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Divine Liturgy Schedule

August 19, 2023, A. D.

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

Saturday, August 19
6:00 PM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Sawczuk- MaryAnn Jarolen

Sunday, August 20
10:30 AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Wasyl Kobela- Ellen Algrainy & Leona Kobela

Monday, August 21
10:00 AM

THADDEUS-APOSTLE

†Helen Bogdan- Ponko Family

Friday, August 25
10:00 AM

BARTHOLOMEW-APOSTLE

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, August 26
6:00 PM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Yurchak- wife, Julia & Family

Sunday, August 27
10:30 AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Evelyn, Charles & Della Sailus- Marianne Sailus

†Bishop Michael Kuchmiak C S.S.R.

FESTIVAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH



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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2023

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: In giving birth you retained your virginity, in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God. You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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

KONDAK: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercession and un failing hope of patronage, for, as the Mother of Life, she was transferred to Life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. Clap your hands, all you nations, shout unto God with the voice of joy. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11):

Brethren, I remind you of the gospel I preached and which you accepted and in which you stand firm. If you hold fast to the message I preached to you, you will be saved by it, otherwise, your faith was in vain. From the first I handed on to you what I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the Eleven. After that he appeared once to over five hundred brethren, most of whom are alive to this day, though some did die. After that he appeared to James and then to all the apostles. Last of all he also appeared to me, a kind of untimely birth. I am the least among the apostles and am not fit to be called apostle because I persecuted the church of God. By the grace of God, however, I am what I am, and his grace in me was not

fruitless, because I worked harder than all of them, not really, but the grace of God within me. Whether I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

ALLELUIA: In you, O Lord, I have hoped. Alleluia (3). Be the God of my protection, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia (3). Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness. Alleluia (3).



Gospel of Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus and asked, "Good teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments." "Which ones?" the man inquired. Jesus replied, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself." "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

INSTEAD OF... "IT IS TRULY RIGHT..."

Seeing the pure one's falling asleep, angels marveled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven. **Irmos:** O pure Virgin, in you are conquered the bounds of nature, for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life. Virgin after childbearing and alive after death, O Mother of God,* never cease to save your inheritance.

COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord Alleluia (3).

ICON DONATION: An icon of St. Michael was donated to the church. This icon will be blessed during the Divine Liturgy.

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



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!: A Very Happy to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on August 22! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Years!

FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a Festival Meeting after church on Sunday, August 27th. We need Help on that day, Raffle Baskets & Baked Goods.



UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL: We will hold our Annual Ukrainian Food Festival on Saturday, September 2nd from 11am to 4pm. **HELP IS NEEDED THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**

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 call to make arrangements. Please bake.

PYROHY MAKING: We will be making **Pyrohy on Wednesday, August 30** at 8:30am to use “fresh” and not frozen for festival food. Help is needed.

FOOD PREPARATION: Schedule Tuesday @ 9:00am is Piggies in Hall. Thursday @ 9:00am is Haluski in the Hall. Friday @ 4:00pm (approximately) is set-up.

BASKET RAFFLE: Please consider donating a Basket for our Ukrainian Basket Raffle in conjunction with our Food Festival. If you have any questions, please contact Johana Longenberger at 570-256-7883. If you cannot contribute a basket and would like to help, consider... donating lottery tickets, gift cards you are not using, cash, etc. All these items can make one basket.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Please contact Lisa 570-574-1016 if you would like to purchase split, cured firewood. **Proceeds from the sale will go to the church building fund.**



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.

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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“A rich man can hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven...” (Matthew 19:23). Here is meant a rich man who sees within himself the many means and powers that lead to his prosperity. But as soon as one who has many possessions cuts off all attachment to them, extinguishes within himself all reliance on them, and ceases to see them as his substantial support, then in his heart he is the same as one who possesses nothing. To such a one is the road to the Kingdom opened. Riches then not only do not hinder him, but they help him for they provide the means for charitable works. Riches are not the danger, but reliance upon them and attachment to them. This thought can be generalized in this way: whoever relies on and is attached to it is rich in that thing. Whoever relies on God alone and cleaves to Him with all his heart is rich in God. Whoever relies on something else turns his heart to it instead of God. Such a person is rich in this thing, but not in God. Here are meant such things as family, connections, intelligence, rank, spheres of activities, and so forth. From this it follows that he who is not rich in God has not entrance in the Kingdom of God.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, when you prepare The Gifts in preparation for communion, there is a “particle” or square for the deceased or living person that we have a Liturgy Intention for. Why? I thought it was the Body of Christ? Who gets THIS particle? Yes,

there is a particle during the Preparation of “The Gifts” for the person whom the Liturgy is Intended, as there are for all the parishioners, many of the Saints as well as the Theotokos and Jesus Christ. We pray as we believe and part of our prayer of Holy Communion is that we become “like” Christ. So that we the Church are the Body of Christ. This is part of the symbolism of the prayer of Holy Communion. Because we truly believe and follow Christ’s Word, “that he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.” Those who partake of Holy Communion truly receive Christ and become like Christ. The food we partake of changes us. This is recognized in all of the prayers around Holy Communion. As to who receives that particle, as those of you who come to the adult discussion group learned, one of the parishioners will receive this particle, because it is co-mingled with all the particles in the chalice. All the particles originate from the one loaf that IS the Body of Christ.



JESUS PRAYER - PRAYER OF THE HEART

The Jesus Prayer is very simple:

"Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner,"

The Jesus Prayer according to numerous Church Fathers is "essential" to our spiritual growth. The Jesus Prayer proclaims our faith and humbles us by asking mercy for our sinfulness. The Jesus Prayer is thought to be as old as the Church itself. The Jesus Prayer, says Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, “more than any other,” helps us to be able to “stand in God’s presence.” This means that the Jesus Prayer helps us to focus our mind exclusively on God with “no other thought” occupying our mind but the thought of God. At this moment when our mind is totally concentrated on God, we discover a very personal and direct relationship with Him. The Jesus prayer is very powerful in its simplicity. But it is not a method of meditation or simply a method to discipline the mind. It is much more. It enables us to participate in the life of Christ. It allows us to call Him into our thoughts and feelings continually, to make Him a part of our minds and hearts in a living way. This prayer brings Christ into every aspect of our life. It is with us no matter where we are or what we are doing. It eventually becomes



a living part of us and is continually repeated in our heart. Remember, its aim is union with Christ and not some kind of spiritual experience or peaceful state. There are two functions of the Jesus Prayer: The first is worship with repentance like all prayer. In this regard it must be repeated with total sincerity. It must be coupled with an attitude of repentance coupled with humility. We must also have a feeling of awe when calling on God's name, recognizing His perfect love and His awesome power. At the same time we must be fully aware of our limitations in being able to live the way He intended for us at our Creation. We know from the story of our creation in Genesis, He made us in His "image and likeness". So we have an incredible potential to live up to. If we honor this and recognize how far we miss the mark, we will approach Him with a contrite heart and along with a sincere desire to be helped and transformed so we can live up to this beautiful potential He gave to each of us. The second purpose of this prayer is to help us concentrate our inner life, calming it, so we can focus our attention totally on God and his teachings. We may refer to this as a form of spiritual purification. If we study human behavior, we know that our brain is very active and easily distracts our mind as it continually reacts to various stimulus through our five senses based on hidden assumptions programmed in its inner workings. This is not all bad,

PSALM 131

The righteous person is not arrogant because of his achievements or jealous of those who are greater than he. For he knows that all success is bestowed by God, each person according to his needs and mission.

A song of ascents, by David. HASHEM, my heart was not proud, and my eyes were not haughty, nor did I pursue matters too great and too wondrous for me. I swear that I stilled and silenced my soul, like a suckling child at his mother's side, like the suckling child is my soul. Let Israel hope to HASHEM, from this time and forever.

(The Four-Letter Name of God is translated "HASHEM.")

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast 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 name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



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.