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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 16, 2022

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Saturday, January 15	THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
6:00 PM	†Andrew Kobela- Ellen Alqrainy
Sunday, January 16	THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 AM	God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners
Wednesday, January 19	God's Blessings on America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
10:00 AM	
Thursday, January 20	†Anna Kucab- Anna Kutsup
10:00 AM	
Friday, January 21	***SS. Peter & Paul Church, Plymouth
8:30 AM	End To Abortion (MARCH FOR LIFE)

Saturday, January 22	THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
6:00 PM	†Irene Hvozda-Helen Lipowski
Sunday, January 23	THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 AM	God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners
Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Josephine Latoszewski. **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); Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber.

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All mankind acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

PROKEIMENON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

A reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 1:15-17:

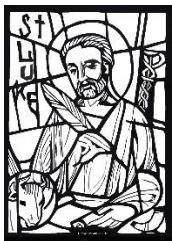
Brethren, Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). God gives me vindication and has subdued people under me. Alleluia (3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia (3).



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Luke 18:35-43

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the wayside, begging; but hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what this might be. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And they who went in front angrily tried to silence him. But he cried out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then Jesus stopped and commanded that he should be brought to him. And when he drew near, he asked him, saying, "What would you have me do for you?" And he said, "Lord, that I may see." And Jesus said to him, "Receive you sight, you faith has saved you." And at once he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people upon seeing it gave praise to God.

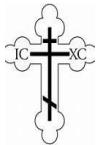
COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.
ALLELUIA (3).

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O Glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Protect the Sovereign Pontiff and all bishops and priests united with him. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ and the Church He founded. Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me purity of heart and a love for the spiritual life. After your example, let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.



CHURCH NEWS “Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing.”



SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Ms. Sophie Staronka who fell asleep in the Lord on **Thursday, December 23rd**. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints, and may her memory be eternal. Sophie will always be remembered as a kind and gentle soul who had a smile for everyone. Vichnaya Pamyat. May Her Memory Be Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Staronka & Faiges Family.

PRAYERS: Please keep Anna Kutsup in your thoughts and prayers, she is currently rehabilitating at Highland Manor, 750 Schooley Ave, Exeter, Pa 18643.



MYOSOPUSNA PROJECT 2022: Myasopusna will fall on **Sunday, February 20th**. There was a meeting of the Myasopusna Group. It was decided that we would sell tickets for a cold dinner (already cooked) and it would be strictly take-out. Like many projects, we need a group of people to volunteer to work the event. There will be a sheet in the back of the church to volunteer to help with this “take-out” event to get an idea how much help will be available on that day or even if we need to move it to another day. What was discussed was to have the deadline for Meal Tickets to be handed in will be by February 6th.

PYROHY MAKING: We will be making pyrohy on Saturday, January 22 at 8:30AM. If it snows the snow date is Saturday, January 29th. We will be making 90 dozen.

PARISH MEETING: We need to have a meeting to discuss the combining of Parishes. We are looking for feedback to schedule this meeting in conjunction with Father Waslo in the New Year.

BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262 or put a request in the collection basket.

CANDLES: The 2022 Candle Sheets are now in the back of the Church.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: The church envelopes have not yet arrived, they are printed and awaiting delivery. You can put your donation in an envelope with you name- keep in mind that we do not use the Church Envelope Numbers to identify a parishioner. If you need a plain envelope, there is one available in the back of the church OR you can take a handful of redacted (Numbers & Dates on the Envelopes Blacked Out) church envelopes to use! Help Yourself!

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKETS OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE: If anyone has a gently used Christmas Tree, Nativity, Outdoor Decorations, etc. that they are no longer using and wish to donate to the church for Flea Markets of Christmas Future please contact the rectory 570-735-2262 or Johanna 570-256-7883. You don't need to hold on to that tree to next November!



Father I have a question, I was reading an article on The Nativity and the perspective of the Theotokos at the Birth of her Son? Is it true, did Mary really know that the Son she was about to give birth to, was to be the Light of the World and also suffer a horrific death as a "Man?" In short, yes. Remember that just because you don't find something in the Bible does not mean it didn't happen. Remember the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, out of the Catholic Tradition which is oral- there is so much more that is known than has been written. The Church Tradition about Gabriel announcing to Mary is that Gabriel revealed to Mary, who was approximately 14 years old, everything at the Annunciation about Jesus & His life on earth and what He would go through as a Man & God. Mary knew that He was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. When Mary asked Jesus to do something at the wedding of Cana, she knew that she was asking Christ to start His walk to the Cross. All of this is found in the prayers of the vespers for the Feast day of Annunciation of Theotokos:

"Gabriel stood in your presence, O holy Virgin, and revealed the eternal plan to you. He greeted you and announced: Rejoice, O earth that has not been sown! Rejoice, O burning bush that was not consumed! Rejoice, O unsearchable depth! Rejoice, O bridge which leads to heaven; O high ladder which Jacob saw! Rejoice, O vessel of divine manna! Rejoice, O invocation of Adam! The Lord is with you."



Father I have a question, how long should I fast before the beginning of the Divine Liturgy in order to receive communion? Let me begin by asking you a question, "How strong do you desire to be spiritually?" Do you desire to be weak when the devil and demons attack or do you desire to be strong enough to resist on that evil day as St. Paul tells us? If you desire to be strong you will exercise, just like an athlete exercises- by lifting heavier & heavier weights as you become stronger? So, God gives us three methods of exercising to grow in strength spiritually in the battle against Lucifer and demons-these exercises are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So, if you desire to be strong and you are fasting before the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy you would have nothing to eat or drink after dinner time Saturday evening. If you desire to be weak, you will do nothing-simply eat breakfast before church Sunday morning. In decades past, you have heard from Bishops that a minimum of three hours before the Liturgy is sufficient, and then a short time after you may have heard that one hour is sufficient. The Bishops reduced it to this, claiming that fasting for the whole night was too difficult and they had to make it easier for people.

Even God is merciful and desires good things for you, he does not ask you to hurt yourself, He is instructing you how to live well. If you are aged and need to eat or drink a small breakfast in order to take medicine, insulin, etc. out of necessity, then it is okay to do so. Now that you are reminded that fasting is a way to grow in self-control and grow in virtue, you can choose for yourself, based on what you are able to do. Just as a young athlete cannot lift the heaviest weights on the first day, neither can a person who has tried to fast in the past or exercise this practice, they will have difficulty fasting from the evening before, but if they begin to practice this, they would be able to accomplish it. So I close with my opening question, how strong do you desire to be?



Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

JANUARY CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Father Walter Pasicznyk

In loving memory of Ihor Pasicznyk & Family.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Anna Kutsup

In loving memory of Anna Kucab.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen

For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Icon Table Candle before the Theotokos** is Given by Lisa Placek
& Helen Lipowski in loving memory of Catherine Slota.

The **Proskomedia Table** is given by Lisa Placek &

Helen Lipowski for God's Blessings on Anna Kutsup.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Olympia Pasicznyk

in loving memory of the Kuczeriawa and Rogozinska Families.