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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 14, 2024, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, July 13

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 14

10:30 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

✠Daniel Kar- Lisa Chokola

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 AM

God's Blessings on Tom & MaryAnn for their Wedding Anniversary- Mnohaya Lita!

Thursday, July 18

10:00 AM

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, July 20

6:00 PM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✠Augustine & Kaminsky Families- Denise Kaminsky
Blessing of cars in memory of St. Elijah

Sunday, July 21

10:30 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Natalia Becker
- Becker Family
Blessing of cars in memory of St. Elijah

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

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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: Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our Fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,**

KONDAK: The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore, the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man. **Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

PROKIMEN: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

A Reading of the 1st Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-18):



I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no schisms among you; but that you be perfect in the same mind, and in the same judgment. For it has been told unto me, my brethren, of you, by them that are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you says, 'I indeed am of Paul'; and 'I am of Apollos'; and 'I am of Cephas'; and 'I of Christ'. Is Christ divided? Was Paul then crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I give God thanks, that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Caius; lest any should say that you were baptized in my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanus; besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of speech, lest the cross of Christ should be made void. For the word of the cross, to them indeed that perish, is foolishness; but to them that are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God.

ALLELUIA: : Alleluia(3). It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. Alleluia(3). To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. : Alleluia(3).

Gospel of Matthew 14:14-22;; John 17: 1-17



At that time when Jesus saw a large crowd, out of compassion for them and he cured their sick. Now, when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, “This is a desert place and the hour is already late; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away; you yourselves give them some food.” They answered him, “We have here only five loaves and two fishes.” He said to them, “Bring them here to me.” And when he had ordered the crowd to recline on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were satisfied; and they gathered up what was left over, twelve baskets full of fragments. Now the number of those who had eaten was five thousand men, without counting women and children. And immediately afterwards he made his disciples get into the boat and cross ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTEERS: The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great are looking for volunteers to help during this year’s Pilgrimage which will take place on September 29th, on the grounds of the motherhouse in Jenkinstown. If you are interested in helping us, please call Mrs. Maria Panczak at 215-379-3998 at ext. 17 or by email at development@stbasils.com.



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.

CHURCH NEWS



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!: Happy Birthday to Mike Gagliardi and John Ferrato who celebrate their birthdays on July 20th! Happy Birthday to Leona Kobela who celebrates her Birthday on July 25th!! Happy Birthday to Helen Lipowski who celebrates her Birthday on July 26th!! Happy Birthday to Joan Skordy who celebrates her Birthday on July 31!! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant You Many Happy Years!



FOOD FESTIVAL PICNIC: A planning meeting was held Sunday, July 7th. Please save the date of the **Food Festival – Saturday, August 31st**. We RELY on these fund raisers for CHURCH expenses, please help.

RAFFLE: We will once again have a Raffle in conjunction with the Food Festival. Baskets are needed. (Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz have donated a TV and it will be raffled off at this time.) Baskets of beverages containing alcohol are acceptable as we are planning on obtaining a Special Use Permit.



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD CEMETERY: As many Parishioners are well aware the Cemetery Fence requires some repair, the Men's Work Group has graciously offered to repair the fence. They have assessed it what is expected to be needed. If any Parishioner(s) can help obtain materials at a discount through work, etc. please contact the rectory If anyone would like to volunteer their time to help the men's group through the course of the repair –it will take at least all summer, please contact the rectory. We are extremely grateful that the men have donated their time to this project. Thank You! We need approximately 18 donations of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and "unanticipated expenses" for the fence or about \$900. Can you buy a post? We will keep updating this list as we go. The Men's Group has already replaced 1 post(with no name) this past Saturday. Our deepest gratitude for their efforts!!!!

Post #1 "Post-ulate a Replacement" - Helen Lipowski - \$50

Post #2 Father Walter Pasicznyk -\$50

Posts #3&4 "Posts with no name" - \$100

Posts # 5-18- Michael Homishak-\$700

If you would like to contribute additional posts to cover additional expenses it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You to our donors!

Please keepin mind that additional donations will also be needed for the roof project.

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.

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.

CHICKEN DINNER: "Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 17, 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 include; a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Remember...**When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!**"



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.

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.

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



July 2024

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

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In loving memory of Henry Heylek, Sr. & Joseph Heylek.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in
loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **Candles on the Proscomedia Table** are given by the
Mary Ann Jarolen, Tom & Jenn Jones in loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

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 25th Anniversary of Nicholas & Cheryl Schwartz.

1Corinthians 9:13-18 Matthew 16:1-6

The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted the Lord to show them a sign, but they did not see the sign before their very eyes. The Lord Himself was the sign. His teaching and works clearly showed Who He was, and no additional evidence was needed. *The works that I do ... they bear witness of Me, (John 10:25)* He said to the Jews. The Lord denounced them, saying: *You can discern the face of the sky; but cannot you not discern the signs of the times? (Mat. 16:3).* Why did this happen with them? Because they lived an outward life and did not enter within themselves. Without collectiveness, attentiveness, and self-searching it is impossible to notice or comprehend the works of God. This has continued until this day. Christianity is before everyone's eyes as the true sign of God, but those who look at it do not see this, are shaken in faith, and step away. Their eyes lose the ability to see the stamp of divinity in it, and they are ready like the Jews to ask for special signs from heaven. But a sign is not given and shall not be given, because those who seek this do so only to tempt, and not in order to walk the path of Christ. Just enter onto this path, and from the first step you will see it is Divine, that it leads to God and brings God nearer to you. The Lord said to the Jews: *There shall be no sign given ... but the sign of the prophet Jonah. (Matthew 12:39)* The Lord foresaw today's unbelievers as well, and prepared for them an answer: *Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn. (Matthew 24:30).*- **St. Theophan the Recluse**

“ASK FATHER A QUESTION? In the Eastern Church, how do we venerate the Blessed Mother of God? What is important to really know about the Blessed Theotokos, the Mother of God? [https:// lit.royaldoors.net/?event_id1=5432](https://lit.royaldoors.net/?event_id1=5432) The above link comes from Royal Doors.net, a Ukrainian Catholic Website to aid English Speakers. This link will take you to the Propers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos specifically September 8th of 2022, for Vespers, Matins and the Liturgy. Go to this site and read all the prayers located there, for this is what is important to know about Mary. This is how we venerate Mary in addition to many Molebens and Akathists. Remember that Mary along with John the Baptist are the only two people in the Church whom we remember their conception, their birth and their death in Holy Days; the third Person that we celebrate the same way is also God, namely the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Mary’s importance like John’s, comes from telling us to follow Jesus as the way to salvation. Mary’s importance unlike John’s is that she is the Golden Gate of the Temple through which God entered the world; the Church Fathers tell us this Golden Gate is Mary’s womb. Hence, the early Church properly called Her Theotokos, “God-Bearer” even before the Church Council properly defined that this is Mary’s official title in the Church. Of the Major Holy Days in the Church there are Eight Feasts that specifically venerate the Blessed Virgin Mother. Of great importance is the Feast of Dormition of Mary (August 15th), her Birthday in heaven as viewed by the Church, we begin preparing for this with the two week long Dormition Fast. What is really important to know about Mary as the Theotokos, is that she lived a life of humility, showing us the Way to Salvation and that God entered the world as a Man, the Savior, quietly and simply and humbly, by Mary saying yes to God. Mary directs us to follow Christ if we desire salvation. The Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos is October 1, typically in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, October is the month of Mary.

Entrust your works to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3.