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> Divine Liturgy Schedule November 5, 2023 A. D. Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, November 4

6:00 PM ************

Sunday, November 5 10:30 AM Tuesday, November 7 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 8 10:30 AM Friday, November 10 10:00 AM Saturday, November 11

6:00 PM Sunday, November 12 10:30 AM GREAT VESPERS w/ Litiya (This is Evening Prayer for the Feast of Michael & All the Angels.) ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL THE ANGELS God's Blessings for America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

⊕John Cienki- son, John Cienki

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [⊕]Joanne Mendik- Helen Lipowski TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [⊕]Helen Bogdan- Geraldine Adamchak



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. At Home: Geraldine Adamchak; Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, 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., Debbie Schwartz.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 5, 2023



TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became dead men. Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and bestowed life. O Lord, risen from the dead, 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: With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon mankind. He is for all, the Savior, the Resurrection and the Life, and God of all.

PROKEIMENON: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10):

Brethren, God is rich in mercy; because of the great love with which He loved us. We were dead in our sins, yet He gave us life with Christ. You are saved by grace. He raised us up with Him and seated us in heaven with Christ Jesus to show to the ages to come the superabundant richness of his grace through his kindness for us in Jesus Christ. You are saved by grace through faith and not by anything of yours because it is the gift of God. It is not on account of works so that no one could boast of it. We are at His handiwork created in Christ Jesus for a life of good works for which we were preordained by God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in whom I hope. Alleluia (3).

Luke 8:41-56

At that time there was a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the tassel of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore." Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia.



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.

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



SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Arlene Czarnecki who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, October 28th. May our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints, and may her memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat. Вічная пам'ять! May Her Memory Be

Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Czarnecki and Bailey Families.



SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Gerald Dutzar who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, October 28th. May our Lord grant him rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints, and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat. Вічная пам'ять! May His Memory Be Eternal. Our

deepest sympathies are extended to the Dutzar Family.

PYROHY MAKING: Thank you to everyone who came out to make pyrohy!



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.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE: Thank you to everyone who donated to our Halloween Movie!

PRE-LIMINARY FLEA MARKET SALE: Thank You to Everyone who helped out with set-up and running of the Preliminary Sale on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to everyone that was some surplus!!!!

FLEA MARKET: Keep in mind our **Christmas Flea Market** is on Friday, November 17, Saturday, November 18, Saturday, November 25 & Saturday, December 2 from 9am to 2pm. We can start taking items in the church hall only Christmas items will be accepted, if you have any questions, please contact Bob or Johanna at 570-256-7883.

RAFFLE BASKETS: PLEASE HELP OUT! We are planning to have a Raffle Baskets in conjunction with the Christmas Flea Market. If you have any unused Gift Cards, consider donating them to the Flea Market Raffle. If you can help with this project, please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS...

CHILDREN'S ROSARY AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH (Plymouth): The children will recite the Rosary on November 11 at 3:20PM at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth.

SAVE THE DATE: We will have a **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TEA at Transfiguration of Our Lord on Sunday, December 3** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Entry fee is two dozen cookies or chocolate selection suitable for making cookie platters for Home Bound Parishioners. Rumor has it St. Nick will be in attendance.

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

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. **The water has been shut off.**

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

In 1932–1933, a man-made <u>famine</u>, known as the <u>Holodomor</u>, killed 3.3–6 million people in the <u>Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic</u> (as part of the <u>Soviet Union</u>), included in a total of 5.5–8.7 million killed by the broader <u>Soviet famine of 1930–1933</u>. At least 3.3 million ethnic Ukrainians died as a result of the famine in the USSR. Some Scholars debate whether there was an intent to starve millions of Ukrainians to death or not.



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 to 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.



NOVEMBER CANDLES

The Candles on the Tetrapod are given by MaryAnn Jarolen in loving memory of her father, Michael Hvozda. The Altar Candles are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko In Honor of the Guardian Angels and Saint Michael. The **Eternal Light** is given by Bob & Johanna Longenberger In loving memory of Michael Rodko. 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 by Michael Maday in loving memory Anna Kulmatiski (100th Birthday). The St. Nicholas Candle is given by Lisa Placek For God's Blessings & Health for Nikolas Placek. The Proscomedia Table is given by Jenn, Tom, & MaryAnn In loving memory of Emil Jarolen. The Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ is given

For Peace, Hope and Reconciliation in Ukraine & the Middle East.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, after watching the movie, I could not help but wonder where was God and the Angels? Why did they not help him? He seemingly asked for help, yet none came. God and the Angels are indeed at work, helping us and protecting us. Devils cannot do anything in this world, including and especially possessing a person, without God permitting it. The

character in the movie who was possessed, throughout his lifetime was constantly saying yes to the devil and no to God. He was choosing to be on the team of the devil and not with God, so the bad things that happened in his life were not occurring because his Guardian Angel or God lacked the ability to help, but God would not violate his free will and make him do things that he did not want to do. Because he was willing to play with the devil, he makes himself an agent of the devil and hands over to the devil his whole existence. His Guardian Angel and God would come to his assistance if he would put behind himself EVERYTHING that ties him to the devil. So, if you have trouble understanding why God would permit these things, it is because of His sacrificial love and His plan of salvation that some people will only turn away from the devil when they truly encounter how evil he is. This man chose the devil thinking it was fun and for his own enjoyment, following the lie of Lucifer that he even told to Adam, that lie being, "God is mean." We will continue to discuss this basic topic in the Adult Discussion this fall. The first discussion will be Sunday, November 18 after Divine Liturgy. The theme of the movie Nefarious was Salvation, if you didn't notice that. If you have questions, come to the Adult Discussion Group, the only stupid question is the one that you don't ask.



Father, why was Judas not saved? If he was an apostle of Christ, can we assume he lived a "good" life? Some Bible translations read that he repented, but Jesus always says that he is the son of perdition and was lost? Can you explain? Because Judas was an Apostle you cannot assume he lived a virtuous life. Judas was a thief, he held the purse and was the treasurer for

Jesus and the apostles and he would steal from this treasury for his own benefit. You will read the word "repented" in many English translations of the scriptures after 1958, the word is properly translated "regret." ("Regret" from Gr. Mεταμέλλομαι - Stong's Number G3338). This means that you repent internally, you keep it secret and hidden within yourself and never make it known publicly, this is a further sin against confession and God's mercy. A virtuous Jew would need to go to the temple to tell the priest he committed murder and then do the penance the priest gave him, which would probably be a bull or a pure lamb blood sacrifice on the altar. Judas did not do that.