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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**June 23, 2024, A. D.**



**Saturday, June 22**  
**6:00 PM**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Jennifer Wetzel- Helen Lipowski

**Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Sunday, June 23**

**CELEBRATION OF 10<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF ORDINATION**

**9:30 AM**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**God's Blessings & Salvation for the Barentt Kurtz**

**Monday, June 24**

**BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**10:30 AM**

✠Jan Chwiej-Lisa Chokola

**Tuesday, June 25**

**10:00AM**

✠Danielle Chwiej-Lisa Chokola

**Wednesday, June 26**

**10:00 AM**

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**4:00 PM**

Vespers for Ukrainian Saints & Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky

**Thursday, June 27**

**9:00AM**

**Binding of Demonic Forces- Br. Evangelos & Sandy Ocasio**

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**Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth Only**

**Saturday, June 29**

**PETER & PAUL PREEMINENT APOSTLES(Myrovania)**

**8:30 AM**

✠Rev. Fr. Paul Harchson- John J. Cienki

**6:00 PM**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Theodore Weron- Donna Lee

**Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Sunday, June 30**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**9:30 AM**

✠Uncle Frank & Aunt Dorothy Kobela

-Loving Memory, Ellen Alqrainy

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

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

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

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024

**TROPAR:** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered, Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy." Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

**KONDAK:** My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

**PROKIMEN:** How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom.

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

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel of Matthew 8:28-9.1**

At that time, when Jesus arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

**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 ....



**HOLY DAYS:** Monday is a solemn holy day celebrating the Birth of John the Baptist. On Saturday, June 29 we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul- this is a holy day of obligation. Divine Liturgy will be Saturday at Ss. Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth) at 8:30 AM. Please note that the Ss. Peter & Paul Fast ends Saturday morning.

**ORDINATION PICNIC:** This **Sunday, June 23**, Father Walter will celebrate 10 years of his priestly ordination with a Celebration Liturgy & Picnic. We, as a Parish Community (Ss. Peter & Paul & Transfiguration of Our Lord Church), are organizing the events of this coming Sunday June 23. The Liturgy will start at 9:30 AM and the Social Hour will be from the end of Liturgy until about 11:30 AM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. **There will be NO SUNDAY LITURGY AT Saint Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth on June 23.** Everyone is welcome. Sign-up is optional, but not required.

**PLEASE NOTE THE PICNIC IS MOVED TO THE CHURCH HALL. Thank you in advance to everyone who generously helped make the picnic a success.**

**FOOD AND ATTENDANCE:** Please be aware that the picnic has been moved to the church hall due to the weather. The church yard will be available for games, etc. – frisbee, ball/bat, badmitton will be located next to the church basement. **You can call Lisa at 570-574-1016 and items can be dropped on Saturday night from 5:00PM to 7:30 PM. Last minute Perishable items may be dropped off Sunday between 8:30AM and 9:00AM before church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, it is always welcome.**

**HELP IS NEEDED:** If anyone is available to help with the food set-up and clean-up on Sunday, we would be extremely grateful. Many hands make light work.

**JOINT CHOIR:** There will be a Liturgy Program printed. **ALL VOICES ARE NEEDED.** The CHOIR IS THE CHURCH COMMUNITY. Stephan Udiski volunteered to help lead the service with the changeable parts for this event. Please pray with us. *He who sings, prays twice.*

**FOOD FESTIVAL PICNIC PLANNING MEETING:** There will be a planning meeting to discuss our Labor Day Food Festival on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following Sunday Liturgy. Everyone is welcome.

**CANDLES:** Please note that the candle sheets are in the blue folder in the back of the church and there are candles available for July and other months.



## June 2024

The **Candle before the Icon of St. John the Baptist** is given  
In celebration of Rev. Father Walter Pasicznyk's  
10 years of priestly ordination.

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.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the  
footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We Pray in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ has  
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



### **A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, Father of all Mercies,  
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,  
Send Your Graces upon those  
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children  
that they may discern Your Holy Will;  
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves  
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life  
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
all the Angels, and the Saints, humbly hear our prayers  
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Thoughts from St. Theophan the Recluse**

The Nazarenes did not believe the word of the Lord, because when He lived among them, He had no attractive luster or outward dignity that might have commanded involuntary [human] respect. “We know who He is.” They said, “There can’t be anything extraordinary about Him.” Their reaction, however, did not induce the Lord to assume an imposing appearance. He remained extremely simple in appearance. Later, the Apostles bore themselves the same way, as did all those who truly followed and emulated them. Why is this so? Because there is no man-made luster that could fully correspond to the light of life in Jesus Christ. Moreover, we recognize to relegate external appearance to the lowest value, so that it does not obstruct what is within. Let him who has eyes to see look directly at the latter without arresting his attention upon the former. The Holy Apostle Paul expressed it like this: *We have this treasure in earthen vessels. (II Cor. 4:7)*. If we could see the outward appearance of those persons whom we now revere and call upon in prayer, we would not believe our eyes—they were so simple. But to this day, those who have come to know the life in Jesus Christ abandon what is outward and turn fully within. That is why the former falls away on its own, but the latter is raised up and grows. It often happens that no one even notices this inner brightness, not even the one who possesses it. The human eye is evil; it is not shown what is truly good, as long as it is capable of harming it.

### The power of prayer

Once a person has become humble, straightaway mercy encircles and embrace him; and once mercy has approached, immediately his heart becomes aware of God helping him, since he discovers a certain powerful assurance stirring within him. When someone has become aware of the coming of divine help, and that it is this which aids and assists him, then at once his heart is filled with faith, and from this he understands that prayer is: the haven of help, the fountainhead of salvation, a treasury of assurance, a saving anchor in time of storm, an illumination to those in darkness, a staff for the weak, a shelter in time of trials, a source of recovery at the time of sickness, a shield of deliverance in war, an arrow sharpened in face of enemies. Having found an entry to all these excellent things through prayer, henceforth that person will rejoice in the prayer of faith his heart exulting in confidence—no longer blindly, or through lip-service only, as had previously been the case. Once aware of this, he has acquired prayer in his soul, like a treasure. Out of the joy he experiences, he will change the direction of his prayer, turning it into utterance of thanksgiving. —**St. Isaac the Syrian**



**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.



**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.