have the service of the Blessing of Water. Please remember to bring your containers in order to bring water home.

**LOTTERY TICKETS:** The tickets are for the straight pick three for the month of February 2017. They are \$5.00 each. **Returns are due January 15, 2017.** Please try to sell the tickets or as many tickets as you can. If we sell all the tickets we stand to make a profit of \$1,500. If you did not receive tickets or if you can sell more tickets, contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.

**SEMINARY DONATION:** A donation has been made to St. Josaphat's Seminary in Washington D.C. in memory of Stephen, John, Russell and Harry Yanoshak.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** Church envelopes and Calendars are available in the basement of the church. If for some reason you did receive church envelopes, please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.

**MYASOPUSNA 2017:** Myasopusna 2017 is just around the corner on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please save the day!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:** Please keep in your thoughts & prayers Father Nestor Iwasiw, Saints Cyril & Methodius Church(Olyphant), who is in the hospital with a leg infection that has developed into MRSA.

## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS...

**MALANKA :** Northeastern Pennsylvania's 13th Annual Ukrainian New Year Dinner Dance - MALANKA - will take place from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday evening, **January 14, 2017** at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore, PA. Please note that we are moving from St. Vladimir parish center to a different venue, engaging a popular caterer who has an outstanding reputation and contracting with a different musical group. Basically, we have followed the same format for twelve years and many agree it is time for some changes. The menu will feature both Ukrainian and American fare catered by Kathy Gavin of Stirna's Catering. Music for dancing will be provided by the Ukrainian band "Fourth Wave Ensemble" of Philadelphia. Cash bar will be available. Wearing Ukrainian attire is encouraged. Tickets \$45.00. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Andrew Jamula at 570 822-5354. No tickets will be sold at the door. Divine Liturgy is at 4:00pm every Saturday at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church.

**CHOIR TO PERFORM AT SCRANTON'S ST. VLADIMIR CHURCH:** The Dzvin Ukrainian Folk Choir of Philadelphia will appear at Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue on Sunday, **January 22, 2017** at 3:00pm. The eighteen-member all male group will offer a program of Ukrainian and English Christmas carols. The group is known for its rendering of traditional and contemporary Ukrainian songs with a unique and lively interpretation. They have appeared extensively in Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland as well as in Canada. The event is open to the public and no tickets are required. Attendees can make a free will offering if they so desire.

**COLLECTION: Dec. 25; -Total:\$2428;Weekly:\$683;HolyDays:\$80;Candles:\$17; Christmas:\$1521;Flowers:\$30;Dio:\$12;Lottery:\$40;Energy:\$20;Imp:\$5;Maint.:\$20.**



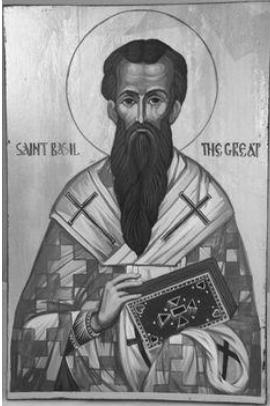
**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing Homes:** Catherine Lachowecz, Mary Kozmoski, Theodore Kulmatiski, John Petrochko, Jr., Dorothy Kopiak **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, John Petrochko, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski. Sophie Saronka **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw.

**PRAYERS:** Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help.

Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering.

**CANDLE LISTS:** The new 2017 Candle Lists are in the back of the church.

## St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia Commemorated on January 1



Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, “belongs not to the Church of Caesarea alone, nor merely to his own time, nor was he of benefit only to his own kinsmen, but rather to all lands and cities worldwide, and to all people he brought and still brings benefit, and for Christians he always was and will be a most salvific teacher.” Thus spoke Saint Basil’s contemporary, Saint Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium. By his letters, Basil drew his good friend Gregory the Theologian to the monastery. Saints Basil and Gregory labored in strict abstinence in their dwelling place, which had no roof or fireplace, and the food was very humble. They themselves cleared away the stones, planted and watered the trees, and carried heavy loads. Their hands were constantly calloused from the hard work. For clothing Basil had only a tunic and monastic mantle. He wore a hairshirt, but only at night, so that it would not be obvious.

In their solitude, Saints Basil and Gregory occupied themselves in an intense study of Holy Scripture. Monasteries were organized for men and for women, in which places Basil sought to combine the cenobitic (koine bios, or common) lifestyle with that of the solitary hermit.

As Bishop of Caesarea, Saint Basil the Great with joy and with thanks to God welcomed the appointment to Cappadocia of such a bishop as Basil, famed for his reverence, deep knowledge of Holy Scripture, great learning, and his efforts for the welfare of Church peace and unity. Saint Basil’s difficulties were made worse by various circumstances: Cappadocia was divided. The emperor Valens, mercilessly sending into exile any bishop who displeased him. He threaten the saint with the confiscation of his property, banishment, beatings, and even death. The official was stunned by his answer. Saint Basil said, “If you take away my possessions, you will not enrich yourself, nor will you make me a pauper. You have no need of my old worn-out clothing, nor of my few books, of which the entirety of my wealth is comprised. Exile means nothing to me, since I am bound to no particular place. This place in which I now dwell is not mine, and any place you send me shall be mine. Better to say: every place is God’s. Where would I be neither a stranger and sojourner (Ps. 38/39:13)? Who can torture me? I am so weak, that the very first blow

would render me insensible. Death would be a kindness to me, for it will bring me all the sooner to God, for Whom I live and labor, and to Whom I hasten.” “No one has ever spoken so audaciously to me,” he said. “Perhaps,” the saint remarked, “that is because you’ve never spoken to a bishop before. In all else we are meek, the most humble of all. But when it concerns God, and people rise up against Him, then we, counting everything else as naught, look to Him alone. Then fire, sword, wild beasts and iron rods that rend the body, serve to fill us with joy, rather than fear.”



### JANUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory of John Yanoshak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek for Blessings on the Lipowski-Placek Families.

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& PAULINE SLOTA.**

