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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 3, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!



Saturday, July 2

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE

†John Opachinski, Sr. –Lee Family

Sunday, July 3

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Monday, July 4

10:00 AM

FOURTH OF JULY

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Tuesday, July 5

10:00 AM

ATHANASIUS OF MOUNT ATHOS

†Mary Kressel- †Anna Kutsup

Wednesday, July 6

10:00 AM

†Irene Hvozda- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Thursday, July 7

9:00 AM

Thanksgiving Liturgy- Marianne Sailus

Friday, July 8

9:00 AM

Healing & God's Blessings for Rita Kurtz- Diane Petry

Saturday, July 9

6:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Henry Heylek, Sr.- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, July 10

10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our **Parishioners Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; 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. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Ted Weron, Fr. Gregory Maslak, Mary Yules, Angel Ocasio.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

TROPAR: O you, who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times, pray Christ God to look with favor on our people and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith that the souls of prayerful faithful who revere your sacred memory may be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: You shine as bright beacons, O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church. By your encouraging example, you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world. Therefore, we humbly bow our heads to you thanking our great and all-gracious God Who has made you our intercessors in heaven where you pray for our souls.

PROKEIMON: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. Clap your hands, all you nations, shout unto God with the voice of joy. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

A Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 6:18-23:

Brethren, freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to licentiousness for their degradation, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the

benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. **Alleluia (3)** Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia (3). Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. **Alleluia (3).**

Gospel Matthew 8:5-13



At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

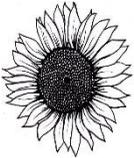
COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens: Praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones. Praise from the upright is fitting Alleluia (3).

***Finally, to bind everything together and complete the whole, there must be love. -
Colossians (3:14)***

CHURCH NEWS Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to Arlene Czarnecki who celebrates her 92nd Birthday on July 6. Mnohaya Lita!! God Bless her Health and Happiness!

FLEA & FOOD MARKET: Our sincerest thanks to EVERYONE who made this fundraiser a success. YOU are the reason we continue to exist and grow. Thank You. The bulletin will print the final amount in forthcoming weeks. Thank you to Bob & Johanna who organized our Flea Market and the people who regularly help them organize and tag all the items for sale. Thank you to Everyone who served our food, fried potato pancakes, and staffed our kitchen every week of the three weeks of the Flea Market - we appreciate your dedication.



UKRAINIAN BASKET RAFFLE: Our deepest gratitude is extended to everyone who helped make our Ukrainian Fund Raiser a Success from both Transfiguration of Our Lord Church and Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth! The Profits go to a great cause! We had 31 baskets which was phenomenal and sold out of Raffle Tickets! The Preliminary Profit from our Fundraiser for Ukrainian Aid (Raffle, Donations, Plant/Flag/Garden/Birdhouse sale) was \$2,993. We are grateful and that gratitude is not limited to our Parishes but extends to people of Ukraine who will benefit from the monies raised. Continue to pray for Peace. Thank you very much to the following who have donated raffle baskets for the Ukraine fund raiser:

Marymae Alberola
Erin Baress
Stanley Bogdon (2)
MaryAnn Jarolen
Kawczenskis (4)
Ketler Florist (3)
Arlene Jennings
Donna Kelly
Maryann Kelly
Longenbergers (2)
Gayle Miles and Bobby
Mary Oresick (4)
Lisa Placek (2)
Ed and Mary Schwartz (2)
St Peter & Paul Church (6)



JULY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings
In loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel and Robert Jennings.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko in loving
Memory of Henry, Helen & Joseph Heylek.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen
For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are
Given by Maryann, Jenn & Tom In memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Proscomedica Table Candles** are given by
Marianne Sailus in Thanksgiving.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz
For God's Blessings on on their grand-daughter, Elizabeth.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by
The Pasicznyk Family for Conversion of Heart For Laura Holt.

The **Icon Table Before the Theotokos** is given by Fr. Walter for
God's Blessings & Salvation for Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Icon Table Before the Transfiguration of Our Lord** is given by Olympia Pasicznyk
For Salvation of Pavlo Kuczeriawey.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Lisa Placek for
God's Blessings & Good Health for Helen Lipowski.

SS. CYRIL & METHIDIUS CHURCH /2022 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

JULY 9TH/10TH AND OCTOBER 15TH/16TH

HELD AT ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH PARKING LOT

207 RIVER ST., OLYPHANT

11:00 TO 7:00 each day

TRUCKS: **July 9th**: BellaRose, Fondippity, Roseanna's Pizza, Hog Farm BBQ, Polish Connection, Pop-Pop's Grille, Manning's Mobile Ice Cream, Capra Collina Winery, 2 Dogs and a Guy Brewery, Deep Roots Hard Cider. **July 10th**: ***All of the above plus:*** Murts Diner, 2Wayz/One Passion, Murts Desserts.

CRAFTS: Cheryl's Wreaths, Krysta's Custom Creations, Friends w/Paws, Betty's Crafts, Chrissy's Crafts, Jill's Biscotti, Brock's Fresh Breads, EYES Creative Crafts

PLUS: Big Six Wheel, Basket Raffle, Money Raffle, Games for Kids, Face Painting, Free Balloons, Entertainment. (Additional crafters wanted: call Carol (570) 766-0596



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Do Angels exist? Angels do exist! Besides our visible universe God has created another, invisible, corporeal spiritual world. Though angels are superior to us in dignity, we are created more perfectly in God's image. The Holy Spirit attests to their creation before the universe to their great numbers, and to their primary ministry, which is to 'present the prayers of the Saints' to God, and to behold His glory. The Lord said, "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven" and glorify Him incessantly. The angels are assigned to many 'orders' usually grouped in nine, although we know nothing definite about this. God has assigned angels to protect us, from different scriptural passages we are taught the angels are assigned by God to protect entire nations and individuals. Certain angels are assigned to minister to us, by being God's messengers, and attend to the spiritual progress and perfection of human beings. They are placed in the service of God's plan of salvation for man. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to salvation? "We pray for the guardian angel, (not that one may be given us), since each of us has one from the moment of his birth, but that he may be active and may fulfill his task, that he may protect us and lead us in the right way, and may not, angered by our sins, desert us." Several of the Fathers of the Church teach that only baptized Christians have a guardian angel. According to certain Fathers, we are assigned two angels a good one, our guardian angel, and an evil one. Guardian angels guide human beings and steer them in the path of goodness without interfering with their free will or forcing them to follow it. When we fall into serious sin, however, the guardian angel departs. At the hour of death, the guardian angel will carry the soul to heaven. In the prayer "You who in all times." Recited during Hours, we pray, "Surround us with your holy angels, so that guarded and guided by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory."



Psalm 11- NIV- For the director of music. Of David

In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain. For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.



VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE KIEV FAR CAVES **(FEAST DAY: JULY 10) *The Father of Monasticism in the Kievan-Rus Kingdom***

Saint Anthony of the Kiev Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in Saint Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you. Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kiev, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos. Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dnieper. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint. Among Anthony's first disciples was Saint Nikon (March 23), who tonsured Saint Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032. The virtuous life of Saint Anthony illumined the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. Saint Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked Saint Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about Saint Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it. After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, Saint Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves. At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery.

With the blessing of Saint Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kiev Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although Saint Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus. For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and Saint Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kiev Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the Russian land on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of Saint Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073. Through Divine Providence, the relics of Saint Anthony remain hidden.



St. Vladimir I of Kyiv

Born to a family of rulers in 958, he was eventually king of the Kievan-Rus', but only after building an army and waging a combative power struggle against his brother, following the death of their father. By 980, at 22, Vladimir had built a realm that extended from Ukraine to the Baltic Sea. A pagan, Vladimir took seven wives, and participated in religious rituals that some scholars believe involved human sacrifices. But under the guidance of the Byzantine emperor Basil II, Vladimir became a

Christian in 987, reportedly after he sent emissaries to study the religious practices of neighboring countries and people. Vladimir is said to have found Eastern Christianity to be the most beautiful of any religion his advisors studied who reported after their return from Constantinople, ". . . we could not tell if we were in heaven or on earth." However, it happened, once he was a Christian, Vladimir ordered that pagan idols be thrown into

the river, that churches be built, and that his countrymen be catechized in the Christian religion and the nation be baptized. He also built schools and developed programs of aid for the poor, at the same time developing habits of extraordinary personal charity. His rule — and especially the Christianity he brought to Ukraine — saw him remembered as St. Vladimir the Great. Such is the conversion of a person's life we call sainthood.



Blessed Michaelina Josaphata Hordashevka

Born in Lviv in 1869, Michaelina was known for her unusual piety in childhood. At 18, she felt herself called to be consecrated entirely to God and made a private vow of chastity. Michaelina planned to enter a contemplative and cloistered order of nuns, until her spiritual director urged her to consider instead a new apostolic community of sisters, which would serve the poor as nurses, teachers, catechists, and caretakers for children. The Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate were founded in 1892. Michaelina, taking the name Sister Josaphata, was the community's first superior at age 23; the group began with just seven young sisters. Within 10 years, there were 128 sisters in Ukraine, and sisters soon went to Canada to serve Ukrainian immigrants living there. Under Sister Josaphata's leadership, the community's active life was attractive and evangelically effective, and it became eventually the largest community of women religious in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Sister Josaphata faced difficulty in the community: because of internal division, she was not permitted until 1909 to make final profession of vows in the community she had cofounded. She also faced health problems: in her 40s she was diagnosed with tuberculosis, and after a long and painful illness, she died at 49 in April 1919. She was beatified in 2001, during Pope St. John Paul II's pastoral visit to Ukraine.

WHO KNEW?! The Complete version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" showing spelling and punctuation from Francis Scott Key's manuscript in the Maryland Historical Society collection.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there, O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected now shines in the stream, 'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore, That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a Country should leave us no more? Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave, And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation! Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto - "In God is our trust," And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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