

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
June 22, 2025, A. D.



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

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TEA at Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Monday, June 23

9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Tuesday, June 24

10:30 AM

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (w/Myrovania)

†Michael Sawczuk- MaryAnn Jarolen

Saturday, June 28

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL – PRIME APOSTLES

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for all Parishioners

6:00 PM

Sunday, June 29

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL – PRIME APOSTLES

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Adrian Camerton

10:30 AM

-Ulana Campbell



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Sunday June 22 - 10:00 AM Liturgy and Children's Tea

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: **Though** the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

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

KONDAK: You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All mankind acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy: “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

PROKEIMON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Romans 2:10-16:

Brethren, there will be glory, honor and peace to everyone who does good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God there is no favoritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to it; sinners bound by the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it, as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thought will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the gospel I preach, God will pass judgment on the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.

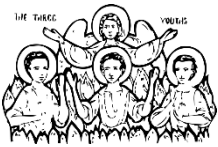
ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) God gives me vindication and has subdued people under me. **Alleluia (3).** Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. **Alleluia (3).**

Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23



At that time Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

COMMUNION VERSE: 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.



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.

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

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: IT'S THIS SUNDAY!!! The annual tea, hosted by our catechism children is scheduled for this Sunday, June 22nd following the liturgy that will be held at SS Peter and Paul 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. All are invited, even if you didn't sign up to attend.**

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.

FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a meeting for the planning of the Food Festival on Sunday, June 29th, immediately following Divine Liturgy.

WEBSITE HISTORICAL VIDEOS & PICTURES: Everyone is invited to enjoy the newly posted historical videos that are on the church website. A link is available on the parish home page. It is delightful to reminisce, revisit these moments from our heritage, and remember our founders and benefactors. www.transfigurationucc.org.

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. you became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.



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.

Second Sunday After Pentecost

The Lord called Peter and Andrew, and leaving everything behind, they immediately followed Him. He called James and John, and they also immediately left all and followed the Lord. Why did they follow Him so quickly and willingly? Because they do something better. Such is the law that we have in our own soul, that once it has tasted and known what is better, it is repulsed by what is worse and abandons it. Here is accomplished the same thing that the Lord Later described in His parable about the treasure hid in a field and about the pearl of great price. The treasure and the pearl are faith in the Lord and communion with Him, according to the strength of one's faith. We have already been named possessors of this in Baptism. Why do we value this treasure so little and thus exchange it for barren ground? Because we were not brought up to cultivate a taste for this treasure, and it becomes foreign to our hearts. Our heart does not know this better thing. It only knows that there is the bad, the very bad, and the not so bad, and bases its outlook upon this assessment. Here is the entire reason why the Lord calls some and they come, while we, the chosen ones, run from Him.

-St. Theophan the Recluse

The Fifth Kathisma

The first stasis

Do you seek mercy? Be merciful yourself.

The debts of those who ask for pardon are forgiven. But see that you do not harbor hatred for your brothers when you ask forgiveness of your debts. Prayers that are offered up to God remain behind closed doors if they do not contain love, for only love can open the doors for prayer. If your brother is angry with you, then the Lord is also angry with you. And if you have made peace with your brother below, then you have made peace with the Lord on high. If you receive your brother, then you also receive your Lord. Thus, make peace with the Lord in the person of those who are offended; give Him cause to be glad in the person of those who sorrow; visit Him in the person of those who are infirmed; feed Him in the person of those who hunger. In the person of a weary traveler, prepare a soft bed for Him, wash His feet, seat Him at the head of your table, break your bread and share it with Him, and give Him also your cup. He has already shown His great love for you; He has broken His body for you and given you His blood to drink. – **St. Ephreim the Syrian**



The Connection that makes a difference

Someone said to a reformed alcoholic, “I see you have overcome the mastery of the devil at last.” “No,” came the quiet answer “but I do have the Master of the devil—the Pantocrator Christ within.” In order to receive power from the All-Powerful Pantocrator we must get attached and stay attached to Him through faith, prayer and the sacraments. As the branch that remains attached to the vine receives nourishment and light, so the one who maintains a living connection with Jesus through prayer, receives power to live, power to overcome. Like the railway tickets we used to see that said, “Not good if detached,” We are not good, we are weak, powerless, ineffective, if we are detached from the Pantocrator. We have to be connected. We were created to be connected. For Jesus, the place where everything connected was prayer. It was where God and man came together in a glorious union. “I and the Father are One,” He said. Connected! “You will be One with Us too,” He said to the disciples, “If you pray; if you abide in Us.” Prayer is where everything gets connected. Being connected with the Pantocrator Christ puts me in touch with infinite power and opens the way to unbounded possibilities. For, Jesus is not just a great Example; He is also is the Great Enabler, the All- Powerful Pantocrator with whom I connect.-

Sacred Symbols that Speak Vol.1 by Anthony M. Coniaris



Psalm 91 NIV- Assurance of God's Protection

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow

that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.