

## Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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### September 10, 2017

#### Divine Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, September 9

6:00PM

Helen O'Bremski- Lee Family

Sunday, September 10

10:30AM

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Monday, September 11

9:00AM

God's Blessings- Health & Success for Emergency

Responders of USA & the World- Mark & Arlene Jennings

10:30AM

**Funeral Liturgy for Theodore Kulmatiski**

Tuesday, September 12

6:30PM

**Parish Council Meeting- Everyone Welcome!!**

Wednesday, September 13

6:30PM

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Health & Blessings for Joyce Bittinger- Mark & Arlene

Jennings

Saturday, September 16

6:00PM

Dorothy Cooper- Lipowski Family

**AFTER LITURGY**

**BIBLE STUDY-Bring your Bible!**

Sunday, September 17

10:30AM

**SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

\*\*\*\*\*Clergy Retreat From September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

Holy Day Liturgy: Thursday 9:00AM(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**September 10, 2015**

**TROPAR:** Believers, let us worship and praise in song the Word of God. He is co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Yet he was born of a virgin for our salvation. In the flesh, he willingly ascended the cross and suffered death, that he might raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

**TROPAR:** Save your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** By your choice, O Christ our God. You were lifted on the cross. Grant Your mercies to Your new community that bears Your Name. By Your power gladden the faithful people and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

**PROKIMEN:** 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.

**A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

**ALLELUIA:** I have exalted one chosen from among My people; with My holy oil I have anointed him. Alleluia (3). Indeed, My hand shall sustain him, and my arm shall make him strong. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of John 3:13-17**

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**COMMUNION VERSE** - Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3).

### **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS in the GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

In case you don't know what, that title means, IC XC are abbreviations (in both Greek and Slavonic) for the name Jesus Christ. NIKAI is a Greek verb that means "conquers" (perhaps "is victorious" is better, though not as grammatically accurate). Why am I giving you a lesson in Greek words and abbreviations? First of all, it will help you understand a few things you may see in the Eastern Christian tradition. On icons of Christ, you will always find somewhere the IC XC. If you look carefully when a Byzantine Catholic or Orthodox priest gives a blessing, you'll see (if they're doing it correctly) that they form the fingers of their right hand into the letters IC XC. So we always bless with the sign of the Cross and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Liturgy, the priest facing the people holds his hand so that the fingers make the letters IC XC and gives the cross to the faithful who then receive the cross. This is why from the priest's perspective during the blessing his hand goes to his left first but to the people facing him, to their right first [actually the Priest is asking God to give the people a blessing]. Here is the meaning, the priest presents the cross to the person and the person picks up, or takes up, their cross willingly. The cross is never imposed on a person, they take it up willingly.



**SYMPATHY:** Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mr. Theodore Kulmatiski** who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, September 7. May Our Lord grant him rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints and may his memory be eternal. **Vichnaya pamyat. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Kulmatiski & Yanoshak Families.** Calling Hours will be on Sunday, September 10 from 4pm-6pm. Parastas will be at 6:00pm at Grontkowski Funeral Home, Green Street, Nanticoke. The Funeral will be on Sunday, September 11, Divine Liturgy will be at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church at 10:30am.



**Welcome! VITAEMO!** You enter this Church - not as strangers, but as children of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come into His presence then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, offering Him your love. .... Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may the blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in. .... Bringing people together to worship in the hope of everlasting love.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Our deepest thanks to Dave & Cynthia Siergiej and Mike & Jill Gagliardi for sponsoring last week's coffee hour! Thank You!

**BIBLE STUDY/ADULT DISCUSSION:** We will be holding Bible Study/Adult Discussion Group on **Saturday evenings** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Discussion Sessions will be **Saturday, September 16** and **Saturday, September 30**. The topic of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will discuss the Book of Psalms and the Liturgy.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Parish Council will be **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**. Topics to be discussed are: the Parish Picnic & Feedback, Future Fund Raising, Upcoming Holy Days, Bible Study/Adult Discussion, Movies, etc. Parish maintenance issues will also be discussed.

**CLERGY RETREAT:** There will be a clergy retreat on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Longbranch, NJ. If you should have an emergency contact any local Catholic priest.

**CHOIR BIRTHDAY:** Our Holy Year Choir under the direction of Dr. Richard Barno will turn **42** this year! Mnohaya Lita! God Bless You and Grant You Good Health & Many Happy Years! Congratulations!!



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners  
**Nursing Homes:** Mary Kozmoski, Dorothy Kopiak. **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak. **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski, Sophie Staronka, Geraldine Adamchak. **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw, Peter Slota. **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Sister Iliana; Father Daniel.

**LUC CONVENTION:** The League of Ukrainian Catholics will hold their annual convention on **October 6, 7 & 8** in Wilkes-Barre, culminating with a 9:30AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 8 at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth. **Due to this Event, there will be no Liturgy at Transfiguration Of Our Lord Church on Sunday, October 8. Fr. Paul Wolensky will lead the choir at this Divine Liturgy, if you wish to be a part of this choir, please join him in the choir loft.**



**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH HOAGIE SALE:** St. Nicholas Church, 153 East Main Street, Glen Lyon will be holding a hoagie and bake sale on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** from 11AM to 5PM in the church hall. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Turkey or Italian Hoagies cost is \$5.00 each.

**WEDDING CELEBRATION:** The rescheduled date for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration is **Sunday, October 15, 2017**. All married couples are invited to attend the 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, followed by a dinner. Please see bulletin board in back of church.

**LUC MOLEBBEN:** Father Paul Wolensky, pastor of Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on **Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 3:00pm** to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). The primary agenda item will be the upcoming LUC Convention in Wilkes-Barre the weekend of October 6 to 8. For those who have mobility issues, the church is handicapped accessible and wheelchair friendly. This is a public event of St. Vladimir parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

**Please keep in your prayers all those families  
who are facing difficulties due to the many Hurricanes .....**

**A Prayer in Time of Natural Disaster**

Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.

We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over. We ask this in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Source: Catholic Relief Services



**A PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

Father in Heaven,

We look to you for peace in a world filled with anger.

We look to you for hope in a world filled with despair.

We look to you for love in a world filled with hatred.

May those who lost their lives, find peace in your Kingdom.

May families and friends left behind, find solace in your Love.

May a world shattered by these tragedies, find healing in your strength.

O Merciful Lord,

Guide our future with your wisdom.

Bestow tranquility on our world.

Bring compassion to our hearts. Amen.



## SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by the Lee Family  
in loving memory of Helen Lee.

The **Eternal Light** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen  
For Good Health & Blessings for Irene Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Joan Cominsky  
In loving memory of John Petrochko.

The **Proscomedion Table** is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski in  
loving memory of Mary & Joseph Englot.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by M/M Ed Schwartz  
for Blessings on their Grandchildren.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month of September

Candle Before Christ is given MaryAnn Jarolen in memory of  
Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

Candle Before the Theotokos is given by Anna Kutsup  
In lovingly memory of Mary Kressel.