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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**May 26, 2024, A. D.**



**Saturday, May 25**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, May 26**

**10:30 AM**

**Monday, May 27**

**9:00 AM**

**2:00 PM**

**3:15 PM**

**Tuesday, May 28**

**10:00 AM**

**Wednesday, May 29**

**10:00AM**

**Saturday, June 1**

**8:00 AM**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 2**

**10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

✠John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

God's Blessings & Good Health for Ellen Kobela

-Helen Lipowski

**MEMORIAL DAY**

God's Blessings on America & All Deceased Veterans

Panachyda at Transfiguration of Our Lord Cemetery

Blessing of Graves

Panachyda at Saint Nicholas Cemetery

Blessing of Graves

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

✠ Jason Yankosky - Diane Petry

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessing on Ben Placek-Lisa Placek

✠Shirley Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Wasyl Kobela-loving memory, Ellen Algrainy

***Please remember in your prayers all of our brave service men and women  
who bravely served our country.***

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30AM

Weekday Liturgy: M, W, F: 9:00A M

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

## SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

May 26, 2024



**TROPAR:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You!

**TROPAR:** Clothed as in purple and fine linen with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world, Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ our God: send down Your loving-kindness on Your people; grant peace to Your

community, and to our souls great mercy.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** O Lord, Creator of nature, the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first fruits of nature. By their supplications, through the Mother of God, preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace, O most merciful One.

**PROKIMEN:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God, pray and give praise to the Lord our God. Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God, pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

### **A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (11:32- 12:2):**

Brethren, what more shall I say? I have not the time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets; who by faith conquered kingdoms, worked righteously, obtained promises, closed the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, and turned to flight armies of foreigners: Women received their dead raised to life again. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to receive a better resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at the sword's point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, distressed, afflicted; the world was not worthy of them; they wandered about in deserts, on mountains, in dens and in caves. And all these being approved by the testimony of faith, received not the promise; God providing some better thing for us, that they should not be perfected without us. And therefore, we also having so great a cloud of witnesses over our head, laying aside every weight and sin which surrounds us, let us run by patience to the fight proposed to us: Looking on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, who having joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and now sits on the right hand of the throne of God.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3).The righteous cried out and the Lord heard them. Alleluia (3). Many are the troubles of the righteous, but out of them all the Lord will deliver them. Alleluia (3).

**GOSPEL Matthew 10:32-33;37-38;19:27-30**



“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said to him in reply, “We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3). Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones, praise from the upright is fitting. 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. Heavenly 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.

## **CHURCH NEWS ....**

**THANK YOU!:** Our deep gratitude is expressed to the Living in the Divine Will of God Prayer Group who brought the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to our Parish. Special thanks to Diane Petry and Janice Lee who organized the event for our Parish. It was moving, lovely and prayful.

**ORDINATION PICNIC:** On June 22, Father Walter will celebrate 10 years of his priesthood. Our Parish is organizing a Parish Picnic in conjunction with this event on **Sunday, June 23**. We are asking for your help- there is a list of items in the back of the church- could you possibly contribute a salad or other item to this affair?

**BIG BANG BASKET:** Can you help with a bottle of wine or liquor for the Nanticoke City Fireworks Event Again this year? The church was asked if we would contribute a basket again to this event. Contact Lisa for information.

**ZONING VARIANCE:** The application for the variance for the apartment building was pulled.

**CITY WIDE FLEA MARKET (NANTICOKE):** We will be joining the Nanticoke Town Wide Yard sale on **Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 8 – from 9am to 2pm. On June 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will be making pancakes, pyrohy, clam chowder, etc... and are looking for donations of gently used clothing, books, garden supplies, jewelry, etc. Please take all items to the hall and call 570-256-7883 or 570-592-5776 to have the hall open.

**ALERT! ALERT! Clothes are requested for our Flea Market. Consider cleaning out your closet! Come out and Help!**

**PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE:** The Wyoming Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human, 31 Hanover Street, WB are always in need of wipes or disposable diapers in sizes 1-4. If you would like to donate to this cause please drop them off in the church basement and Diane Petry has offered to deliver them to the center.

**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES:** Father's Day is June 16th, don't forget to remember your Father at our Father's Day Divine Liturgy.



**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. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



**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, Ed Schwartz.

### May 2024



The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Anna Wrobel.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory of Connie & Shirley Yanoshak

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by Diane Petry for the soul of Jason Yankosky.

The **Candle on the Proscomedia Table** is given by the MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Brian Kelley & Julia Boback.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek For God's Blessings on Ben Placek.

## The Feast of All Saints



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day is a Christian Holy Day observed by Eastern Churches on the First Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early Church. The feast was transferred for the Latin Church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the Church, even those not known by name. All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Catholics, Eastern Orthodox (and even the Anglicans and Lutherans). However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs. For the Catholics and Orthodox, when we remember all the saints we make them present amongst us, we don't merely "remember" them. We also venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps. In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution by Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74th homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople. At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 A.D. there is in the Chaldean Calendar a Commemoration confessorum for the Friday after Easter. In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 A.D. Feast of All Holy Martyrs be held. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs. During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

## **The Apostles' Fast - Petrovka – Peter and Paul Fast:**

The Apostles' Fast, also called the Fast of the Holy Apostles, the Fast of Peter and Paul, or sometimes St. Peter's Fast, is a fast observed by Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox. The fast begins on the second Monday after Pentecost (the day after All Saints' Sunday) and continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, according to the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox liturgical calendar. Having rejoiced for fifty days following Pascha (Easter), the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to spread Christ's message. According to Sacred Tradition, as part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them in their missionary undertakings. The scriptural foundation for the Fast is found in the Synoptic Gospels, when the Pharisees criticized the apostles for not fasting, Jesus said to them, "Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the Bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the Bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." In the immediate sense, Christ was referring to his being taken to be crucified; but in the wider sense it is understood in terms of his Ascension into heaven, and his commission to preach the Gospel, which can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting. The tradition of the Fast has existed at least since Pope Leo I (461 AD), as is evidenced by his homilies, though it has subsequently been forgotten in the West. The Fast is thought to have been instituted out of thanksgiving to God for the witness of the apostles of Christ. With this Fast, believers express their thanks for the apostles' endurance of persecution during their mission. The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with a mitigated abstinence (wine & oil) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**PETROVKA** (St. Peter & Paul Fast): St. Peter & Paul Fast begins on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> and ends on the 28th of June.

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty. -**John F. Kennedy**



## **Psalm 25 Of David. (1-10)**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.