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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 30, 2023, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!  
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!



Saturday, July 29

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 30

10:30 AM

Tuesday, August 1

10:00 AM

Friday, August 4

10:00 AM

Saturday, August 5

6:00 PM

Sunday, August 6

10:30 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Ted Weron- Joan Skordy

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Henry Heylek- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Margaret Yanoshak- Andy & Phyllis Kulmatiski

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Yanoshak- Gayle & Bobby Miles

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Wasył & Mary Bukoski- Thomas Bukoski



**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

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**TROPAR:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and forever. Amen.**

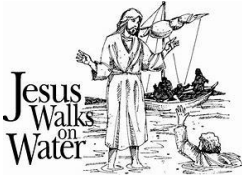
**KONDAK:** When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

**PROKIMEN:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

### **A Reading of the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17):**

Brethren, we are God's co-workers, while you are his cultivation, his building. Thanks to the favor God showed me, I laid a foundation as a wise master-builder might do, and now someone else is building upon it. Everyone, however, must be careful how he builds. No one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid namely Jesus Christ. If different ones build on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, the work of each will be made clear. The Day will disclose it. That day will make its appearance with fire, and fire will test the quality of each man's work. If the building a man has raised on this foundation still stands, he will receive his recompense; if a man's building burns, he will suffer loss. He himself will be saved, but only as one fleeing through fire. Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, and you are the temple!

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia (3).



### **Gospel of Saint Matthew 14:22-34**

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.

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



#### **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.

**CHURCH NEWS .... Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.** - Father Daniel Gurovich

**WELCOME!** Please let us welcome on Saturday **Father Ruslan Borovyi** who is substituting for Father Walter so that he may attend the wedding of his niece.



**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!:** Happy Birthday to **Leona Kobela** who celebrates her Birthday on July 25<sup>th</sup>!! Happy Birthday to **Helen Lipowski** who celebrates her Birthday on July 26<sup>th</sup>!! Happy Birthday to **Joan Skordy** who celebrates her Birthday on July 31!! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant You Many Happy Years!

**COFFEE & CAKE:** We will have coffee & cake immediately following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate all July Birthdays!!



**UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL:** We will hold our Annual Ukrainian Food Festival on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 4pm. We need help in putting out flyers and publicizing this event. (flyers will be available next week.) **HELP IS NEEDED THE DAY OF THE EVENT.** Mark & Arlene Jennings are coordinators of the event. **There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, if you can help PLEASE sign up (include your phone number) and Mark will get back to you with what you will be doing. We RELY on these fund raisers for CHURCH expenses, please help, consider asking your children and grandchildren if they can help for this one day.**

**BAKE SALE AT FOOD FESTIVAL:** Once again we call upon the talented bakers of our parish to donate homemade baked goods for our Food Festival on September 2. Please have cakes cut into serving pieces and items individually wrapped. Baked goods can be brought to the hall the day of the food festival or contact Lisa at 570-574-1016 to make arrangements. Please bake.

**PYROHY MAKING:** We will be making Pyrohy on **Saturday, August 5** starting at about 8:30AM to freeze and sell during & after the food festival. We will be making Pyrohy on August 30 to use "fresh" and not frozen for festival food. **Help is needed.**

**FOOD PREPARATION:** Schedule to be announced. Food will be made the Monday-Friday before the Festival.

**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 Dormition Fast is from Tuesday, August 1 to Monday, August 14. The Feast of the Dormition (Death of Mary) and Blessing of Flowers is Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The observance of the Dormition Fast is voluntary, however, many times parishioners have asked me, how could they honor the Blessed Mother? The Blessed Mother directs us to follow all of Christ's teachings that orient us to heaven, she indicates to us that Jesus tells us to be perfect as His Father in heaven is perfect, therefore, we fast according to the teachings of Jesus whom she bore. If you want to honor Mary in our Eastern Tradition, you recognize that this fast is not optional. (Consider at least fasting from meat on Wednesday and Friday.)



**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.

**PRAYER TO ARCHANGEL GABRIEL:** Blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech you, intercede for us at the throne of Divine Mercy and in our present necessities, so that as you announced to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven, we may obtain the same benefits, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. We beseech you in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Archangel Gabriel pray for us.



## AUGUST CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Diane Petry  
in loving memory of Jason Yankosky.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Koretz Family  
In loving memory of Leo R. Koretz.

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

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  
MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Julia Boback.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is given  
By the Koretz Family in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **Proscomedial Table Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
In Honor of Saint Benedict.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given for a special intention.

## PSALM 110

The LORD says to my lord:

“Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.”

The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,  
“Rule in the midst of your enemies!”

Your troops will be willing  
on your day of battle.

Arrayed in holy splendor,  
your young men will come to you  
like dew from the morning’s womb.<sup>[a]</sup>

The LORD has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.  
He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead  
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.  
He will drink from a brook along the way,  
and so he will lift his head high.





**Ask Father a Question? Father, I was on the internet and there was an article that was titled “Ten things that are thought to be in the Bible, but are not” I clicked on this article and the first item was the Trinity. The article stated that the Trinity was not specifically named in the Bible. Is this true?** In short, God as a Triune God is in the Holy Scriptures (i.e. The Bible). The game that someone is playing is that the Word is not in the Bible, therefore the Catholic Doctrine of the Trinity is wrong. Some places in the Bible that you will find God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is in Matthew Chapter 28 Verse 19. The first time in the Holy Scriptures that there is an indication that God in His Oneness, is Plural, is in Genesis Chapter 1 Verse 26, when God told Moses to write these words, **“Let Us create man in Our Own Image and Likeness.”** The scribes were incredibly careful not to make any errors in transcribing a new copy of the Holy Scriptures. Even the scribes who knew God to be One, clearly used the Plural, Us; even though they did not understand at the time what that meant. **From New Advent (Catholic Encyclopedia)** –“In [Scripture](#) there is as yet no single term by which the Three Divine [Persons](#) are denoted together. The word *trias* (of which the Latin *trinitas* is a translation) is first found in [Theophilus of Antioch](#) about A.D. 180. He speaks of "the Trinity of [God](#) [the Father], His [Word](#) and His Wisdom (*To Autolytus II.15*). The term may, of course, have been in use before his [time](#). Afterwards it appears in its Latin form of *trinitas* in [Tertullian](#) (*On Pudicity 21*). In the next century the word is in general use. It is found in many passages of [Origen](#)- a Church Father ("In Ps. xvii", 15). The first [creed](#) in which it appears is that of [Origen's](#) pupil, [Gregory Thaumaturgus](#). In his [Ekthesis tes pisteos](#) composed between 260 and 270, he writes: **There is therefore nothing created, nothing subject to another in the Trinity: nor is there anything that has been added as though it once had not existed, but had entered afterwards: therefore the Father has never been without the [Son](#), nor the [Son](#) without the [Spirit](#): and this same Trinity is immutable and unalterable forever (P.G., X, 986).** In Matthew Chapter 3, at the Baptism of Jesus, we see the Holy Trinity. The Voice of the Father is heard from Heaven, the Spirit of God descends like a dove, while Jesus, the Son, submits Himself to Baptism by John. In addition, there are many times when Jesus teaches the Apostles about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, while of course, talking about Himself as the Son of God. In short, Trinity is in the Bible.

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Apostle Peter, with the Lord's permission, gets out of the ship and walks on the water; then he yields to the movement of fear and begins to drown. The fact that he decided upon such a singular act, hoping in the Lord, deserves no reprimand-otherwise the Lord would not have allowed him to do this. The reprimand came because he did not sustain the original state of his soul. He was filled with inspired hope in the Lord's ability to do anything, and this gave him the boldness to entrust himself to the waves. Several steps were already made along this new path-it was necessary only to stand more firmly in hope, gazing at the Lord, Who is near, and at the experience of walking in His strength. Instead, he gave himself over to human thoughts: "The wind is strong, the waves are great, and water is not solid"- and this shook loose and weakened the strength of his faith and hope. Because of this he broke away from the Lord's hands and, left to the operation of nature's laws, began to drown. The Lord rebuked him: ***O you of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?*** Matthew (14:31), showing that in this lay the entire reason for his danger. Behold a lesson for all who undertake something, great or small, with the aim of pleasing the Lord! Keep your first state of faith and hope, from which a great virtue is born-patience in doing good which serves as the basis for a God-pleasing life. As long as these dispositions are maintained, inspiration for laboring on the path begun does not go away, and obstacles, no matter how great they may be, are not noticed. When these dispositions weaken, the soul is filled with human reasoning about human methods of preserving one's life and conducting the affairs one has begun. But since these human methods always turn out to be powerless, fear enters the soul, how should one act? From this comes waverings about whether or not to continue and in the end one completely turns back. **Here is what you must do: If you begin, persevere-chase away troubling thoughts, and be bold in the Lord, who is close.** -From St. Theophan the Recluse