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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 16, 2023, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!



Saturday, July 15

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

†John Skordy- Lee Family

Sunday, July 16

10:30 AM

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†Thomas Sydnor- Sandra Sydnor & Family

Monday, July 17

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 AM

†Maria Olympia Pasicznyk (40th Day)- Pasicznyk Family

Thursday, July 20

10:00 AM

ELIJAH GREAT PROPHET

†Edward & Anna Kroll- Lisa Placek

Blessing of Cars

Friday, July 21

10:00 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for LaDawna Clancy
-Maria Becker

Saturday, July 22

6:00 PM

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Health for Ulana Campbell

Sunday, July 23

10:30 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Helen Lipowski &
Joan Skordy & All July Birthdays



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Barnett Kurtz

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TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

TROPAR: Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our Fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

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

KONDAK: The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore, the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon mankind. He is for all, the Savior, the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

PROKIMEN: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 15:1-7:

Brethren, we who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that

together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia (3). Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 9:27-35



As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, “Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!: Happy Birthday to Mike Gagliardi and John Ferrato who both share a July 20th Birthday!! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant You Many Happy Years!

FATHER WALTER WILL BE ON VACATION: Father Walter will be on vacation this week **Monday (July 17) – Thursday (July 20)** if you have an emergency and need a priest, please call **Father Roman Petryshak at 570-855-5141**. Father Roman has agreed to be the emergency contact for this time period. For all non-emergency calls, please leave a message at the rectory phone or you may call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

CHICKEN DINNER: “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will include a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody’s Happy!”



UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 2, 2023.

There will be a planning meeting for this year's Ukrainian Food Fest on Sunday, July 16, after the liturgy. We will need help with setup, food prep, and more. This year's Ukrainian Food Fest will be held on Saturday, September 2.

COFFEE & CAKE: We will have coffee & cake immediately following Divine Liturgy on July 23rd to celebrate all July Birthdays!!

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. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation’s soldiers and their families at home and abroad. Please keep **Father Paul Wolensky** in your prayers. Please keep **Dolores Jennings** in your prayers so that she may have a speedy recovery.

DORMITION FAST: The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The observance of this fast is voluntary.



JULY CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen and Tom & Jen Jones in loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In loving memory of Joseph & Henry Heylek.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Marianne C. Sailus In Thanksgiving.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz
for God's Blessings & Good Health for Elizabeth Ann Schwartz.

The **Candle Before the Icon table of the Theotokos** is given by
Lipowski & Placek Families in loving memory of Mrs. Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Slota Family
In loving memory Peter & Pauline Slota and Jennifer Wetzel.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by Father Walter
In loving memory of his mom, Maria Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is given
For God's Blessings on Ed & Mary Schwartz.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? In the Eastern Church, how do we venerate the Blessed Mother of God? What is important to really know about the Blessed Mother of God the Theotokos? [https:// lit.royaldoors.net/?event_id1=5432](https://lit.royaldoors.net/?event_id1=5432)

The above link comes from Royal Doors.net, a Ukrainian Catholic Website to aid English Speakers. This link will take you to the Propers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos specifically September 8th of 2022, for Vespers, Matins and the Liturgy. Go to this site and read all the prayers located there, for this is what is important to know about Mary. This is how we venerate Mary in addition to many Molebens and Akathists. Remember that Mary along with John the Baptist are the only two people in the Church whom we remember their conception, their birth and their death in Holy Days; the third Person that we celebrate the same way is also God, namely the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Mary's importance like John's, comes from telling us to follow Jesus as the way to salvation. Mary's importance unlike John's is that she is the Golden Gate of the Temple through which God entered the world; the Church Fathers tell us this Golden Gate is Mary's womb. Hence, the early Church properly called Her Theotokos, "God-Bearer" even before the Church Council properly defined that this Mary's official title in the Church. Of the Major Holy Days in the Church there are Eight Feasts that specifically venerate the Blessed Virgin Mother. Of great importance is the Feast of Dormition of Mary (August 15th), her Birthday in heaven as viewed by the Church, we begin preparing for this with the two week long Dormition Fast. What is really importance to know about Mary as the Theotokos, is that she lived a life of humility showing us the Way to Salvation and that God entered the world as a Man, the Savior, quietly and simply and humbly, by Mary saying yes to God. Mary directs us to follow Christ if we desire salvation. The Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos is October 1, typically in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, October is the month of Mary.



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name, we pray in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

TROPAR: Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect, He bestowed on us eternal life.

KONDAK: By your birth, O Most Pure one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life."

From Vespers in the Prayers of Lytia: Let us play the spiritual flute on this noteworthy feast, because from the seed of David is born the Mother of the Life who dispels the darkness. She is the renewal of Adam and the answer to Eve, the source of incorruption and the transformation of corruption. Because of her, we have been divinized and delivered from death. We cry out to her with Gabriel: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Because of you, He has granted us great mercy."

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

According to your faith let it be done unto you, (Matt 9:29), said the Lord to the two blind men, and immediately their eyes were opened. The greater the faith is, the greater the influx of Divine power. Faith is the receiver, the mouth, and the receptacle of grace. Just as one person's lungs are large while another person's are small, and the large take in more air, while the small take in less, so one person has large degree of faith, and another a small degree, and one person's faith receives more gifts from the Lord, and another one person's, fewer. God is everywhere, encompasses everything and contains all, and loves to dwell in human souls. However, He does not forcibly enter them, even though He is Almighty, but enters as if by invitation; for He does not want to infringe upon the power which man has over himself or infringe upon man's right to rule his own house—a right which He has granted. Whoever opens himself through faith, God fills; but whoever closes himself through unbelief, God does not enter, though He is near. Lord! Increase our faith, for faith, too, is Thy gift. Each of us should confess: I am poor and needy (ps.69:6). **From St. Theophan the Recluse**

PSALM 12

Help, LORD, for no one is faithful anymore;
those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.

Everyone lies to their neighbor;
they flatter with their lips

but harbor deception in their hearts.

May the LORD silence all flattering lips
and every boastful tongue—

those who say, “By our tongues we will prevail;
our own lips will defend us—who is lord over us?”

“Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan,
I will now arise,” says the LORD.

“I will protect them from those who malign them.”

And the words of the LORD are flawless,
like silver purified in a crucible,
like gold^l refined seven times.

You, LORD, will keep the needy safe
and will protect us forever from the wicked,
who freely strut about
when what is vile is honored by the human race.

