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Divine Liturgy Schedule  
August 8, 2021

Saturday, August 7

6:00 PM

Sunday, August 8

10:30 AM

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings on Tom, MaryAnn & the Potsko Family

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

Monday, August 9

9:00 AM

Friday, August 13

10:00 AM

†Jason Yanoski-Rita Kurtz

God's Blessings on America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, August 14

6:00 PM

Sunday, August 15

10:30 AM

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

**DORMITION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Danny Lee- Lee Family



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Mary Hoolick. **At Home:**

Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Marion Hvozda, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela, Josephine Latoszewski; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer**

**Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister

Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich. Pavlyk Motychka(baby in Ukraine with SMA); Marion Hvozda; Rita Kurtz.

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### ANTIPHON 1

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendor.

You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

**Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...**

### ANTIPHON 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

**TROPAR:** When You went down into death, O Life Immortal. You then dealt a death blow to hell with the brilliance of Your divinity. When you raised the dead from the very bowels of the earth, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**TROPAR:** You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear. Make Your eternal light shine also on us who are sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, and Your disciples saw Your glory as much as they could; that when they saw You crucified, they might know that You suffered willingly, and might proclaim to the world that You are truly the brightness of the Father.

**PROKIMEN:** The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.  
Verse: O Lord, Save the king and hear us on whatever day we call upon you. How great are Your works, O Lord, You have made all things in wisdom.

*A Reading of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12):*



Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia(3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia(3). Yours are the heavens, and Yours the earth. Alleluia(3).

**Matthew 18:23 – 35**



The Lord told this parable; "This is why the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and besought him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a

hundred denarii, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' But he would not; but went away and cast him into prison until he should pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, 'Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you did entreat me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?' And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts."

**INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT....:** O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain. Irmos: Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

### **AUGUST CANDLES**

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Lee Family in  
loving memory of Danny Lee.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ellen Algrainy  
In memory of John Hook.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelley  
in loving memory of Julia Boback.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by the Koretz Family  
in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **Icon Candle before the Theotokos** is  
Given by Diane Petry for Jason Yankosky,  
A Holy Soul in Purgatory.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos** is  
Given by Lisa Placek in loving memory of John Lipowski.

The **Icon Table Candle of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
Is given for Blessings for Our Parish.

**CHURCH NEWS .... "Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing."**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! It's a ANOTHER BIG WEEK for Birthday's!** A Very Happy Birthday to Joanne Kawczenski who celebrates her birthday on August 7! Mnohaya Lita! Our Birthday wishes are extended to Robert Longenberger who celebrates a birthday on August 11! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Years!



**FLEA MARKET:** A Flea Market will be held on Aug 14, 21, and 28. From 9am until 2pm. Please do not bring anymore clothing or merchandise until October. **Please do not bring anything to the church basement.**

**WYOMING VALLEY CHURCHES MEETING:** There will be another meeting of the church representatives at St. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth. A Feasibility Study will be conducted about merging four Parishes into one Parish.

**BLESSING OF FLOWERS:** Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God. There will be Blessing of Flowers immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please remember to bring flowers to church if you wish to bless them

**ETHIC FOOD:** Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut) ...\$5.00/each, halushki (cabbage & noodles)... \$3.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

**LABOR DAY FOOD FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE:** The scheduled date for our Labor Day Food Festival is Saturday, September 4, 2021. We will have a Labor Day Food Festival Meeting on **Tuesday, August 3rd, 5 pm** in the parish basement.

**POTATO PYROHY FOR SALE:** We still have pyrohy \$8.00 a dozen for sale... please contact the rectory office.



**Father, I try to pray and sometimes it is difficult to start and keep going. What do you suggest? I wait for a quiet moment where I can prayer for a period of time-beyond a prescribed morning prayer, evening prayer, Our Father- but it doesn't seem to happen. I postpone, and then I don't. What is the simplest suggestion that you can give me?** Just do it. Put on your schedule everyday a

time to pray and at that time pray. If you wait for “ the right feeling” you will probably never pray. Why? This is because prayer in addition to being in conversation with God, also binds the devil and demons and they don't like to be bound. The demons will do anything to inhibit you from praying and especially getting started. Ask any athlete who will be completely honest with you-“What is the most difficult part of working out?” And they will answer you that it is getting started. Because, when they begin working out is when the feelings are strongest to go back to resting and doing nothing. The same is true with prayer. Make a time in your day and no matter what is going on- when it is time to pray-pray. You need to develop the habit of prayer. Sometimes it will be easy and sometimes it will be difficult. You will always notice that the fruits of prayer are the same. Prayer is not easy. Pray when you don't feel like it. Pray when you think you can't. Just keep trying. In the most difficult of times, remember the Jesus Prayer, and repeat it over and over. “Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.”

Prayer is the light of the soul, giving us true knowledge of God. It is a link mediating between God and man. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvellous way embraces the Lord. – **St John Chrysostom**

#### **PRAYER TO SAINT ANN**

Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by God to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace and the favor we now seek. Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

#### **PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP**

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our Archeparchy so that we may grow in Your Charity. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is the Antimension?** A little background for you, you have probably seen or heard about a priest having a white cloth-which is the minimum necessary to have on an impromptu altar. An example you have commonly heard about or seen in pictures is during World War II or Korea, using the hood of a jeep or a tailgate of a truck or a large boulder as the impromptu altar and you can see the Antimension laying on it. The Roman Catholic practice for an altar is a stone. The Roman Catholic priest at time of war would have had to carry a large stone with him and this is not practical. Roman Catholic bishops permitted their priests serving as chaplains in the army to use an Antimension which is part of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church practice in lieu of carrying around a stone for an altar. These Antimensions were blessed by the Roman Catholic Bishop for the Roman Catholic priests. A little piece of history you might find interesting. (or not.)

The Antimension is a rectangular silk or linen cloth, (white or slightly tan in color), with the Icon of Christ lying in the Tomb and the instruments of His Passion (crucifixion). The instruments of Christ's passion are the spear, the Cross, sponge on a reed, and the crown of thorns. In the corners are the four evangelists, a Holy relic is sewn into the cloth, by which we are reminded that in the early Church the Divine Liturgy was celebrated over the tomb of a Martyr). The Antimension is permanently on the Holy Altar under the Gospel Book in all Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches. At the opening of the Liturgy, the priest makes the sign of the cross with the Gospel the Book over the Antimension. When the priest intones, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen."

Likewise, after communion, when the priest intones, "For You are Our sanctification and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen." Now after the reading of the Gospel, when the priest puts the LOGOS, (Jesus Christ- the Word of God, the Book of Gospels), on the altar upright in front of the Tabernacle, he is preparing the altar space where the Antimension has been laying folded in three's, to be unfolded after the Homily as the Liturgy continues in preparation for the Great Entrance with the Gifts which will become the Body and Blood of Christ which will be placed and consecrated on the unfolded Antimension. This same cloth was used by the Bishop during the consecration of the Holy Altar of the Church, and it bears the Bishop's signature. It is deemed necessary for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and indicated that the priest acts under the proper authority of and in union with his Bishop. There are no "independent" churches or priests in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. When a new

Bishop is enthroned, the Antimension will be replaced with a new Antimension with the current Bishop's signature.

Without the Antimension is there is no Divine Liturgy. Please keep in mind that the Antimension remains on the Holy Altar and most parishioners never see it and are not allowed to touch it. The Antimension is NOT the cloth covering the communion cup. ( I did have to explain this to a parishioner.)