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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

November 12, 2023 A. D.

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

Saturday, November 11

6:00 PM

Sunday, November 12

10:30 AM

Monday, November 13

10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, November 15

Thursday, November 16

10:00 AM

Saturday, November 18

6:00 PM

Sunday, November 19

10:30 AM

12:30

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Joanne Mendik- Helen Lipowski

**TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Helen Bogdan- Geraldine Adamchak

God's Blessings for America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**PHILLIP-APOSTLE**

†John Mahle – Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**PHILLIP'S FAST BEGINS**

†Arlene Czarnecki – Lisa Placek

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Theodore Weron – Elia, Richard and Sharon Grevera

**TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

† Michael Sawczuk – Piestrak Family

ADULT DISCUSSION MEETING – Salvation History



**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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023



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

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

**KONDAK:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. 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!"

**PROKEIMENON:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

### ***A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22):***

Brethren, breaking down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh he abolished the law with its commands and precepts, to create in himself one new man from us who had been two and to make peace, reconciling both of us to God in one body through his cross, which put that enmity to death. He came And "announced the good news of peace to you who were far off, and to those who were near"; through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building, which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High. Alleluia (3). To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night. Alleluia (3).

### **Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But he said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" He answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole strength, and with your whole mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise, a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I, on my way back, will repay you.' Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to him who fell among the robber?" And he said, "He who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do you also in like manner."

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, 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.



**PHILLIPS FAST:** Please keep in mind that Phillip's Fast begins on the day after the Feast Day of the Apostle Phillip, that is November 15<sup>th</sup> and continues until December 24<sup>th</sup>. It is the preparation period for the Feast of the Nativity. It is marked by fasting and abstaining from food and drink, almsgiving and prayer. Our clergy wears dark (usually red) colored vestments on weekdays during this time period and our liturgical practices remain unchanged. In the Roman Catholic Church, Advent begins its church year, prepares its members for Christ's Coming, and is about one month in duration. It focuses on one's prayer life and activities such as the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Its clergy wears purple, with the exception of one Sunday, when rose-colored vestments may be worn. What were we to fast from? Physical fasting means to go without food or drink for a period of time or to limit the amount of food one eats. Fasting differs from abstinence in that abstinence simply means we just don't eat certain foods for a period of time. In more recent times, we in the Ukrainian Catholic Church have been encouraged to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, but we are not obliged to fast, abstain- do penance or pray during the preparatory period before Christmas. We are simply encouraged to do so, for our own good.

## 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 Wetzell.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is given  
by Michael Maday in loving memory Anna Kulmatiski (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday).

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek  
For God's Blessings & Health for Nikolas Placek.

The **Proscomedial 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.

Join us for a St. Nicholas

# Christmas tea

Please bring a dozen of cookies to share, and a dozen of cookies for gifts to our parishioners who are not able to come to church.

3 DECEMBER 2023 / FOLLOWING THE LITURGY

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
240 CENTER STREET  
NANTICOKE, PA 18634

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:30A.M.

Our youth catechism will be serving a light lunch + drinks, and singing carols! Your gracious cookie donations will be served for dessert + used in cookie trays to be delivered.



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

**VETERAN'S DAY:** On Saturday, November 11, we celebrate Veteran's Day, please keep all Military Personnel, particularly living veterans, who served the United States in all wars in your thoughts and prayers. **Remember, freedom is not free. Thank a Veteran!!**

IT'S NEXT WEEK PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP!

**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 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.

**PHILIP'S FAST:** For this penitential period from November 15-December 24, we will not skip the Second Antiphon and the First Small Litany as part of the Divine Liturgy as is found in today's liturgy books which is omitted by permission of our Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops. This addition will appear in the weekly church bulletin.

**CHRISTMAS TEA:** We will have a Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dozen cookies to share and a dozen cookies for gifts for parishioners unable to come to Liturgy. If you cannot bring cookies, bring chocolate for example to be used in the cookie trays. See announcement on other page.

**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.

**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 3.3–6 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. Some Scholars debate whether there was an intent to starve millions of Ukrainians to death or not.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? I have a question, Phillip's Fast begins Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Father, didn't the Church mitigate Phillips fast, is still obligatory?**

Let me begin with a question back to you. Suppose you are an athlete, a marathon runner, is it obligatory that you train? I could answer, no, it is not obligatory that you train. You could lie around eating, watching television, going to parties, reading or whatever else your heart desires and then on the day of the marathon show up and run. What do you think will happen on that day? You will very likely lose to someone else who did train. So now let us apply this to fasting. Why do we fast? We fast to grow stronger spiritually. Why do I need to be spiritually strong? It is because the devil, Lucifer, who was the highest ranking angel in heaven before his sin, is strong than any man. Lucifer uses all his power to lead mankind, that is each of us, into sin so that we will fail to succeed to inherit heaven and as a result we would inherit hell and be forced to worship Lucifer, not God. If you desire heaven, and not hell, then you need to be strong enough to thwart the attacks of Lucifer when they come. If you are weak you will fail. How then do you grow in strength? You grow in strength by apply the gifts Jesus left us which do not make sense to a fallen world that does not believe God. The primary gifts are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The highest form of prayer is the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Fasting is critical too so that we can learn to become stronger in controlling our human desires and not letting Lucifer lead us astray through bodily desires. Fasting from food is one of those ways, to learn to be in control of all my appetites. So yes, the fast is obligatory if you desire heaven.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is fasting really about? How does fasting help me? Refraining from food for a time, i.e. fasting, is about training your will or spirit to rule over your body. It is a way of training yourself to be in control of yourself rather than leaving your body's natural desires to rule over your spirit. Just as an athlete trains to be successful on the athletic field, so too, does the spiritual**

athlete trains through fasting to be successful in spiritual battle.