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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 7, 2024, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdaytsia! Christ is Born!
Slavyte Yeho! Glorify Him!



Saturday, January 6

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 7

10:30 AM

Tuesday, January 9

10:00 AM

Wednesday, January 11

10:00 AM

Saturday, January 13

7:30 AM

8:00 AM

AFTER LITURGY

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 14

10:30 AM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

†John Skordy- Placek Family

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

†Helen Bogdan- Gayle & Bob Miles

†Fr. Daniel Gurovich- Parishioners of St. Josephat

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

*****CONFESSIONS*****


†Michael Sawczuk- MaryAnn Jarolen

PRAYER MEETING

† Ted Weron- George Family`

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

†Josephine Latoszewski- daughters Janice, Diane & Rita



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Shirley Kozar, 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.

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY
January 7, 2023



ANTIPHON 1:

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

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

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

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

The sea beheld this and fled, the Jordan turned back on its course.

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

Why was it, O sea, that you fled, that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course? **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, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Son of God, born of a Virgin, 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: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

TROPAR: The just man is remembered with praises, but for you the Lord's testimony suffices, O Forerunner, for you truly became more honorable than the prophets and were deemed worthy to baptize the One foretold. Then you suffered for the truth and joyfully announced to those in Hades that God appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world and offering us great mercy.

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

KONDAK: She who once was barren gives birth today to the Forerunner of Christ, who will fulfil every prophecy. In the Jordan he placed his hand upon the One Whom the prophets foretold, and thus was shown to be the prophet, the herald, and the Forerunner of the Word of God.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: Today, You have appeared to the world and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us, who with knowledge sing Your praises. You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

PROKEIMEN: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in you. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

ALLELUIA: (3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, I will announce Your truth with my mouth. Alleluia (3). For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. Alleluia (3).

A Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (4:7-13):



Brethren, but to each one of us grace as has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel of Matthew 4: 12 - 17



At that time when Jesus heard that John had been delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving the town of Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capharnaum, which is by the sea, in the territory of Zabulon and Nephthalim, that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, "Land of Zabulon and land of Nephthalim, by the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, a light has arisen." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. Immos: Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: The Grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Instead of "Blessed is He who comes..."; "We have seen the true light..."; we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

"May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3)



CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKETS OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE: If anyone has a gently used Christmas Tree, Nativity, Outdoor Decorations, etc. that they are no longer using and wish to donate to the church for **Flea Markets of Christmas Future** please contact the rectory 570-735-2262 or Johanna 570-256-7883. **You don't need to hold on to that tree to next November!**

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



O Glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Protect the Sovereign Pontiff and all bishops and priests united with him. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ and the Church He founded. Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me purity of heart and a love for the spiritual life. After your example, let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

JANUARY CANDLES



The Eternal Light is given by the
Yanoshak Family in loving Memory
of the Deceased Members of the Yanoshak & Kulmatiski Families.

The St. Nicholas Candle is given by
Lisa Placek in memory of
the Deceased Members of the Skordinski & Slota Families.



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

MYOSOPUSNA 2024: As always Myasopusna requires everyone to pull together to make our event successful. Your assistance is priceless and appreciated. Please try to keep the week before the event open and help out where you can, tell your neighbors, try to sell a few tickets, and when you see flyers in the back grab one and put it up at your college, library, or supermarket, etc. - THANK YOU, every little bit helps! **Your church needs YOU and don't forget to pray- we can't do this alone! You don't have to be a parishioner or Ukrainian to help! For tickets contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.**



UKRAINIAN RAFFLE BASKETS: We are looking for Raffle Baskets for the Myasopusna. Our raffle is one of the highlights of our events and we are hoping people will be once again be generous in their donations. Please, always include your name and the contents of the basket on it. If you have any questions, give Johanna a call 570-256-7883.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: We will be taking down the Decorations on Monday, January 8th at 4:30 PM. Please come and help.

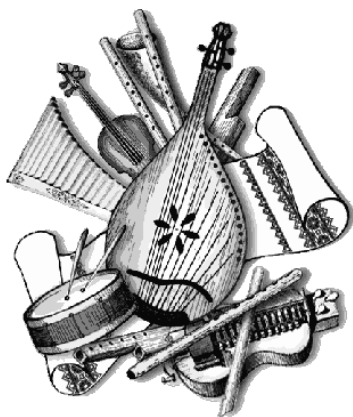
ST. PETER & PAUL SING-ALONG THIS SUNDAY: "YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 29th Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church at 635 North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, **Sunday, January 7th, 2024, starting at 2 p.m.** Join in the singing of some very sacred, joyful and inspiring Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all welcome the Newborn Son of God into our hearts and homes.

BLESSING OF HOMES: If you would like your home blessed, please call the rectory at 570-735-2262 or put you name and phone number in the collection basket.

CHURCH ENVELOPES, CALENDARS & 2024 CANDLES: The church envelopes and calendars are on the table in the back of the church. 2024 Candles are ready!

VISITING THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Father Walter tries to visit the homebound the first Friday of every month. If you know someone who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion and they were not, please contact Father Walter at the rectory at 570-735-2262.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING: The Divine Will Prayer Group will meet in our Parish in the Church Basement. New members and visitors are always welcome. The meeting will be **on Saturday, January 13 immediately after 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Please keep in mind that if you would like to go to confession-confessions will begin at 7:30 AM.**



MYASOPUSNA 2024: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is pleased to announce that dinner tickets are now available for our Annual Myasopusna Festival, held at the church's banquet hall at 240 Center Street, Nanticoke, on Sunday, February 4, from noon to 4 pm. The Myasopusna (Meatfare) Festival is the parish's pre-Lenten celebration, preceding the Great Fast. Dinner (a platter of holuptsi, kobasi, pyrohy, black bread and butter, and a homemade dessert) will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, followed by live Ukrainian dance performances by Saint Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. A variety of Ukrainian crafts will be on display and for sale.

Dinner tickets are \$20 if purchased by January 30 (\$22 at the door). Children under 12 are half price. Tickets can be purchased by calling **Helen (735-4654) -leave a message** OR from the rectory OR from Lisa 570-574-1016. Invite your friends and neighbors!

**THIS YEAR OUR FESTIVAL COMES VERY QUICK SO
PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT!!**





ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I have a question for you- how long is the “Christmas Season?”

Like Easter, Christmas is the only other feast that has a 40-day long Preparation Period (Phillip’s Fast) and 40-day Festal Period. Also, like Easter, Christmas is an eight-day feast. You might remember that on Easter and the entire week following the Royal Doors and Deacon Doors are open because it is seven days of Sunday. In our church, there are Feasts that are 1, 3, and 8 days. On the Feasts that last more than one day, the final day of the Feast is called the Leave-Taking. The Leave-Taking of Christmas is December 31. If you pay attention to the Liturgies, Daily and Sunday, throughout the course of the year, you will notice that for the Feast Day itself, there are multiple special prayers for the Feast, Old Testament Readings, Antiphons, Tropars, Kondaks, Prayers to the Mother of God, Communion Hymns and Ambvon (Priest’s Prayers). For the Feasts that last several days, you will notice that some of the special prayers will be included during this period. Possibly, the Antiphons, Tropars, Kondaks, and Prayers to the Mother of God-(It is Truly Right...). For the forty-day Festal Period, we don’t include all of those prayers liturgically, but you know it is the forty day Festal Period because of the greeting Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Part of the confusion with Christmas is that we have the Feast of Theophany, Synaxis of the Mother of God, Synaxis of St. John the Baptist, and the Feast of St. Stephen, in the middle of the Christmas Season, this does not negate the Christmas Festal Period that concludes with the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon.