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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
June 15, 2025 A. D.

Saturday, June 14

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
For All Living and †Deceased Fathers



Sunday, June 15

10:30AM

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Friday, June 20

9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, June 21

9:00 AM

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conversion of Sinners -

Living in the Divine Will of God Prayer Group

†Michael Sawczuk- Barno Family

6:00 PM

AFTER LITURGY

ADULT DISCUSSION - "The Nature of Man"

Sunday, June 22

NO LITURGY

Sunday, June 22 at 10:00AM at Ss. Peter & Paul Church
ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TEA AFTER LITURGY



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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



ALL SAINTS' DAY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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. Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. 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 something better 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.

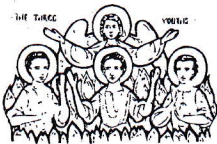
ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). The righteous cried out and the Lord heard them. **Alleluia (3).** Many are the troubles of the righteous, but out of them all the Lord will deliver them. **Alleluia (3).**

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 THE CHURCH : We pray 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 confession of your name, we pray in the name of the Father, and the Son and the 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, Mike Oresick, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Paulette Parcel & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

CHURCH NEWS

ADULT DISCUSSION: There will be an Adult Discussion on the book of the month for May – **Aquinas, On Human Nature** on Saturday, June 21st after Liturgy. If you have any questions, related to the book or not – bring them to the class.

JUST A NOTE: When submitting a mass intention, please make sure that you write out the intention legibly and if you write a check, please make it out to the Parish priest.



ANNUAL TEA: The annual tea, hosted by our catechism children is scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd following the liturgy that will be held at SS Peter and Paul Church. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the church. There will be one Liturgy on **Sunday, June 22 at 10:00AM** for both parishes at ss. Peter & Paul Church. **Remember, there will be no Sunday Liturgy on Sunday, June 22 at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church.**

BIG BANG BASKET: A basket was donated to the City of Nanticoke for the BIG BANG Celebration on Saturday, June 28 (4pm-9pm) at the LCCC Parking Lot.

PETITIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: On the Sundays of June we will have Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CEMETERY WATER: The Cemetery Water has been turned on. Call rectory for lock code.

TAKE-OUT LASAGNA DINNER: “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 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 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!”

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE:

On the Soul and the Resurrection, by ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA

St. Vladimir’s Press ISBN: 978-881411201

Translated by Catharine P. Roth

PRAY MORE. PRAY OFTEN.

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 TO ARCHANGEL GABRIEL: Blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech you, intercede for us at the throne of Divine Mercy in our present necessities, that as you announced to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the same benefits, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. Amen.
... Archangel Gabriel, Pray for Us.



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.



Prayer to Our Guardian Angel:: O Holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything in which I have grieved you all the days of my life, and in which I sinned in the day just past. Protect me during the coming night and keep me from every influence of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. Intercede for me to the Lord that He may strengthen me in His fear and make me worthy to be a servant of His goodness. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH: We pray 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 confession of your name, we pray in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HEALING PRAYER: Holy Spirit, come down and reclaim my body which was consecrated to Thee at my baptism, filling my entire dimensive quantity, from the top of my head to the bottoms of my feet. Fill my faculties with Thy presence, my senses, memory, imagination, cogitative power, common sense power, intellect, will and appetites. Take up Thy residence in all aspects of my body and soul, leaving no place unfilled, closing off any doors, caves or portals to the demons, driving them to the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ, never to return again. Heal me of the wounds of NN (Name the wounds). In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. From Deliverance Prayers; compiled by Father Chad Ripperger

The Soul is a Lamp

Saint Symeon the New Theologian declares that God is fire. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles at Pentecost in the form of flaming tongues of fire. He compares the soul to a lamp. Just as a lamp must be adorned with a good supply of oil and trimmed wicks in order to produce fire and light, so the soul must be adorned with all virtues, but beyond that it must receive the fire which is the Holy Spirit. God is fire, He says, and through the Holy Spirit searches for material to set on fire with divine love. We are that material. Jesus came to cast fire not on earth, but in our hearts and minds. He came to ignite and illumine the lamp of each person's soul. We read in Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." The spirit of man remains unfulfilled until it is touched by the divine flame. All candles have one thing in common: they must be lit in order to be useful. If not, they may as well be pieces of pottery. God created us in many different, sizes, shapes and colors. Each of us has a special talent. But, like candles, we are just a decoration in the world unless we are lit to shine for Him.

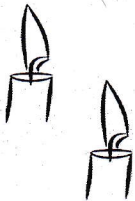
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A Word of Caution

A note of caution here. There are many cults that emphasize the Inner Light. They have good things to say about the inner light and the guidance they receive from it. However, by "inner light" they do not mean what we mean: the presence of the Trinity within us. Inner light to them means their own light that emerges from their own thinking. It has nothing to do with God. It, in fact, a Godless humanism. As G.K. Chesterton so well said, "That Jones shall worship the god within him turns out ultimately to mean the Jones shall worship Jones."

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PETROVKA (St. Peter & Paul Fast): St. Peter & Paul Fast begins on Sunday evening, June 15 at Vespers with the singing of "O Joyful Light..." after the Sunday of All Saints and continues until Saturday, June 28th. The Apostles' Fast is not as severe as Lent or the Dormition Fast, but entails fasting from red meat, poultry, meat products, eggs, dairy products, fish, oil, and wine. Fasting also partners with prayer, almsgiving and confession, readying the whole person like an athlete; body, mind, and soul, for an upcoming feast, similar to the way in which orthodox Catholics would hope to be properly prepared for the Second Coming. For this reason, during fasting seasons, no marriages should take place. Another important part of any fasting period is going to Confession. The Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul is Sunday, June 29th.



JUNE CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mrs. Geraldine Adamchak
In loving memory of her husband, Daniel Adamchak.

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen
For God's Blessings on Tom & Jenn Jones.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
M/M Bruce Duncan in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota.

The **Candle before St. John the Baptist** is given by
by Lisa Placek for God's Blessings on Helen & Marc Lipowski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by the
M/M Charles Wetzel for the Deceased members of the Wetzel/ Slota Family.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is given by Mrs. Mary Schwartz
for God's Blessings on her grandson, Peyton.

The **Icon Table Candle before the Transfiguration** is given by
Lisa Placek for God's Blessings on Ben & Nikolas Placek.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Pasicznyk Family in
Loving memory of Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk.

Their Death is More like Dreaming

We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful ser-

vants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

St. John of Damascus