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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**June 9, 2024 A. D.**



**Saturday, June 8**

**8:00 AM**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 9**

**10:30 AM**

**Wednesday, June 12**

**10:00 AM**

**Friday, June 14**

**10:00AM**

**Saturday, June 15**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 16**

**10:30 AM**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Olympia Pasicznyk- Nancy Marshall (1 year anniversary)

†Olympia Pasicznyk- Alberola Family

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

† Olympia Pasicznyk-Helen Lipowski

God's Blessings for Pope Francis & the Church Magisterium  
-Nancy Marshall

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

For All Fathers Living & Deceased

†Elvira Gagliardi—Mike & Jill Gagliardi

**FATHER'S DAY**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

For All Fathers Living & Deceased

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

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

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

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 9, 2024



**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

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

**KONDAK:** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

**PROKEIMON:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

### **A Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:1-10:**

Brethren, therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia(3) Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia(3).



### **Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33**

The Lord said, “The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (that is, money). Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit: and as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying ‘What shall we eat?’ or, ‘What shall we drink?’, or, ‘What are we to put on?’ (for after all these things the Gentiles seek); for your Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice; and all these things shall be given you besides.”

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



### **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 ....**

**PETITIONS TO THE SACRED OF JESUS:** During the month of June we will pray petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after Divine Liturgy. On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Roman Catholic Church they celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> the Immaculate Heart of Mary and on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph.

**ORDINATION PICNIC:** On June 22, Father Walter will celebrate 10 years of his priestly ordination. Our Parish is organizing a Parish Picnic in conjunction with this event on **Sunday, June 23. The Liturgy will start at 9:30 AM. Social Hour will be from the end of Liturgy until about 11:30 AM.** 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:** Thank you to everyone who donated wine or liquor for our basket donation!

**PYROHY MAKING:** Thank you to everyone who came out to help!

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** You are cordially invited to the second annual Holy Spirit Parish Walking Pilgrimage on **Saturday, July 13.** Sing and pray through beautiful forest land as we walk from St. Mary's Church in Mocanaqua to St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Participants will ask God's blessing on our diocese, our country, and our world, and witness to those we meet along the way. The pilgrimage begins at 8:00 a.m. with Confessions and prayer at St. Mary's Church. A pilgrim brigade will then form and walk approximately 6 miles through the Mocanaqua Tract of the Pinchot State Forest, culminating with Holy Mass around 12:00 noon at St. Adalbert's Church. Lunch will be served and transportation will be available back to Mocanaqua. We will walk rain or shine; please dress accordingly and modestly. All are invited to participate in the pilgrimage either by walking or by submitting prayer requests. Call Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253 or email.

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

**LASAGNA DINNER:** “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will includes a generous portion of meat lasagna, garden salad, bread and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody’s Happy!”



**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.



## June 2024

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

The **Eternal Light** is given by Gerry Adamchak in loving memory of Daniel Adamchak.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by Mary Ann Jarolen for God’s blessings on Jenn and Tom Jones.

The **Candles on the Proscomedia Table** are given by the Pasicznyk Family in loving memory of Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz For God’s Blessings on their Granddaughter Elizabeth.

***If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. (Matthew 622-23)*** Here the mind is called the eye, and the entire composition of the soul is called the body. Thus, when the mind is simple, the soul is bright; but when the mind is evil, the soul is dark. What are a simple mind and an evil mind? A simple mind is one which accepts the Word of God as it is written and is convinced beyond a doubt that all is indeed as is written. It has no deceit, no wavering or hesitation. An evil mind is which approached the Word of God with slyness, artful disputing, and questioning. It cannot believe directly but subjects the Word of God to it's sophistry. It approached the Word not as a disciple, but as a judge and critic. To test something stated there, and then either scoffs at it or says in a haughty manner, "Yes, not bad." Such a mind has no firm tenants, because it clearly does not believe the Word of God, and it's philosophizing is always unstable—today one way, tomorrow another. Hence, it has only wavering, confusion, and questions without answers. Everything is out of place with it, and it walks in the dark, fumbling along its way. A simple mind sees everything clearly: everything in it has a definite character, determined by the Word of God. That is why everything in it has its place, and it knows exactly how to behave with relation to things—it walks along open, visible roads, with complete assurance that they to the true goal. -**St. Theophan the Recluse**

### 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.

## The Eye of Light

***“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light” (Matthew 6:22)***

The faith-filled Christian is ever aware of being watched by the all-seeing eye of the Lord. We understand that to refer to the Holy Trinity. We realize also that the above passage from the Sermon on the Mount referring to a healthy eye filled with light was embodied in the Son of Man, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. How blessed are His eyes that look upon us with patience, understanding, compassion, forgiveness and love. Put poignantly by the English poet, Lancelot Andrewes: ***“Look on me with eyes that looked upon the weeping woman, Peter in the courtyard, and the thief on the cross.”*** Which weeping woman? He showed such empathy for women in general, for those in His time on earth such as the widow burying her only son that day when He approached her village of Canaan in Galilee filled with grief. Or was it for the Syro-Phoenician woman making herself a spectacle by pursuing Him relentlessly, pleading on behalf of her sick daughter? Consider Photina, the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. Maybe the verse refers to the one whom the evangelist John identifies as Mary, the sister of Lazarus, bathing His feet in her copious tears. His eye filled with light perceived what other men ignored, dismissed or never noticed. First, sympathy. Some people in deep grief don’t expect help from others, but simple understanding of their plight is itself a blessing. He offered compassion, and for that they were grateful. More, Jesus has empathy. He felt their emotions as though they were His own, because they were His. Beyond that He took their burdens upon Himself and set them free from their misery. Most likely Saint Andrew had in mind Mary Magdalene, and the poignant scene in the garden that day of the Resurrection, when she was looking through her tears and could not focus in on the One she had gazed upon so many times as he spoke to large and tiny crowds, and she imbibed it all. His attitude to Magdalene was so filled with love that ordinary men often rush to identify it as mere human ardor of a man for a woman. The gaze He gave to St. Peter surpassed that look He gave to the woman. Was there a moment in the trauma of that night of His arrest when the Rock cracked within Himself, breaking his vow of absolute allegiance to his Master, and our loving Lord let him know with a glance that He understood and forgave him? *“I know,”* He is conveying with His eyes, *“all creatures react instinctively—fight or flight—and you measured the odds against us. You meant well, but human nature seized and possessed you.”* He forgot the miracles, the healings, the raising of Lazarus, and even the transcendent mountaintop event. We can only imagine the strain within the apostle. How easy for us to charge him with betrayal. So simple to play the Pharisee and brand St. Peter with cowardice, and when we do, we are not demonstrating the truth of

our loving Lord's admonition—our eyes are not totally filled with light. We don't see things clearly, therefore we judge not with the love and mercy of God, but with the limited viewpoint of fallen natural humanity. If we were able to see with the eye of our Lord, we would celebrate the joy of the thief on the cross who made a last hour confession of his entire lifetime of sinfulness. Who was happier at the moment—the one forgiven, or the Great Forgiver? Can you consider how our loving Lord Jesus must have felt to be able to take with Him to Paradise somebody considered worthless by human standards? Two men undergoing the excruciating anguish of such a horrible death bonded in an emotional farewell to the present world, one experiencing a hope he never dreamed possible or even considered, the other blessing, forgiving, loving and welcoming the sinner into His Father's Kingdom. Here now is another evidence for His triumphant proclamation: "It is accomplished."