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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
June 29, 2025, A. D.



Saturday, June 28

6:00 PM

Sunday, June 29

10:30 AM

AFTER CHURCH

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL – PRIME APOSTLES
3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Myrovania)

God's Blessings & Good Health for all Parishioners

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God's Blessings & Good Health for Adrian Camerton
-Ulana Campbell

MEETING FOR FOOD FESTIVAL

Friday, July 4

8:00 AM

FOURTH OF JULY

†Ed Schwartz- Karrie Kirchner-Jara

Saturday, July 5

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 6

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Arlene Czarnecki- Bob & Johanna Longenberger

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for Michael Vessic
-Becker Family



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL – PRIME APOSTLES

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TROPAR: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory be to You!”

TROPAR: As the leaders of the apostles and teachers of the whole world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls’ great mercy. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

KONDAK: You received Your inspired and steadfast preachers, Your chief disciples, into the enjoyment of Your good things and into repose. You, Who alone know the heart, accepted their labors and death more gladly than any holocaust. **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

PROKIMEN: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (no repeat)

A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:1-10:

Brethren, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3) Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3). The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33



The Lord said, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (that is, money).

Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit: and as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to put on?' (for after all these things the Gentiles seek); for your Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice; and all these things shall be given you besides."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY RIGHT...":

O my soul, magnify Peter the solid rock of Christ's Church and Paul her chosen vessel. You, most glorious Bride and all holy Mother of God, in song do we magnify; for the Creator of all things visible and invisible was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CHURCH NEWS



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Happy Belated 47th Wedding Anniversary to Brian & Joanne Kawczenski. They celebrated their anniversary on June 10th. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant them and their Family Many Happy & Blessed Years!

ADULT DISCUSSION: There will be an Adult Discussion on the book of the month for May – Aquinas, On Human Nature rescheduled for Saturday, July 12th following the Liturgy.

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: Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, worked and participated in the “Fruits of the Spirit Tea.” Thank you especially to Alison Schappert, the Ladies of Ss. Peter & Paul Church and most importantly the children for a lovely Tea.

-Father Walter

I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who attended the tea as it was a wonderful turnout. Additionally, the generosity of those who donated to make this event enjoyable. Thank you to the children who did an exceptional job serving and divided the monetary donations between the two parishes.

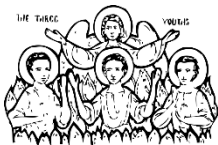
BIG BANG BASKET: A basket was donated to the City of Nanticoke for the BIG BANG Celebration on Saturday, June 28 (4pm-9pm) at the LCCC Parking Lot.

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. The Food Festival is planned for Saturday, August 30th. Also, we will be making Pyrohy in August for the Festival. Please save the date. These fund-raisers are very important for our Parish.

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.



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.

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.



JULY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings

In loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by Ellen Algrainy for God's blessings for her mother Leona Kobela.

The **Candle before St. John the Baptist** is given by the Pasicznyk family in loving memory of Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by the Bruce & Maria Slota for God's blessings on Helen Lipowski.

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

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & Mary Ann Potsko
Loving memory of Henry & Joseph Heylek.

The **Proscmedia Table Candles** are given by Mary Ann Jarolen in
Loving memory of Emil Jarolen.



Pray simply. Do not expect to find in your heart any remarkable gift of prayer. Consider yourself unworthy of it. Then you will find peace. Use the empty, cold dryness of your prayer as food for your humility. Repeat constantly: I am not worthy, Lord, I am not worthy! But say it calmly, without agitation. This humble prayer will be acceptable to God. When practicing the Jesus prayer, remember that the most important thing of all is humility; then the ability-not the decision only-always to maintain a keen sense of responsibility towards God, towards one's spiritual director, men, and even things. Remember, too, that Isaac the Syrian warns us that God's wrath visits all who refuse the bitter cross of agony, the cross of active suffering, and who, striving after visions and special graces of prayer, waywardly seek to appropriate the glories of the Cross. He also says, "God's grace comes of itself, suddenly, without seeing it approach. It comes when the place is clean." Therefore, carefully, diligently, constantly clean the place; sweep it with the broom of humility. **St. Makarii of Optino**

Always have the fear of God before your eyes (Ps 36:2) and avoid all thoughtlessness so that you are constantly mindful of everything God has commanded. You can't have self-esteem without self-respect. And because you are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27), that means that you begin by respecting God. Now the Bible talks about respecting God, the term it uses is theosebeia- literally, "God-fearing."- **Humility Rules: St. Benedicts guide to Genuine Self-Esteem**

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 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.

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR JULY/AUGUST:

HUMILITY RULES: St. Benedict's Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem
Ignatius Press, by J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B., Monk of St. Louis Abbey
ISBN: 978-1-62164-149-0

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH BY EUSEBIUS

Penguin, Available on Amazon

The only surviving historical record of the Church during its crucial first 300 years.

Bishop Eusebius, a learned scholar who lived most of his life in Caesarea in Palestine, broke new ground in writing the history of Christianity and provided a model for all later ecclesiastical historians. In tracing the history of the Church from the time of Christ to the Great Persecution at the beginning of the fourth century, and ending with the conversion of the Emperor Constantine, his aim was to show the purity and continuity of the doctrinal tradition of Christianity and its struggle against persecutors and heretics.

BISHOP EUSEBIUS: SAINT OF THE DAY JUNE 22

Saint Eusebius (Died c379 A.D.) Bishop and Martyr of Samosata in Syria. Died by being hit on the head by a thrown roof tile which caused a fractured skull and his death and the glory of the Palm of Martyrdom. His life had been a zealous one of defending the One True Faith against Arianism and of the intense pastoral care of his flock.... Eusebius was one of the most zealous defenders of orthodoxy in the 4th Century. All which is definitely known of Eusebius is gathered from the letters of St Basil the Great and of St Gregory Nazianzen and from some incidents in the *“Ecclesiastical History”* of Theodoret. In around 361 he became the Bishop of the ancient Syrian City of Samosata. Eusebius had been entrusted with the official recording of the election (360 A.D.) of Bishop St Meletius of Antioch, who was supported by the Arian Bishops, who were under the mistaken notion that he would prove sympathetic to their cause. When St. Meletius expounded his orthodoxy, the Bishops persuaded the Roman Emperor, Constantius II, a staunch Arian, to extort the record from Eusebius and destroy it. Constantius threatened Eusebius with the loss of his right hand because he refused to surrender the record, but the threat was withdrawn when Eusebius offered both hands. It was chiefly due to the concerted efforts of Eusebius and St Gregory Nazianzen that, in 370 A.D., St. Basil was elected Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia. During the persecution of orthodox Christians under Julian the Apostate, Eusebius travelled incognito throughout Syria, Palestine and Phoenicia, disguised as a military officer, Ordaining Presbyters and Deacons and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the faithful. Orthodox Christians experienced a short respite during the brief reign of Jovian but in 374 A.D. the Emperor Valens, an Arian, banished Eusebius to Thrace, in the Balkan Peninsula. Bishop Eusebius asked the messenger to keep the imperial order confidential saying: “If the people should be apprised, such is their zeal for the Faith, they would rise in arms against you and your death might be laid to my charge.” Although advanced in years, Eusebius left that evening. After the Emperor’s death in 378 A.D., Eusebius was restored to his See of Samosata. While in Dolikha to consecrate a Bishop, he was killed after being struck on the head by a roof tile thrown by an Arian woman. Our lovely zealous St Eusebius is remembered today, 22 June in the Roman Martyrology as a Martyr. We have no extant sermons or writings by St Eusebius bar that little quote above which appears in St Gregory’s letters.