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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

October 15, 2023 A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, October 14

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Sunday, October 15

10:30 AM

Monday, October 16

10:00 AM

Thursday, October 19

10:00 AM

Friday, October 20

10:00 AM

Saturday, October 21

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Sunday, October 22

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
PRAY THE ROSARY

†John Skordy- Placek Family

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

†Ted Weron- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Conversion of Barenett Kurtz- Rita Kurtz

God's Blessings & Good Health for Beth Ann Schaeber  
-Steve Schaeber

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAY THE ROSARY

†Peter & Pauline Slota- Slota Family

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Irene Hvozda- Ellen Alqrainy & Leona Kobela

**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.

## **SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENCIAL COUNCIL**

**October 15, 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:** 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:** 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.

**PROKEIMON:** 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 Hebrews (13:7-16):**

Brethren, Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so, Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**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).

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 17:1-13**

At that time Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me, and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

**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 (3).



**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

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.



### Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and woman in Ukraine to become Peacemakers. May they seek reconciliation and dialogue and end the violent confrontation and killing. May they restore their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles and religious liberty to their troubled land. 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. And may the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. 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 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 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 **Proscomedial 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.

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



**ROSARY:** PLEASE join us for the Rosary Saturday, **October 21, 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 on November 17, 18 & 25, December 2 from 9am to 2pm. 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 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 on October 18, 2023.

**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.

**SAVE THIS DATE: MYOSOPUSNA 2024: Myasopusna will fall on Sunday, February 4th. Looking forward, we need to have a meeting to discuss this event as soon as possible.**

### **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 are 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.**



**HOAGIE & SOUP SALE:** St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian Hoagie Sale on Thursday, **October 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Prayer to Our Guardian Angel**

O Holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything in which I have grieved you all the days of my life, and in which I sinned in the day just past. Protect me during the coming night and keep me from every influence of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. Intercede for me to the Lord that He may strengthen me in His fear and make me worthy to be a servant of His goodness. Amen

**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, who are the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council? Why are they important?** The Seventh Ecumenical Council of Bishops and Priests was held primarily to deal with Icons and the Veneration of Icons. The Western Church, using statues and placing them “high” in the church so that no one can even touch them, did not and still today do not fully understand Icons and their place in church life. Statues and Icons make present the person depicted. An Icon in addition to the depiction of a person is also story in image. When Westerners encountered the Eastern Church and saw the faithful venerating the Icons, they could not understand that the person venerating the Icon is welcoming the person depicted in the Icon as if that person was present before them. This is what veneration is – literally to bow before. So if one of your dear family members is a living saint now but you don’t realize it, how do you greet them? Do you not give them a hug and a kiss on the cheek? Are you worshiping your loved one when you do this? Heaven forbid, no. You are overjoyed at seeing your dear loved one, and so too when we encounter the saints and angels depicted in Icons, we venerate them. This was the entire issue of the Iconoclasts who were attacking Icons as heresy. The Seventh Council argued properly and correctly that saints, angels, and Christ could be depicted in paint and venerated. This is who the Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council are, men who love God and His Church, and instructed their children in the true faith.

## **Prayer For the Departed**

We should not only pray for our neighbors who are alive, but also for those who have departed into the other world. Prayer for the departed is necessary first of all because, when someone who is close to us departs, we have a natural feeling of loss, from which we suffer deeply. But that person continues to live: only he lives in another dimension, because he has left for the other world. So that our connection with him who has departed might not be broken, we should pray for him. Then we will feel his presence, feel that he has not left us, and that our living connection with him has been preserved. But the other person, of course, also needs prayer for the departed, because when someone dies they pass into another world, where they meet God to answer for everything they did in their earthly life, good and bad. It is very important that such a person be accompanied on his way by the prayers of his loved ones, of those who have remained here on earth, who keep his memory. We, who remain on earth, can ask God that He lighten this person's lot. And the Church believes that the departed's posthumous lot is lightened by the prayers of those who pray for him here on earth. The hero of Dostoevsky's novel *The Brothers Karamazov*, the Elder Zosima (whose prototype was St. Tikhon of Zadonsk) says this about prayer for the departed: "Remember also: every day and whenever you can, repeat within yourself: 'Lord, have mercy upon all who come before you today.' For every hour and every moment thousands of people leave their life on this earth, and their souls come before the Lord – and so many of them part with the earth in isolation, unknown to anyone, in sadness and sorrow that no one will mourn for them, or even know whether they had lived or not. And so, perhaps from the other end of the earth, your prayer for his repose will rise to the Lord, though you did not know him at all, nor he you. How moving it is for his soul, coming in fear before the Lord, to feel at that moment that someone is praying for him, too, that there is still a person on earth who loves him. And God, too, will look upon you both with more mercy, for if even you so pitied him, how much more will he who is infinitely more merciful and loving than you are. And he will forgive him for your sake." . (Excerpt from <https://www.pravmir.com/prayer/>)