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Divine Liturgy Schedule

October 8, 2023, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, October 7

8:00 AM

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Sunday, October 8

10:30 AM

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 AM

Thursday, October 12

10:00 AM

Saturday, October 14

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Sunday, October 15

10:30 AM

Prayers for a Holy Church

ROSARY-Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

†Andrew Kobela- Wife, Deborah and Melanie

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Maria Szumskyj- Ulana Campbell

†John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

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

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

PRAY THE ROSARY

†John Skordy- Placek Family

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†Ted Weron- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2023

TROPAR: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

PROKEIMON: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

A Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (11:31-

12:9): Brethren, The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands. I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 7:11-16:

At that time, it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as he drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And he went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people."

COMMUNION HYMN: 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



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.

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



ROSARY: PLEASE join us for the Rosary Saturday, **October 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm** at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church prior to the Divine Liturgy to pray the Glorious Mysteries together. **Please join us and pray!!!!**

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

STANDARD TIME: Don't forget Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed on November 4.

FLEA MARKET: Keep in mind our Christmas Flea Market is coming up soon. We can start taking items in the church hall AFTER October 8. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Johanna at 570-256-7883.

RAFFLE BASKETS: We are planning to have a Raffle Baskets in conjunction with the Christmas Flea Market. If you can help with this project, please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883.

CEMETERY: As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. We are also shutting off the water to the cemetery.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: The Synod on Synodality is being held in Rome at this time and is scheduled from October 4 through October 29, 2023.

Remembrance Day for the Victims of Holodomor (Stalin imposed Genocide) in Ukraine this year is NOVEMBER 25, 2023.

In 1932–1933, a man-made [famine](#), known as the [Holodomor](#), killed 3.3–5 million people in the [Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic](#) (as part of the [Soviet Union](#)), included in a total of 5.5–8.7 million killed by the broader [Soviet famine of 1930–1933](#). At least 3.3 million ethnic Ukrainians died as a result of the famine in the USSR. Scholars debate whether there was an intent to starve millions of Ukrainians to death or not.

Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
[TO BE SAID EACH DAY UPON ARISING]**

HOLY MOTHER of Czestochowa, Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts, words and actions---my soul and body. I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to Thee, Good Mother, totally ---with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.



OCTOBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn, Jenn & Tom
in loving memory of Irene Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In loving memory of Margaret Yanoshak.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Yanoshak Family
In loving memory of Randy Yanoshak.

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 the Transfiguration** is given
in loving memory of Anna Kutsup.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by the Donna Lee-Hischak
In loving memory of James Hischak.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Lisa Placek
In loving memory of William Vincent & Barbara Siviluch.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
Father Walter in loving memory of Victoria Royozynska & Olga Kuziw.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS...

RUMMAGE SALE: The Women's Society of SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham St. Plymouth, PA will sponsor their annual Rummage Sale in the Church Hall – Friday, October 6, 2023, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and **Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** There is a lot of fine items for your shopping. A variety of homemade soup and haluski will be available for take outs only. Both the soups and the haluski is \$8.00 a quart and \$4:00 a pint. A Basket Raffle will also be presented and the proceeds from the Raffle will be donated to Humanitarian in Ukraine. Come shop and enjoy. **A follow up Sale will be held Friday, October 20, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday, October 21 – 9:00 Am to 2:00 PM and Sunday, October 22 – 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. A Piggie Take Out will be available at this sale.**

"PASTIE SALE: Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on **Saturday, October 14th, 2023.** Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!"



HOAGIE SALE: St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian Hoagie Sale on Thursday, **October 19th from 11:00am to 4:00pm.** The cost of each hoagie is \$8.00, and a quart of vegetable soup is \$8.00. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, October 23. A bake sale will also be held with the soup and hoagie sale. A Basket Raffle is also being held to Benefit Ukraine.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, will we ever use the same Vesper Book (that we used on Saturday) again anytime in the near future? Probably not. In the cycle of prayer in our Eastern church, there are four important concepts to keep in mind: 1) Easter or Pascha (resurrection of Our Lord) is the Feast which the entire Liturgical Cycle revolves 2) every Sunday is a Little Feast of Resurrection 3) All the major Feasts have special prayers associated with them and 4) there are Eight Resurrectional Tones with each week having a dedicated (singing & prayer) Tone for the whole week. Naturally, you recognize in the calendar that October 1st does not fall on a Sunday every year. The point being that every seven years the Feast of the Protection will fall on a Sunday. Each year that Sunday will be a different Tone rotating through Eight Tones. Every 56 years, we will have Tone 1 on October 1st on a Sunday. **Why does this matter?** This matters because in Vespers when you come to the Stichera, which is a type of hymn used in Vespers and Matins, they vary according to the day of the week and of the Feast, such that at Vespers there might be two, four, six, eight or ten Stichera. If Sunday is a Major Feast Day (and it is Great Vespers on Saturday Evening) there are usually ten Stichera, the first four will be for Sunday and the next six will be for the Major Feast Day. When you do the math of all the possible combinations, eight tones and seven days, you end up with 56 combinations of all these prayers, it might be 56 years before the exact order of the prayers in the pamphlet will reoccur.

Because Vespers has fallen into disuse in our church, the typical parishioner is unfamiliar with those parts of Vespers that don't change and those parts that do based on the day and the Feast. To make Vespers easy for this major Holy Day your priest compiled this little prayer booklet so that all you had to do is follow the booklet, without flipping pages. When such a time comes that the parishioners are familiar for Vespers, we can use a Vespers book that is separate from the movable prayers for the Feast Day which will require flipping back and forth between the Vespers Book and the Special Prayers.

To pray is to descend with the mind into the heart, and there to stand before the face of the Lord, ever-present, all seeing, within you.

If you examine your life well, you will find many instances when God showed His unmistakable mercy to you. Trouble was brewing, but it passed you by for some reason. God delivered you. Acknowledge these and thank God, Who loves you.

Remember that each of us has his own cross. The Golgotha of this cross is in our heart. It is being lifted or implanted through a zealous determination to live according to the Spirit of God. Just as salvation of the world is by the Cross of God, so our salvation is by our crucifixion on our own cross.

“Every Christian has the power to heal infirmities-not of others, but his own, and not of the body, but of the soul-that is, sins and sinful habits-and to cast out devils, rejecting evil thoughts sown by them, and extinguishing the excitement of passions enflamed by them.”- **St. Theophan the Recluse**