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Divine Liturgy Schedule June 30, 2024, A. D.



Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30 10:30 AM SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 합Uncle Frank & Aunt Dorothy Kobela -Loving Memory, Ellen Algrainy

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, July 1 10:00 AM

God's Blessing on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Tuesday, July 2 10:00AM

Thursday, July 4 Saturday, July 6 FOURTH OF JULY

8:00 AM

Saturday, July 6 6:00 PM

Sunday, July 7 10:30 AM SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Joseph Becker

-Becker Family

# 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

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 30, 2024



**TROPAR:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

**KONDAK:** You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

**PROKIMEN:** You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever.

## A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 12:6-14:

Brethren, we have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with the faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Never be lacking in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the Holy Ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

**ALLELUIA:** 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).

# **Gospel of Matthew 9:1-8**



At that time, Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your

sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

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



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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.

# **July 2024**



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The Candle before St. Nicholas is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz
For God's Blessings on their Granddaughter, Elizabeth & Grandson, Peyton.

The Icon Table before the Transfiguration of Our Lord Candle
Is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz for God's Blessings on
The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nicholas & Cheryl Schwartz.

#### **PSALM 82**

The theme of this psalm-the maintenance and of equity and justice-is a prerequisite for the continued existence of the world that was revealed on the third day of creation.

It is for this reason that ir is the Song of the Day for the third day of the week. But this message is not limited only to courts. In his personal life, every Jew is a judge, for his opinions and decisions about people can affect their lives. A song of Asaf: God stands in the Divine assembly, in the midst of judges shall He judge. Until when will you judge lawlessly and favor the presence of the wicked, Selah? Judge fairly the needy and the orphan, vindicate the poor and impoverished. Rescue the needy and destitute, and deliver them from the hand of the wicked. They do not know nor do they understand, they walk in darkness all the foundations of the earth collapse. I said: "You are angelic, sons of the Most High are you all." But like men you shall die, and like one of the princes you shall fall. Arise, O God, judge the earth, for You shall seek Your inheritance among all the nations.

#### CHURCH NEWS ....



ORDINATION PICNIC: My deep appreciation to the parishioners of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church and Saints Peter & Paul Church for my Ordination Day Celebration. Thank You for praying for me and with me and for all your generosity and hard work.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!:** Happy 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Tom & Mary Ann Potsko who will celebrate their Anniversary on July 3! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy & Healthy Years, Peace, Health & Salvation!

**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 Litugy. 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.

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.

**PRAYERS:** Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad. Please keep Father Paul Wolensky in your prayers.

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.

#### TRAVELERS' PRAYER

O Almighty and merciful God, who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of fall and bruises, and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

The Lord forgives the sins of the man sick of the palsy. One should rejoice; but the evil mind of the learned scribes says: "This man blasphemes." (Matthew 9:3). After the miracle of the healing of the man sick of the palsy—a confirmation of the comforting truth that "The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins." (Matthew 9:6) -- The people glorified God. But nothing is said about the scribes, probably because they continued to weave their deceitful questions even after such a miracle. The mind without faith is a schemer. It constantly hammers out its evil suspicions and weaves blasphemy against the whole realm of faith. As for miracles—it either does not believe in them, or it demands a tangible one. But when a miracle is given that would obligate one to submit to the Faith, this mind is not ashamed to turn away from it, distorting or slandering the miraculous works of God. It treats irrefutable evidence of God's Truth in the same way. Such a mind is sufficiently and cogently presented with both experiential and intellectual proof, but it covers even this with doubt. Sort out all that it produces, and you will see that in this there is only deceit, although it's own language causes cleverness, and you are unwillingly led to the conclusion that cleverness and deceit are one and the same. In the realm of faith the apostle says, "We have the mind of Christ." (ICor. 2:16) Whose mind is outside of the realm of faith? The evil one's. That is why deceit has become his distinguishing characteristic. -St. Theophan the Recluse

Change your entire point of view! Life is not a mockery. Disappointments are merely markers on the road of life, saying: "Perfect Happiness is not here." Every disillusionment, every blasted earthly hope, every frustrated carnal desire, points to God. You can come to God not only by being good, but, if only knew it, by a succession of disgusts. The very sense of loss you feel in this world is in itself a proof that once you were possessed and possessed by God. Though your *passions* may have been satisfied, *you* were never satisfied, because while your passions can find satisfaction in this world, *you* cannot. If at the present time your vices have left you, do not think you have left your vices. - Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Remade for Happiness pp.12-13

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.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Dormition Fast and when did it start?

Just like the Feast of Resurrection (Easter), there is a preparation period which lasts 40 days (The Great Fast). The preparation period for the Feast of the Dormition of Holy Mother of God is a two-week preparation/penitential period, which begins August 1 of each year. As the Great Fast ends with the Dormition of Christ on the Cross (Good Friday), we prepare for our Blessed Lady's Dormition and her resurrection, and ours, even though we don't experience it yet in time. This preparation period is not only for her feast, but also to prepare us for our dormition and resurrection and to lead us to heaven. BUT Father, can you explain this in English? The Dormition of the Mother of God is the day that she died. The Blessed Mother was put in a tomb. Thomas-aka Doubting Thomas, the Apostle, was not present at her death and burial, he asked to see where she was laid and when they arrived at the tomb found it was empty and filled with the aroma of roses. Roman Catholics call this day the Assumption of the Mother of God because her body was taken to heaven. HOW DO WE KEEP THIS FAST PERIOD? The traditional fast is a period of 14 days with no meat and dairy. The fast is voluntary. Just like Lent we can omit meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**DORMITION FAST:** The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The observance of this fast is voluntary.

#### **SLAVONIC:**

Milost' Mira- the mercy of peace Dveri, dveri- the doors, the doors

Istinna- truth Mir- world Myr- peace Chram- church

# BOOK(s) OF THE MONTH FOR JULY-Suggested Reading Material:

St. Gregory of Nyssa – On the Soul and the Resurrection

(121 pages long) by Popular Patristis Series,

Remade for Happiness- Bishop Fulton Sheen