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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 17, 2023, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, September 16

6:00 PM

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

† Michael Sawczuk – Broskoske Family

Sunday, September 17

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

† Ted Weron - Christine Ferrato

Monday, September 18

10:00 AM

Special Intention- In Gratitude

Thursday, September 21

10:00 AM

**LEAVE-TAKING OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

† Joanne Mendik – Helen Lipowski

Friday, September 22

10:00 AM

God's Blessings and Health for Eva Greyeyes-  
Rita Kurta, Diane Petry, Janice Lee

Saturday, September 23

9:00 AM

**CONCEPTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

God's Blessings on America- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

6:00 PM

God's Blessings on Natalya Becker- Becker Family

Sunday, September 24

10:30 AM

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

† Helen Bogdan – Christine Ferrato

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE PROTECTIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED.  
CONSIDER SPENDING MORE TIME WITH OUR MOTHER!**

**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, Mike Oresick.



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**Antiphon 1**

O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

O God, I will call to You by day, but You will not answer me; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

**Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...**

**Antiphon 3**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

**Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

**TROPAR:** By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

**TROPAR:** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

**KONDAK:** By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant Your mercies to Your new community that bears Your Name. By Your power gladden the faithful people and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

**Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's power. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

**PROKIMEN:** Exalt the Lord our God and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy. verse: The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble. Exalt the Lord our God and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy.

**A Reading from Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2: 16-20):**

Brethren, know that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ; we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners; is Christ then the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build up again the things which I have destroyed, I make myself a liar. For I, through the law, am dead to the law, that I may live to God: with Christ I am nailed to the cross. And I live, now not I; but Christ lives in me. And that I live now in the flesh: I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered himself for me.

**ALLELUIA:** ALLELUIA (3) Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning. ALLELUIA (3). But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. ALLELUIA (3).

**Gospel of Mark 8: 34 – 9: 1.**

The Lord called the multitude together with his disciples, he said to them: If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel, shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For he that shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation: the Son of man also will be ashamed of him, when he shall come in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. And he said to them: Amen I say to you, that there are some of them that stand here, who shall not taste death, till they see the kingdom of God coming in power. And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up into a high mountain apart by themselves and was transfigured before them.

**INSTEAD OF “IT IUS TRULY RIGHT...”:** O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. **Irmos:** You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore, today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord, shine upon us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**At the end of Liturgy, we sing:** To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection (3). Krestu tvoyemu pokli-nya-yem-sya, Vladiko, I svyatoye voskreseniye tvoye slavim (3x).



## SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Joann Grout  
in loving memory of Bill & Ann Grout.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Mary Ann, Tom, & Jenn  
In loving memory of Irene Hvozda.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mary Ann, Tom, & Jenn  
In loving memory of Irene Hvozda.

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

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  
Joann Grout in loving memory of Mike & Olga Yurkowski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is given  
By Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Anna Wrobel.

The **Proscomedial Table Candles** are given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski  
In loving memory of Mary & Joseph Englot.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by the Placek Family  
In loving memory of Joanne Slota-Mendik.

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

**SPEAKER THIS WEEK:** THIS **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @12:30PM**, following the Divine Liturgy in Nanticoke, there will be a presentation on the upcoming Synod in Rome and a second presentation on the Apparition of Our Blessed Lady the Ever-Virgin Mary to the children in Fatima and what both of these mean for us in the Church. The first talk is: The Synodal Process; the Evaporation of the Catholic Church from the Eyes of the Faithful. The second talk is at about 1:30PM: The Fatima Message is More Prevalent Now Than Ever Before. A light social will be served with our talks. Attend one or both! Tell your friends! Come for the lunch stay for the talk! Everyone is welcome! **Thank you to the Parishioners for donating the Stuffed Cabbage for this event!!**

**UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING:** Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Food Festival a success. Thank you to all who helped with the setup, food prep, baked goods, working the day of the festival, and cleanup. We couldn't have done it without you. **There will be a follow-up meeting next Sunday, September 17 after Liturgy. The preliminary profit from the Food Festival is \$4,500. The meeting will be held in the back of the church after Liturgy is concluded.**

**SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST: BASIL THE GREAT 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:** This year's 92<sup>nd</sup> Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023, on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Our Lady, Our Protectress and Refuge" with emphasis on calling upon the Mother of God to protect Ukraine during this time. (See Bulletin Board Ad).



**FOOD FESTIVAL PYROHY FOR SALE:** We have Frozen Potato Pyrohy for Sale at \$10.00 a dozen. Tell your friends and neighbors!

## Please Join Us for Rosary Coast to Coast!

PLEASE join us for Rosary Coast to Coast on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Also known as, Our Lady of Victory), **October 7, 2023, at 4:00 pm** EST at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church to pray the Glorious Mysteries together as a nation. It simply means to gather with a group of 2 or more as we call upon the powerful intercession of Our Lady to Heal Our Land!! (We will be inside; some groups are gathering out of doors.) **Please join us and pray with the nation!!!!**



### **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 SAINT MICHAEL (Feast Day September 6)**

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard 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 cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION?** This past Thursday was Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Father, what is the significance of the two thieves that were crucified with Christ? The answer comes from Practical Theology, by Peter Kreeft, published by Ignatious Press 2014, Page 240, (in summary). **Pope Leo I observes: two thieves were crucified, one on His right and one on His left, to set forth by the very appearance of the gibbet(cross), that separation of all men that shall be made in his hour of judgement. And Augustine on John (7:36): The very cross if you mark it well was a judgement –seat; for the judge being set in the midst, the one (thief)who believed was delivered, the other who mocked Him was condemned.** This is an example of Divine Providence, God at work even now. Existence and judgements and our choices in this life, while temporary, have eternal consequences. Jesus in the middle of mankind, rightly judges our actions done in our free will as in harmony with His law and love and compassion for others and even ourselves. The most obvious understanding of the two thieves is that the way of the one thief even to the mockery of Christ leads to Hell. The way of the second thief, who is repentant of his failing and Christ’s law and love, is the way that leads to salvation. Heaven and Hell are chosen by us through our actions with our free will, a wonderful and terrifying responsibility given to us. Clearly, Christ is in the center, He is the great divider, “I have not come to bring peace but a sword.”(Matthew 10:34). Jesus even points this out to Pilot on which the irony seems to be lost in Pilot’s mind. (John 19:10-11). Jesus’s position of Judge, as position of all men is physically shown by His being in the center between the two thieves, like the King at the Last Judgement, who has the sheep to His right hand and the goats on His left. (Matthew 25:32). Note well, Jesus is not to the right or left of either thief, but in the middle, one is on His right and one is on His left, we apply this to our public life as well (politics means public living). Does this mean that the most decisive question in the world is what we think of Jesus Christ? No. The most decisive question in the world is what Jesus Christ thinks of us, i.e. me?! Do I choose to honestly follow Christ or am I merely pretending to follow Christ? Am I the repentant or am I the unrepentant thief mocking Christ? I get to choose which thief I am.